MINUTES
Growth Management Policy Board
September 6, 2018
PSRC Boardroom

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to http://psrcwa.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1657]

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 welcomed the board back from the summer break.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alex Tsimerman provided general public comments.

Marguerite Richard provided comments on her concerns about how healthy, safe, and affordable housing is not available to all in the region.

STAFF REPORT

Director of Growth Management Paul Inghram introduced new Senior Planner Andrea Harris-Long. Mr. Inghram highlighted Washington State Office of Financial Management’s population estimates that were released in June and an American Planning Association report on autonomous vehicles. Mr. Inghram requested assistance from the board to reach out to teachers and school administrators for the VISION 2050 youth summit planned for 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Margeson/Bader) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.
REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY

Mr. Inghram kicked off the discussion on the Regional Growth Strategy highlighting to the board that the work today is in preparation for board action on November 1. Director of Regional Planning Ben Bakkenta reviewed the growth strategy objectives and feedback provided by the board at its previous meeting and from the Regional Staff Committee. The board asked for clarity around the definition of affordable housing and language related to annexation.

Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann and Director of Data Craig Helmann joined to present information on preliminary growth scenarios that are intended to illustrate different patterns of growth. Feedback on proposed changes to regional geographies has supported a new category to differentiate cities and portions of the unincorporated urban areas by planned high-capacity transit. Staff presented summary modeled screening factors with the board.

Lunch break began at 11:47 a.m. Breakout session on transit-oriented development and jobs-housing balance began at 12:00 p.m. The board reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

Mr. Inghram, Ms. Underwood-Bultmann, and Mr. Bakkenta reported back from the breakout sessions. There were discussions about how to create more jobs and ideally having jobs and housing in transit areas and centers. There is an interest in allocating enough growth to transit areas to see measurable difference in the screening factors. Annexation of unincorporated areas was discussed including related challenges and how they connect to the Regional Growth Strategy. There was board interest in shifting county level numbers and looking at them in a more nuanced way. Some members said that there should be a regional goal that respects local variation but establishes aggressive goals in the plan and scenarios.

Next steps include reporting back on more screening factors, looking at how scenarios could reflect job/housing balance, and providing clarity about the distribution of cities and unincorporated areas under the new regional geographies. Board members asked about options for using lower growth scenarios in the analysis. In November, the board will be asked to finalize alternatives for environmental review.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 4 and will be a normally scheduled meeting focused on VISION 2050.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – September 6, 2018

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

(Italics = 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
Mayor John Chelminiak, Metropolitan Center—Bellevue
Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County
Councilmember Rob Johnson, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County
Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Peter Mayer, Metro Parks Tacoma – Community/Environment (via remote)
Robin Mayhew, Transportation Agency – WSDOT
Mark McCaskill, WA State Department of Commerce
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Metropolitan Center—Tacoma
Councilmember Mike O’Brien, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Councilmember Ron Peltier, Bainbridge Island – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Lacey – Thurston Regional Planning Council (via remote)
Mayor Rob Putaansuu, Port Orchard – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Edna Shim, Seattle Children’s – Business/Labor
Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, Port of Seattle – Ports
Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Dr. Susan Turner, Kitsap Public Health District – Community/Environment (via remote)
Sara Wamsley, Housing Development Consortium – Seattle/King County
Mayor Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton
Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Issaquah – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County
Bryce Yadon, Futurewise
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (* alternate present)
Councilmember Tim Curtis, Fife – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County
Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor
*Councilmember John Holman, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
*Marty Kooistra, Housing Development Consortium – Seattle/King County
*Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Ian Morrison, NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Assoc. – Business/Labor
Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
Chip Vincent, Regional Staff Committee

Doc ID 2376
GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by signatures on the attendance sheet and documentation by staff.)
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Dan Cardwell, Pierce County
Jill Czarnecki, Parametrix
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Jenifer Galatas, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Erika Harris, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Pete Mills, Port of Seattle
Kristin Mitchell, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Ian Munce, City of Tacoma
Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Karen Wolf, King County