



City of Seattle
Seattle Planning Commission

David Cutler & Amalia Leighton, Co-Chairs

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 10, 2013
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Cutler, Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, Josh Brower, Colie Hough-Beck, Bradley Khouri, Grace Kim, Kevin McDonald, Marj Press, Morgan Shook, Maggie Wykowski

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Keely Brown, Jeanne Krikawa, Amalia Leighton, Tim Parham, Matt Roewe

COMMISSION STAFF

Jessica Brand - Policy Analyst, Diana Canzoneri-Senior Analyst, Shawn Friang, Intern, Robin Magonegil – Administrative Staff

GUESTS

Patrice Carroll, Gordon Clowers, Tom Hauger, Katie Sheehy, DPD

IN ATTENDANCE

Michael James, Mark Johnson, Lish Whitson, Kristian Kofoed, Kevin O’Neill, Michael Read

Please Note: Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript but instead represent key points and the basis of the discussion.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair David Cutler called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

▪ **Approve September 12, 2013 Minutes**

ACTION: Commissioner Kevin McDonald moved to approve the September 12, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Bradley Khouri seconded. The minutes were approved with Commissioner David Cutler abstaining.

▪ **Chair’s Report**

– Co-Chair David Cutler

Co-Chair Cutler reviewed the upcoming Commission meetings and updated the Commission on the Executive Director search. Co-Chair Cutler introduced the new Commission staff intern, Shawn Friang to the Commission and asked her to tell them about herself.

- **Update: Family-Size Housing White Paper**
 - Commissioner Catherine Benotto

Commissioner Benotto updated the Commission on the Family-Size Housing White Paper noting that it should be out soon for approval.

- **Briefing & Discussion: Northgate UDF**
 - Gordon Clowers & Tom Hauger, DPD

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- Commissioner David Cutler disclosed that the firm he works for, GGLO, works on projects throughout the City of Seattle and have contracts with Sound Transit that might be impacted.
- Commissioner Catherine Benotto disclosed that her employer, Weber Thompson, works on projects throughout the City of Seattle that might be impacted and that she serves on the Light Rail Review Panel.
- Commissioner Luis Borrero disclosed that his firm, DRiVE, works on projects throughout the City of Seattle that might be impacted.
- Commissioner Josh Brower disclosed that his firm, Veris Law Group, represents single and multi-family developers, businesses, and others in the City of Seattle that might be impacted.
- Commissioner Grace Kim disclosed that her firm, Schemata Workshop, works on projects throughout the City of Seattle that might be impacted and her firm is also working on the Sound Transit station at Northgate.
- Commissioner Bradley Khouri disclosed that his firm, b9 architects, works on projects for private clients throughout the City of Seattle that might be impacted.

Commissioner McDonald shared comments from the LUT Committee’s preliminary review of the UDF to help frame the discussion. Gordon Clowers reviewed the Northgate UDF draft document with the Commission, which overviews the guiding principles, organization and contents. He noted that the initial funding for the UDF came through a grant from Growing Transit Communities because the Northgate light rail station was picked as a demonstration project. Mr. Clowers added that this grant placed special emphasis on public health and identifying communities that were underserved.

The Commissioners discussed the UDF draft asking questions regarding the following:

- The mall and its role in both the neighborhood and the UDF;
- Open space outside of the TOD site that might be smaller in nature than a destination park; and
- Partners that may have participated in drafting the UDF (City Departments, WSDOT, Sound Transit and Metro)

- **Briefing & Discussion: Comp Plan Update**
 - Patrice Carroll, Tom Hauger & Katie Sheehy,

Co-Chair Cutler called for any disclosures and/or recusals.

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Katie Sheehy explained the purpose of the Comprehensive Background Report and then narrated a slide show on the demographic trends and some of the data that will affect the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The link to that slide show is below.

<http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/docs/2013-10-SPC-slide-show.pdf>

Tom Hauger presented the timeline and went over several of the concepts that could be in the draft alternatives. He noted that the “Planscape” that the Commission provides is essential for communicating how the City’s Comprehensive Plan relates to regional level plans and to functional plans within City government. He added that its role in influencing the specific organization of the plan update itself would be less. Mr. Hauger indicated that DPD will be issuing a Determination of Significance but not for several weeks and that following that, an EIS scoping notice to be issued in later November with the public comment period open until the end of January.

Mr. Hauger noted that the City’s growth projections are for 70,000 households and 115,000 jobs. He stated that the draft alternatives could include a continuation of the current growth strategies in the existing comprehensive plan, a continuation of growth as it has occurred on the ground, and possibly as many as two additional alternatives that show growth using other organizing parameters.

The Commissioners shared their appreciation for the hard work that has and continues to go into this document. They noted their interest in staying involved in the process as it goes forward and expressed an interest in exploring expectations of units/acre as part of the growth strategy.

Patrice Carroll presented the Engagement Plan Draft and briefed the Commission on the timeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Cutler adjourned the meeting at 5:34 pm.