



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

Grace Kim, Chair

Valerie Kinast, Interim Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Approved Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:	Michael Austin, Keiko Budech, Sandra Fried, David Goldberg, Kara Martin, Jake McKinstry, Tim Parham, Marj Press, Julio Sanchez, Jamie Stroble, David Shelton, Lauren Squires, Patti Wilma
Commissioners Absent:	Eileen Canola, Lauren Craig, Grace Kim
Commission Staff:	Valerie Kinast, Interim Executive Director; Katy Haima, Planning Analyst; John Hoey, Senior Policy Analyst
Guests:	Diana Canzoneri, Ubax Gardheere, and Katie Sheehy, Office of Planning and Community Development

Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript, and represent key points and the basis of discussion.

Referenced Documents discussed at the meeting can be viewed here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/when-we-meet/minutes-and-agendas>

Chair's Report

Vice-Chair Tim Parham called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. He provided an overview of the meeting agenda and upcoming Commission meetings.

Minutes Approval

Vice-Chair Parham asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes from the March 9th meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner David Goldberg moved to approve the March 9th meeting minutes. Commissioner Michael Austin seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed. Commissioners Jake McKinstry and Marj Press abstained.

Announcements

Vice-Chair Parham announced several upcoming community events. Commissioner Goldberg encouraged the Commissioners to attend the upcoming Congress for New Urbanism conference in Seattle on May 3-6.

Discussion: Draft Mandatory Housing Affordability Recommendations

Katy Haima, Seattle Planning Commission staff, led a discussion of the Commission's draft recommendations on the Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) regulations.

If you would like to view the MHA Recommendations presentation, it is included in the supporting documents found in the minutes' section of our website.

After Ms. Haima's introductory presentation, the Commissioners broke into two groups to discuss 1) the MHA Recommendations document organization and components, and 2) the Commission's strategy for communicating their recommendations to decision-makers and the public.

Commission Discussion

- Our message should express general support for MHA first, then highlight our key recommendations.
- Organize the recommendations by phases with our priority recommendations first, then our recommendations for the implementation and monitoring phase.
- Our target audience for the recommendations is the City Council, including individual members and central staff, and the Mayor's office.
- Communicate with influential organizations within each City Council district, especially organizations that are already aware of the issues.
- Potential methods for communicating our recommendations include a workshop, publication, editorial or press release, blogs, websites, or radio.

Briefing: Equitable Development Initiative and Equity Indicators

Ubax Gardheere and Diana Canzoneri, Office of Planning and Community Development

If you would like to view the presentation on the Equitable Development Initiative and Equity Indicators, it is included in the supporting documents found in the minutes' section of our website.

Ms. Gardheere presented an overview of the Equitable Development Initiative and the Equitable Development Implementation Plan. She highlighted the Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan's Equity Analysis and discussed the Equitable Development Framework goals and strategies. Ms. Canzoneri reported on the status of developing a series of Equity Indicators as part of monitoring implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission will assist in reviewing both short-term measures to provide early warning signs of displacement and long-term measures to gauge achievement of equitable outcomes.

Commission Discussion

- The HALA displacement study should be coordinated with the Equitable Development Implementation Plan.
- Equitable development can be achieved through shared investments (i.e. in-lieu payments) in areas of low displacement such as Downtown and South Lake Union.
- Equity indicator data can be generated from Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light as renters open and close utility accounts.
- Keep the indicators as simple as possible to quickly identify risks of displacement and preserve affordability.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.