MINUTES
Growth Management Policy Board
May 3, 2018
PSRC Boardroom

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Councilmember Ryan Mello, Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Mello shared that Lorena Eng, Northwest Region Administrator for WSDOT, is retiring and thanked her for her service to the board and the State of Washington.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board received public comments from the following:

Alex Tsimerman provided general public comments.

Dan Cardwell, Long Range Planning Supervisor with Pierce County, spoke on behalf of the Office of the Pierce County Executive. Pierce County requested the board to delay the vote on adopting the scoping report due to a need for more detail about the scope of work to avoid future misunderstandings and to provide clarity for future new board members. Mr. Cardwell provided a handout of possible clarifications from Pierce County to be included in the scoping report.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Program Manager Paul Inghram shared upcoming staffing changes in the Growth Management department. Principal Planner Michael Hubner is leaving for the Long Range Planner position with the City of Seattle. Associate Planner/GIS Analyst Maria Sandercock is leaving as her role is wrapping up and is moving to the Department of Ecology. Mr. Inghram thanked them both for their work at PSRC.

Chair Mello thanked Mr. Hubner and Ms. Sandercock, on behalf of the policy board, for their important work both behind the scenes and at the board meetings.

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CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held April 5, 2018

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Margeson/Arnold) to adopt the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

VISION 2050 SURVEY RESULTS

Associate Planner Laura Benjamin introduced Vanessa Lund with Cocker Fennessy. Ms. Lund presented the results of a statistically valid public opinion survey. The purpose of the survey was to understand Puget Sound residents’ attitudes and opinions. There were 2,000 residents ages 18 and over who were surveyed. This is a significantly larger sample than in past surveys. People were reached by phone and online. Online panels are representative of the population and help offset the cost and difficulty of reaching people on cell phones. Spanish and Chinese versions were also available, and non-English speaking homes were targeted.

The majority of respondents feel the quality of life is positive in the region, but cost of living was the top negative thing about living in the region. Comparing the 1993, 2003, and 2018 surveys – the top three favorites stayed the same: Natural Environment/Beauty, Climate/Weather, and Recreation/Entertainment Opportunities.

Cost of Living and Homelessness are the top two dislikes about living in the region and neither showed up on the past survey reports.

Growth and Development were viewed as both positive and negative throughout the region. When asked where development should occur, 73% said encouraging development in urban areas and transit. A strong majority, 67%, say working together on a regional growth strategy is important or very important.

Ms. Benjamin noted the statistically valid survey is completed, but there is an ongoing online survey with nearly 1,000 responses so far. Community groups are helping get word out. The online survey will continue to be available through the summer.

UPDATED DESIGNATED PROCEDURES FOR NEW REGIONAL CENTERS FRAMEWORK

Principal Planner Jeff Storrar joined to present on the updates made to the Regional Centers Framework. Mr. Storrar clarified that previous centers do not need to reapply, and these designation procedures are for new centers. Current centers will be re-designated as part of the VISION update. A summary of new and/or changed items for designation procedures is in the agenda packet on pages 16-18. The updated framework is clearer and less subjective than the prior version.

**ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Schuette/Margeson) that the Growth Management Policy Board should recommend the Executive Board approve the Updated Designation Procedures for New Regional Centers.

The motion passed.
VISION 2050 SCOPING

Mr. Inghram presented on the VISION 2050 scoping report and work plan. The scoping report provides a broad context on how to approach the project and provides flexibility. The work plan provides more detail.

Common themes:
- Regional growth strategy, including development patterns, transit-oriented development & jobs/housing balance
- Housing affordability
- Social equity and displacement
- Climate change and resilience

There is additional interest in the following topics:
- A cohesive regional vision
- Prosperity across region
- Leveraging regional investments
- Transportation technology
- Financial strategies
- Healthy communities

The scoping report follows the VISION 2040 report and uses VISION 2040 as a base, but changes can be made. By adopting a broad scoping report, there is flexibility. The work plan is more detailed, but is not adopted.

The board discussed the inclusion of both geographic and social equity and the importance of acknowledging they are distinctly different issues, including how to address them. Senior Program Manager Ben Bakkenta joined for the discussion about the social equity consultant and subconsultants being used. Mr. Bakkenta will follow up with Councilmember Gossett with additional information about the equity work.

The June 7 board meeting will be extended and focus on the Regional Growth Strategy. Growth scenarios and options will also be a topic at the September 6 board meeting. Housing will be the focus of the upcoming May 17 Peer Networking session and the July 5 board meeting.

Councilmember Young requested a month delay in taking action on the VISION 2050 Scoping Report. The month delay will help Pierce County address concerns about the scope of the project. Commissioner Wolfe also expressed interest in delaying the action on the scope until the June meeting. To make sure all members feel comfortable about the scope before moving forward, Chair Mello delayed taking action on the VISION 2050 Scoping Report until the June GMPB meeting.

Chair Mello announced a subcommittee has been created to help to manage the robust detailed process and to help fulfill the needs of members. The subcommittee will help with work throughout the work plan. The subcommittee members are: Chair Mello, Vice-Chair Margeson, Mayor Chelminiak, Councilmember O’Brien, Councilmember Schuette, Mayor Wheeler, and Councilmember Young.
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7. This will be an extended meeting focusing on the Regional Growth Strategy.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.
GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – May 3, 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
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center—Everett (via remote)
Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Councilmember Tim Curtis, Fife – Other Cities in Pierce County (via remote)
Lorena Eng, Transportation Agency - WSDOT
Councilmember Larry Gosssett, King County
Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Metropolitan Center—Tacoma
Ian Morrison, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Association – Business/Labor (via remote)
Ike Nwanko, WA State Department of Commerce (via remote)
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Lacey – Thurston Regional Planning Council (via remote)
Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson, Metropolitan Center – Bellevue
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton
Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Issaquah – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County
Bryce Yadon, Futurewise

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)
*Mayor John Chelminiak, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue
Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor
*Councilmember John Holman, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Rob Johnson, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County
Marty Kooistra – Housing Development Consortium – Seattle/King County
Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma – Community/Environment
*Mark McCaskill, WA State Department of Commerce
*Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
Edna Shim, Seattle Children’s – Business/Labor
Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, Port of Seattle – Ports
Councilmember Brian Sullivan, Snohomish County
Chip Vincent, Regional Staff Committee
GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by signatures on the attendance sheet and documentation by staff.)
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Leah Bolotin, WSDOT
Dan Cardwell, Pierce County
Jill Czarnecki, Parametrix
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Jennifer Galatas, Alderwood
Joseph Gellings, Port of Seattle
Jackie Hackett, Forterra
Erika Harris, PSRC
Michael Hubner, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Christine Jensen, King County
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Vanessa Lund, Cocker Fennessy
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Jenny Ngo, King County
Allison Satter, City of Bremerton
Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC