

City of Seattle
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Use this application to propose a change in the policies, future land use map, appendices, or other components of the adopted City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Applications are due to the Seattle City Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th for consideration in the next annual review cycle. If May 15th falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday closest to that date. Any proposals received after May 15th will be considered in the review process for the following year.

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Date: May 14th, 2010

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Name of general area, location, or site that would be affected by this proposed change in text (attach additional sheets if necessary).

North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Area

If the application is approved for further consideration by the City Council, the applicant may be required to submit a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist. Acceptance of this application does not guarantee final approval.

Applicant

Signature: Frederica Merrell

Date: 05/14/2010

Attachment A

REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application

Please answer the following questions in text and attach them to the application. Supporting maps or graphics may be included. Please answer all questions separately and reference the question number in your answer. The Council will consider an application incomplete unless all the questions are answered. When proposing an amendment, you must show that a change to the Comprehensive Plan is required.

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed amendment and a clear statement of what the proposed amendment is intended to accomplish. Include the name(s) of the Comprehensive Plan Element(s) (Land Use, Transportation, etc) you propose to amend.

This is a DRAFT proposed amendment to the North Beacon Neighborhood Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan. The DRAFT amendment is intended to accomplish a complete update to all components of our existing plan. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) started our update in 2009. Neighbors were concerned that the update was partial, only addressing land use and zoning primarily, and primarily only looking at areas around the lightrail station. While DPD accomplished good work, the neighbors want other parts of our plan brought up to date too. DPD's updates have not yet been adopted by City Council. Finally, neighbors are concerned about how DPD's updates and the neighbors will come together into one plan update.

This DRAFT update is designed to combine the work of DPD with the remaining work done by neighbors in 2010 to complete a full update of our wonderful neighborhood plan. The DRAFT will be finalized after validation from our community in June and September 2010. As such, the DRAFT is a placeholder for the proposed amendment. The detailed DRAFT language is designed to provide for timely Executive and Council review.

Attachments to the APPLICATION (2010CompAmendApp_NBHillUpdate.doc) include:

- Line-in/Line-out DRAFT Proposed amendments (AmendmentAttA.doc)
- DRAFT North Beacon Hill Update Cover/Credits (NBUpdateCover.doc)
- DRAFT Adoption/Approval MATRIX (AmendAttB_NBUpdate_MATRIX.doc)
- Map of Generalized Existing Land Use (NBUPdateExistGenLandUse.pdf)

a. If the amendment is to an existing Comprehensive Plan goal or policy, and you have specific language you would like to be considered, please show proposed amendments in "line in/line out" format with text to be added indicated by underlining, and text to be deleted indicated with ~~strikeouts~~.

See Attachments: AmendmentAttA.doc

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b. If the proposed amendment would also require a change to the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), please indicate the SMC section(s) needing amendment. If you have specific language you would like to be considered, please show proposed edits to the SMC in "line in/line out" format as described above.

No change to SMC requested in the DRAFT.

c. If the amendment is to the Future Land Use Map, please provide a map that clearly outlines the area proposed to be changed.

See attachment: (AmendmentAttA.doc) FLUM changes proposed by DPD are the only proposed FLUM changes in the DRAFT.

2. Describe how the issue is currently addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. If the issue is not adequately addressed, describe the need for it.

The North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan element has not been updated for ten years. Conditions have changed and all aspects of our neighborhood plan are out of date. The City has spurred our community to update our plan. Volunteers are working hard to accomplish this task and create a complete update of our neighborhood plan.

3. Describe why the proposed change meets the criteria adopted in Resolution 30662 for considering an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The criteria are listed at the end of this application form. Is a Comprehensive Plan amendment the best means for meeting the identified public need? What other options are there for meeting the identified public need?

The Comprehensive Plan accommodates neighborhood plans for residential urban villages. North Beacon is one of these communities. We value our plan and the opportunity to create a complete update.

The City Council needs timely information on the final composition of the North Beacon Hill Plan Update. This proposal gives Council and the Executive an opportunity to consolidate DPD work with community proposals for a complete update.

4. What do you anticipate will be the impacts caused by the change in text, including the geographic area affected and the issues presented? Why will the proposed change result in a net benefit to the community?

The complete update will create goals and policies for Bike and Pedestrian facilities, Public Health, Adapting to Climate Change, Urban Forestry, Urban Agriculture, Business Development and Employment, Utilities, and Arts and Culture. These are areas of new conditions and interest in our community. The Land Use and Zoning,

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Open Space, and Parks sections also need to be brought up to date in order to support innovative growth, transportation, and parks strategies for our plan. All these changes will help Beacon Hill organize, advocate for new resources, and focus our volunteer energy on needed changes and improvements that benefit all families and residents. All elements help ensure sustainable growth for Beacon Hill.

5. How would the proposed change comply with the community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan? Please include any data, research, or reasoning that supports the proposed amendments.

Our amendments are consistent with City goals and policies for all the areas listed above. Our community will weigh in on support for the amendments through outreach activities and validation events. This is a DRAFT proposed amendment. Data on support and reasoning will be provided in the Final proposed amendment.

6. Is there public support for this proposed text amendments (i.e. have you conducted community meetings, etc.)? Note: The City will provide a public participation process, public notice, and environmental review for all applications.

There is support for the amendments. The amendments are proposed by existing stewardship organizations and project groups as well as individuals in our community (See Cover attachment for list of groups). The recommendations are collated by the community planning team and include the comments and proposals collected by DPD through public meetings 2009.

Additional outreach and validation will be completed before the Final amendment is submitted. We will have a validation event on June 5th at the Beacon Hill festival. There will be a final validation event on September 18th. Numerous small meetings with underrepresented communities are being held throughout the year. We are using electronic information gathering too. We are translating information into multiple languages for both the validation events. Data on input from the community will be submitted with the Final proposed amendment.

Your comprehensive Plan Amendment Application must be received by the City Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th to be considered in the next year's annual review process. You can send your application via e-mail (the preferred method) to compplan@seattle.gov, or via regular mail to: Office of the City Clerk, 600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 3, PO Box 34025, Seattle, Washington 98124-4025.

Criteria for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Selection (from Resolution 30662)

The following criteria will be used in determining which proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will be given further consideration:

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- A. The amendment or policy is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan because:
- The amendment is not appropriate as a regulatory measure, and warrants a Comprehensive Plan amendment;
 - The amendment is not better addressed as a budgetary or programmatic decision;
 - The amendment is not better addressed through another planning process, such as neighborhood planning; or
 - The Growth Management Act (GMA) mandates the amendment as part of the 10-year update.
- B. The amendment is legal - the amendment meets existing state and local laws.
- C. It is practical to consider the amendment because:
- The timing of the amendment is appropriate and Council will have sufficient information necessary to make an informed decision;
 - City staff will be able to conduct sufficient analysis and to develop policy and any related development regulations within the available time frame;
 - The proposed amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and well-established Comprehensive Plan policy, or the Mayor or Council is interested in significantly changing existing policy;
 - The amendment has not been recently rejected; and
 - If the proposed change is to neighborhood plan policies, there has been a neighborhood review process to develop the proposal, or a neighborhood review process can be conducted prior to final Council consideration of the amendment.