



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

Tim Parham, Chair

Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Approved Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Austin, Eileen Canola, David Goldberg, Veronica Guenther, Rick Mohler, Marj Press, Kelly Rider, Julio Sanchez, Amy Shumann, Jamie Stroble, Patti Wilma

Commissioners Absent: Sandra Fried, Grace Kim, Tim Parham, Lauren Squires

Commission Staff: Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director; John Hoey, Senior Policy Analyst; Connie Combs, Policy Analyst; Robin Magonegil, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Chris Rule, Sound Transit

Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion.

Referenced Documents discussed at the meeting can be viewed here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/when-we-meet/minutes-and-agendas>

Chair's Report & Minutes Approval

Vice-Chair Michael Austin called the meeting to order at 7:35 am and announced several upcoming Commission meetings.

ACTION: Commissioner Rick Mohler moved to approve the September 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner David Goldberg seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed. Commissioner Marj Press abstained.

Announcements

Vanessa Murdock, Seattle Planning Commission Executive Director, announced several upcoming community events, including a Crown Hill community planning open house and a Lid I-5 design initiative open house.

Commissioner Spotlight: Marj Press

Commissioner Press provided an overview of her career and involvement with the American Planning Association (APA). She first became involved with APA in graduate school and has had ongoing involvement with the organization for 30 years. She has held several leadership positions within APA

and is currently a Board Member At-Large. Commissioner Press highlighted the following lessons from her involvement with APA: 1) professional relationships; 2) an understanding of how volunteer organizations work; and 3) a variety of opportunities to contribute. She described the value of APA in carrying the message of good planning and cultivating the next generation of planners.

Action: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Level 2 Recommendations

John Hoey, Seattle Planning Commission staff, introduced the draft Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Level 2 Recommendations letter. He stated that the Planning Commission letter will be sent to the Seattle members of the Sound Transit Elected Leadership Group before they make recommendations on what alternatives should move on to Level 3 for further analysis. The Elected Leadership Group's next meeting is on October 5. That Group will make their recommendations to the Sound Transit Board early next year as the Board moves towards identifying a locally preferred alternative.

Mr. Hoey reviewed the contents of the draft letter, including edits that had been suggested by the Commissioners. The draft letter includes overarching comments pertaining to the entire West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project, as well as specific comments related to individual project alternatives and segments. The Commissioners suggested additional revisions to the draft letter.

ACTION: Commissioner Patti Wilma moved to approve the revised letter as amended, including staff's review of grammatical edits. Commissioner Rick Mohler seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.