



**City of Seattle
Seattle Planning Commission**

Amalia Leighton, Chair
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

**SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 11, 2015
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Austin, Sandra Fried, Grace Kim, Jeanne Krikawa, Amalia Leighton, Kara Martin, Marj Press, David Shelton, Lauren Squires, Patti Wilma

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Luis Borrero, Lauren Craig, Yolanda Ho, Jake McKinstry, Tim Parham, Spencer Williams

COMMISSION STAFF

Jeseca Brand - Policy Analyst, Diana Canzoneri - Demographer, Vanessa Murdock – Executive Director

GUESTS

Nathan Torgelson, Department of Planning & Development; Cindi Barker, Irene Wall, Neighborhood Planning Committee Co-Chairs; James Bush, Department of Neighborhoods;

IN ATTENDANCE

Molly Esteve, Tosten Haugeniel

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's Report & Minutes Approval

Chair Amalia Leighton

Chair Leighton called the meeting to order at 3:09pm

Commissioner Krikawa moved to approve the May 14, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Update: Nathan Torgelson, Deputy Director, Department of Planning & Development

- Draft EIS has been published and the comment period goes through June 18th.

- July 7th Draft Comprehensive plan will be released
- Equity Analysis has also been released. Risk of displacement was studied and the document has created a lot of conversation. City needs to be thoughtful about investments and how we make these vulnerable populations more stable.
- Community Planning efforts continue in these communities – Lake City, University District, Uptown, Little Saigon, Delridge, Wedgewood, Ballard, and Rainier Beach
- Additional outreach on the industrial lands policies to be recommended as part of the draft Comprehensive Plan required additional outreach. Meetings were held in Ballard, Interbay and Georgetown.
- Pedestrian Zone legislation was recently passed by the City Council and Shoreline Master Plan approved by City Council and approved by Department of Ecology

Briefing: 2015-2016 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- Commission Staff

If you would like to view the power point presentation on the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments, it is included in the supporting documents found in the minute's section of our website.

- 8 amendments proposed and staff proposal for docket setting was reviewed
- Criteria set in Resolution 31402

City Neighborhood Council Overview

If you would like to view the power point presentation on the City Neighborhood Council Overview, it is included in the supporting documents found in the minute's section of our website.

Welcome James Bush, Department of Neighborhoods and Irene Wall and Cindi Barker, Co-Chairs of Land Use committee of the City Neighborhood Council.

Department of Neighborhoods (DON) –

- Programs include Neighborhood Matching Fund, District Coordinators as well as Public Engagement Liaisons
- The DON work program includes overlap with the Department of Planning and Development in Ballard, North Delridge, Lake City, Little Saigon, Mt. Baker, Rainier Beach and the University District

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners requested more information on how the planning processes have changed through the collaborative work of the DPD and DON. The Commission discussed the impacts on the planning process of 23rd and how the outreach by DON made an impact on the voices at the table. The Commission also discussed the work of DON in Lake City as a community that has a large number of immigrant families that are new to the governmental process.

City Neighborhood Council (CNC) –

- All volunteer body that is connected to the Department of Neighborhoods but not staffed by the Department of Neighborhoods
- Several committees that act as entry to neighborhood advocacy on neighborhood or citywide issues

- Land Use Committee tracks and comments on land use issues. Meets monthly and maintains a distribution list to inform residents via email.
- For more information - <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/>

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners requested more information on how the CNC was working on the affordable housing crisis facing the city.

CNC has a formal seat at the Housing Affordability and Livability Advisory group as well as flagging for neighbors' opportunities to make input on land use decisions that can affect affordable housing.

The Commission discussed race and social equity and the composition of the CNC active membership. The CNC conducted a membership audit and it remains of concern to the leadership that the membership lacks diversity.

The Commission discussed the neighborhood plans goals and policies as well as the current thinking on neighborhood plans in the major update. The discussion also included discussion about how the neighborhood plans have kept pace with the changes in demographics and development pressures throughout the city.

CNC has advocated for additional resources to review and update if necessary neighborhood plans.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

Approve: Letter on Equity Analysis, companion document to EIS

Commission Discussion:

The Commission expressed interest in inviting the DPD to brief on the outreach strategy for the Comprehensive Plan update overall as well as the Equity Analysis.

The Commission discussed technical edits to the letter as well as changes to the formatting of content. The letter will be approved at the upcoming full Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindi Barker expressed concern with the transparency of the Annual Amendment update process. She noted that the criteria for docket setting referenced earlier in the meeting was not readily available to the public and those making application.

Irene Wall commented on the Greenwood amendment discussed during the docket setting discussion. She noted that the change to the Urban Village boundary is contrary to the adopted neighborhood plan and the community has received no outreach. Ms. Wall continued that the boundary was intended to be along the major arterial and the community has reached out to the DPD to make the changes on the Future Land Use Map that would reflect the neighborhood plan intent. She recommended that the Commission not include this amendment in docket setting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Leighton adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.