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Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee (PLUNC)				
Sally Clark, Chair				
Issue	Description	Chair, Central Staff	Central Staff Assigned	Central Staff Days
<i>Oversight of Boards, Commissions and Departments and Monitoring of Regional Planning Issues</i>				
Boards and Commissions, Monitoring & Appointments	Design Commission; Design Review Boards; Planning Commission; Construction Codes Advisory Board; Ballard Avenue Landmark District Board; International District Special Review Board; Landmarks Preservation Board; Pioneer Square Preservation Board; and Pike Place Market Historical Commission.	Chair		
Pike Place Market Renovation Levy	Monitor implementation of the Pike Place Market renovation levy approved by the voters in November 2008, including the PDA's compliance with Section 8.4 of the City-PDA Agreement about Communication and Information. Review annual progress reports submitted by the PDA to the Council as required by Ordinance 122737, and review any requests by the PDA for changes to levy-funded projects that require Council approval. Appoint and confirm non-voting members of the PDA Council's Capital Renovation Committee as provided in the City-PDA Agreement.	Chair, CS	Lester	5
Permit Review Times	Review DPD quarterly reports on turnaround times for permit review.	Chair		
Enforcement Complaint Response Times	Review DPD quarterly reports on enforcement complaint response time.	Chair		
External Committees	Growth Management Planning Council of King County and Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board.	Chair, CS	Herzfeld, Freeman	10

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<i>Legislation Amending or Proposing New Regulations</i>				
Increase SEPA thresholds, Phase 2	Review second phase of legislation that would increase SEPA thresholds.	CS	Jenkins	15
SEPA Policies for Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Review legislation to amend the SEPA policies to address greenhouse gas emissions. Legislation will be based on state rules expected to be adopted in 2009.	CS	Herzfeld	5
Multifamily Code Amendments	Review revisions to the regulations for multifamily zones.	CS	Jenkins	20
Single Family Code amendments, Phase 2	Review legislation amending SF zones; may add FAR requirements.	CS	Jenkins	10
Pedestrian Zone Mapping in NC Zones	Review legislation establishing pedestrian overlays for NC zones in various East and Northwest sectors of the City.	CS	Jenkins	10
Industrial Zoning, Phase 2	Review zoning map amendments and other proposed amendments that will flow from the Mayor's Industrial Lands Strategy and Council's Resolution 31026.	CS	Freeman	20
Pike / Pine TDR, Phases 1 and 2	Review legislation amending the Pike/Pine Overlay District, and establishing a transferable development rights program for the Pike / Pine corridor.	CS	Herzfeld	15
Neighborhood Design Guidelines	Review proposed neighborhood-specific design guidelines for Queen Anne and Uptown, and Eastlake (date depends on neighborhood sign-off).	Chair, CS	Jenkins	Consulting
South Lake Union Zoning	Monitor development of the urban form study and accompanying environmental impact statement intended to implement the South Lake Union Urban Center Plan. Implementing legislation expected in 2010.	CS	Freeman, Belz	5
South Downtown Zoning	Review zoning changes intended to implement new subarea plan for South Downtown. May include map and code amendments.	CS	Herzfeld, Lester	20
Northgate Urban Design Concept Plan and Zoning amendments	Review Urban Design Concept Plan and zoning changes to spur housing development in Northgate while promoting pedestrian friendliness and traffic management.	CS	Jenkins	15
Technical Codes	Adopt updates to the Electrical Code for consistency with state law.	Chair	Herzfeld	Consulting
Floodplain Map Update	Review and adopt revised Floodplain Maps as required by the federal government.	CS	Moorehead	5
Downtown Commercial Bonus	Review legislation amending the downtown commercial bonus program to allow in-lieu payments to be spent outside of the downtown core.	CS	Freeman	5

