



City of Seattle Seattle Planning Commission

Josh Brower, Chair
Barbara Wilson, Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 24, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chair – Josh Brower, Kadie Bell, David Cutler, Mark Johnson, Bradley Khouri, Kay Knapton, Jeanne Krikawa, Amalia Leighton, Kevin McDonald, Radhika Nair, Matt Roewe

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Vice Chair – Leslie Miller, Catherine Benotto, Colie Hough-Beck, Martin Kaplan, Christopher Persons

COMMISSION STAFF

Barbara Wilson-Director, Katie Sheehy-Planning Analyst, Diana Canzoneri-Demographer

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

Chair Josh Brower called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Brower noted the upcoming committee meetings. He thanked Commissioner Persons for making comments on behalf of the Commission and in support of the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Program at City Council's Housing, Human Services, Health, and Culture Committee. Chair Brower reminded Commissioners to place their order for Seattle Transit Communities t-shirts and tote bags. He also reminded Commissioners that the report would be presented to City Council on February 28 and also at a Great City brownbag presentation on March 10.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION

▪ **2030 Comprehensive Plan Update: Goals and Objectives**

Chair Brower provided a brief summary of the goals and objectives related to the update of the Comprehensive Plan. He explained one of the Commission's challenges will be to provide leadership and help lead the public involvement processes. He noted that issue scoping would be the focus of today's work session.

▪ **Work session: Key Issues Identified**

- Urban Village Boundaries: not all are created equal yet do have specific implications within the land use code e.g. parking requirements
- Job creation and economic development: essential foundation of a vibrant city
- Affordability
- Diversity
- Improve usability of the Comprehensive Plan: provide clear connections to the implementing plans
- Citywide approach rather than focusing on voices from individual neighborhoods
- Undertake a word-by-word analysis and evaluation of all policies
- Use the city's core values to establish a clear brand
- Put vision into action; don't create yet another visioning process
- Closed ended that illustrate choices rather than open ended questions asking (again) for visions
- Continue to use POL, community-centric model of outreach rather than (or in addition to) traditional public meetings; create a broad public dialogue about Seattle's goals
- Create a road map for elected officials
- Don't create just another layer of planning

▪ **Work session: Next Steps**

Chair Brower noted that Commission staff will draft a memo for Commission review for The Seattle Strategy and Comp Plan project team that highlights the results of the Commission's issue scoping. The Commission and our ad-hoc committee on the Comp Plan update will continue to work closely with the City's project team.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brower adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.