



# City of Seattle Seattle Planning Commission

David Cutler and Amalia Leighton, Co-Chairs  
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

## SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION JULY 24, 2014 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

### COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, David Cutler, Brad Khouri, Grace Kim, Amalia Leighton, Marj Press, Matt Roewe, Morgan Shook

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Keely Brown, Jeanne Krikawa, Kevin McDonald, Tim Parham

### COMMISSION STAFF

Jessica Brand - Policy Analyst, Diana Canzoneri – Demographer,  
Robin Magonegil – Administrative Assistant, Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

### IN ATTENDANCE

Patrice Carroll, Tom Hauger, Erik McConaghy

*Please Note: The Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes represent key points and the basis of the discussion.*

### CALL TO ORDER

- **Chair's Report & Minutes Approval**
  - Co-Chair David Cutler

Co-Chair Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:38 am.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Matt Roewe moved to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Marj Press seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Marj Press moved to approve the July 10, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Matt Roewe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Debrief: Policy Link July 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop**
- **Report Out: Comprehensive Plan Task Force: Urban Village draft element**

For details on the report out regarding the Comprehensive Plan Task Force: Urban Village draft element please see the corresponding documents.

**Discussion Included:**

- Adopted Transit Communities policy and how it will be incorporated into the upcoming drafts of the Urban Village Element;
- Confirm Commission support for removal of “growth targets” and instead using “growth estimates” as well as eliminating growth estimates for areas other than Urban Centers;
- Question on how broad transit is defined and whether or not street car was represented; and
- Recap on Task Force Urban Village/Transit Communities
  - Urban Village Policy 5 now incorporates LU273 and LU274 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
  - Urban Village Policy 6 now incorporates LU275 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
  - Urban Village Policy 6 now incorporates LU278 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
  - Land Use Policy 8 now incorporates LU277 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
  - LU276 and LU279 are currently not incorporated or could be stronger

**Staff Recommendations: Comprehensive Plan: Key Land Use Element Questions**

**Question #1 (Posed by DPD staff)** - Would removing policies that discourage the demolition of residences might increase displacement and further reduce affordable housing stock?

**Discussion Included:**

- Confirm Commission support for preservation of safe and habitable multifamily units and not just affordable;
- Concern that a focus on displacement may inadvertently restrict supply and overall the housing picture is not helped by overly restricting supply;
- Concern that historical preservation is becoming overly restrictive and could have an adverse effect on housing prices;

**Letter regarding SPC review of the Comprehensive Plan Update:**

- Presentation Included:
  - Commission intends to write a letter that will present three items they believe are required for proper review of the Comprehensive Plan overall. 1. The Comprehensive Plan Introduction; 2. How the Core Values will be incorporated into the introduction and each individual Element; and 3. A graphical outline that shows how the plan will be laid out and how each Element will be situated within the plan.
- Discussion Included: General support for the letter as a crucial to the review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff to draft letter and Commission to review by August 14<sup>th</sup> Full Commission meeting.

- For the good of the Order:

Commissioner Cutler thanked DPD staff and Council Central staff in attendance for their collaborative work on the Comprehensive Plan so far, and briefed the Commission on Councilmember O’Brien’s Microhousing

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work group on which he represents the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Cutler adjourned the meeting at 9:04 am.