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Nordic Heritage Museum Text Amendment	Review a proposal to amend the industrial code to allow a special exception for location of arts and cultural facilities in the Ballard / Interbay MIC.	CS	Freeman	5
North Bay Planned Action Ordinance	Review proposal by the Port of Seattle for a planned action to redevelop the North Bay property in and around piers 90 and 91.	CS	Lester	10
Consolidated Grocers Site Legislative Rezone	Review a proposed legislative rezone of a the Consolidated Grocers site south of Boeing Field at the Tukwila city limits.	CS	Jenkins	10
North Lot Text Amendment	Review legislation amending the text of the LUC to allow taller buildings on limited sites in Pioneer Square.	CS	Jenkins	5
Official Land Use Map Readoption	Review and adopt a proposed technical correction to the Official Land Use Map to clean up errors and readopt the official map.	CS	Lester	5
Neighborhood Plan Updates for Southeast Station Areas	Monitor updates to southeast station area plans and development of potential legislation to facilitate plan implementation.	CS	Valles, Freeman	20
Quasi-judicial Code Fixes	Review legislation amending the Land Use Code and potentially the Quasi-judicial rules to correct errors and make improvements identified through the Dearborn Appeal and consider a Council policy related to project-specific text amendments.	CS	Freeman	10
Procedures for Council Land Use Actions	Write and implement procedures for Type V and Type III land use decisions (no legislation needed).	CS	Herzfeld	10
Publicly Funded Campaigns	Review legislation adopting publicly funded campaigns.	CS	Fong, Eder	20
Ethics and Elections Code Clean-up	Review legislation making housekeeping amendments to the ethics and elections code as well as recommended substantive changes from the Ethics and Election Commission.	CS	Fong	15
Campaign Contribution Limits	Review ordinance establishing an automatic inflation adjustment to campaign contribution limits. Work with Ethics and Elections Commission and Council to identify and evaluate merits for continuing existing formula.	CS	Fong	5
Misc. Legislation	View points at Jefferson Park and Maple Leaf reservoir; Jail siting; Zoning at 23rd and Union and 23rd and Cherry; Sign Code revisions; review zoning for SCCC maritime facility and woodworking school at 23rd and Lane; Adverse Possession Rules; Omnibus Code Amendments; Crown Hill Rezone Criteria; Commercial Code Clean-up; excluding right-of-way work from Land Use Code requirements; green scoring system for shorelines; etc...	CS	Belz, Freeman, Herzfeld, Jenkins, Lester, Valles	35

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<i>Comprehensive Planning, Neighborhood Planning and Other Policies</i>				
Comprehensive Plan Threshold Resolution and Process Resolution	Draft and adopt a resolution changing the Comprehensive Plan process in anticipation for 2011, and draft and review a resolution adopting docket for changes in 2010.	CS	Freeman, Herzfeld	15
Neighborhood Planning	Monitor the work of the Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee and review neighborhood plan status updates consistent with Ordinance 122799 and Resolution 31085.	Chair, CS	Valles	Consulting
Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan	Oversee development of implementing legislation for the Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan update.	CS	Lester, Belz	20
Rural Transferable Development Rights	Develop a proposal and potential legislation for a renewed rural transferable development rights program	CS	Valles, Freeman	15
Rental Housing Conditions	Review consultant's recommendation on development of a rental housing licensing / inspection program and provide direction to DPD on alternatives and program implementation.	CS	Jenkins	5
Design Review Process Improvements	Review proposed changes to design review process to respond to City Auditor Report, and address townhouse review. Amend citywide design guidelines.	CS	Jenkins	5
DPD Budget	Track budget implementation and review any supplementary budget requests. Review and adopt legislation lifting a proviso on DPD's Budget.	CS	Freeman	Consulting
Central Waterfront Planning	Analyze, review, and/or act on the Central Waterfront Public Space Design for the surface Alaskan Way, the associated promenade along the central waterfront, and related public spaces; agreements between the City and WSDOT.	CS	Schwab	CS days in AWW COW
<i>Project Specific Action (Type IV and V Decisions)</i>				
Historic Preservation	Review landmark status recommendations.	Chair		
Subdivisions	Review Full Subdivision Ordinances	Chair, CS	Freeman	5
Dearborn Street Project	Review the petition for a contract rezone of the Goodwill site and street vacation. Review of the vacation would need to be coordinated with the Transportation Committee.	CS	Freeman	15
Type IV and Other QJ Actions	Review contract rezone petitions, landmarks appeals and other QJ land use matters (27 QJ actions are pending, not counting Dearborn Street). Update the <i>Quasi-judicial Notebook</i> as needed and serve as a resource for ad hoc questions about quasi-judicial process.	CS	Belz, Freeman, Jenkins, Lester	30
Modifications for City Facilities (Type V)	Review applications by city departments for modifications and waivers to development standards for city facilities	CS	Freeman, Herzfeld	10
Committee Coordination	Coordinate the flow of legislation to the Committee and review agendas.	CS	Freeman	10

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PLUNC Central Staff Days - Subtotal	465
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