MINUTES
Growth Management Policy Board
January 4, 2018
PSRC Boardroom

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Ryan Mello.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Mello announced the new and returning non-voting members.

This fall, applications were solicited for non-voting seats to represent community/environment and business/labor interests on the policy board. The board welcomed back reappointed board members:

- Patricia Akiyama, Master Builders Association, representing Business/Labor
- Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County, representing Business/Labor
- Edna Shim, Seattle Children’s, representing Business/Labor
- Bryce Yadon, Futurewise, representing Community/Environment

The board also welcomed new members:

- Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma, representing Community/Environment
- Ian Morrison, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Association, representing Business/Labor

Chair Mello thanked outgoing board members for their years of distinguished service:

- Skip Swenson with Forterra
- Mike Flynn and Jeanette McKague with the WA Association of Realtors

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board received public comments from the following:

Alex Tsimerman provided general public comments.

Kurt Beckett with the NW Seaport Alliance/Port of Tacoma provided comments about the Regional Centers Framework. Mr. Beckett requested more emphasis on the ports’ role in regional, state, and national economy. The ports provided suggested language. Mr. Beckett also
requested recognition of existing plans as appropriate substitutes ahead of the 2025 plan deadline and requested feedback if those plans are not adequate.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Program Manager Paul Inghram welcomed new members.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held November 30, 2017

Commissioner Fred Felleman requested the minutes note that the board requested the status of center subarea plans.

ACTION: A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Vice-Chair Margeson and seconded by Councilmember Paul Winterstein.

Motion passed.

RECOMMEND FULL CERTIFICATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THE CITIES OF: ARLINGTON, DUVALL, GRANITE FALLS, AND PACIFIC

Associate Planner Laura Benjamin presented on how the cities of Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific made updates to their comprehensive plans.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Holman and seconded by Mayor Wheeler to recommend that the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions of the comprehensive plans, as amended in 2017, are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan and conform to the Growth Management requirements for transportation planning for the cities of: Arlington, Duvall, Granite Falls, and Pacific.

Motion passed.

VISION 2050 SCOPING

Mr. Inghram was joined by Principal Planner Michael Hubner to present on the VISION 2050 scoping process.

In discussing the draft project principles, the board discussed the importance of recognizing the local plans of PSRC members, the diversity of the region, what we’ve learned from VISION 2040, and acknowledging challenges in the region. The importance and benefits of working together regionally should be noted in the draft principles. Staff stated that the draft principles would be refined and brought back to the board.

The board discussed the importance of engaging members of the public, especially with an equity lens, in addition to engaging PSRC’s jurisdictions. Councilmember Paul Winterstein asked the board to engage their constituents and asked PSRC staff to provide content/materials to use at public engagement events, such as a two-page handout about the VISION update.
Mr. Inghram stated the VISION scoping statement is planned to be released for a 45-day public comment period from February 2 to March 19. A scoping statement is a public notice and marks the start of the SEPA process. The scoping statement does not define the scope of the project, which the board will determine in April and May.

The board requested that PSRC staff ensure that the scoping statement is readable by someone unfamiliar with PSRC, and to clearly explain what PSRC and VISION 2040 are.

Board members pointed to the letter from Snohomish County Tomorrow and asked Mr. Inghram to meet with Snohomish County and Everett staff to come to an understanding on what areas VISION 2050 will focus on.

The board discussed the importance of public health being directly addressed in VISION and the need to focus on housing and housing affordability.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Vice-Chair Margeson and seconded by Mayor Chelminiak to direct staff to prepare the scoping statement and release it for public comment.

Motion passed.

**REGIONAL CENTERS FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

Chair Mello called on Senior Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann who provided requested follow-up information from the November 30 meeting.

Regarding subarea plan timing, the board discussed having demonstrable progress by 2020 to make sure jurisdictions are moving forward ahead of the 2025 deadline. There was discussion about providing the option to request an extension from the GMPB board if a plan has not been adopted by 2020. Board members also requested additional definition on the minimum expectations for a subarea plan.

For market studies, the current proposal requires a completed market study, but there is no consideration to what the study contains. The board discussed combining the options presented in the memo to address the development goals for the center:

- Require jurisdiction to demonstrate study recommendations have been implemented and show market study is still current
- Require market study to demonstrate ability to meet growth targets

Chair Mello requested that staff provide revised language at the next meeting.

The board reviewed options for the mix of uses in regional growth centers. Members discussed that a minimum mix of uses should be encouraged and supported with goals. The board asked for revised language at the next meeting.

Several members provided text amendments to the draft proposal. Chair Mello requested staff to package all the proposed amendments in an easy to follow document for board to consider at its February meeting.
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1 and will focus on completing the Regional Centers Framework.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.
GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – January 4, 2018

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

Italicized = alternate
Patricia Akiyama, Master Builders Association – Business/Labor
Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland – Other Cities & Towns in King County (via remote)
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center—Everett (via remote)
Mayor John Chelminiak, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue
Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Lorena Eng, Transportation Agency - WSDOT
Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila – Other Cities & Tows in King County
Commissioner Fred Felleman, Port of Seattle – Ports
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County
Councilmember John Holman, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Rob Johnson, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County
Jeanna Lee, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor
Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma – Community/Environment
Mark McCaskill, WA State Department of Commerce (via remote)
Ian Morrison, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Association – Business/Labor
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Metropolitan Center—Tacoma
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Lacey – Thurston Regional Planning Council (via remote)
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Michael Scott, Bainbridge Island – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta, Burien – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dr. Susan Turner – Kitsap Health Department – Community/Environment (via remote)
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton
Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Issaquah – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Bryce Yadon, Futurewise – Community/Environment
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County (via remote)

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (* alternate present)
*Dr. Anthony Chen – Tacoma–Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
Councilmember Tim Curtis, Fife – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County
*Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor
Marty Kooistra, Housing Development Consortium Seattle/King Co. – Community/Environment
*Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
Edna Shim, Seattle Children’s – Business/Labor
Chip Vincent, Regional Staff Committee
*Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County

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GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by signatures on the attendance sheet and documentation by staff.)
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Kurt Beckett, Northwest Seaport Alliance/Port of Tacoma
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Elizabeth Court, Olympic Workforce Development Area
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
Tom Hauger, City of Seattle
Michael Hubner, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Michael Kattermann, City of Bellevue
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Ian Munce, Tacoma
Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association
Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Karen Wolf, King County
Lindsay Wolpa, Port of Seattle/Northwest Seaport Alliance