



City of Seattle
Seattle Planning Commission

Amalia Leighton, Chair
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2015
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Austin, Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, David Cutler, Grace Kim, Amalia Leighton, Kara Martin, ,
Marj Press, David Shelton, Lauren Squires, Patti Wilma

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Brad Khouri, Jeanne Krikawa, Tim Parham, Matt Roewe

COMMISSION STAFF

Jeseca Brand - Policy Analyst, Diana Canzoneri - Demographer, Robin Magonegil,- Administrative Assistant,
Vanessa Murdock - Executive Director

GUESTS

Kevin O'Neill, Gabriela Vega, Tony Mazzella, SDOT

IN ATTENDANCE

Cindi Barker, Peter Lindsay, Lish Whitson

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**
- Vice-Chair Marj Press

Vice-Chair Press called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

Commissioner Luis Borrero moved to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Patti Wilma seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Discussion: Overarching SPC themes and ideas re: Comprehensive Plan

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

Commission Comments and Questions:

Commissioners discussed the Urban Village boundaries and how the Commissions' work on Transit Communities might help inform language in the Comprehensive Plan update. Commissioners directed staff to insert boundary language that directly references adopted Transit Community policies.

Commissioners discussed what types of land use changes would be required to address equity, single family flexibility and additional multifamily.

Commissioners discussed "estimates" versus "targets" for Urban Villages and Centers. They noted their support of using estimates and assigning estimates only to Urban Centers as is the case in the 2014-15 proposed amendments to the Comp Plan. The Commission examined what consequences this change may have on development within Urban Villages and directed staff to inquire of DPD staff the consequences to SEPA thresholds.

Briefing: Freight Mobility / Port Access Study

- Kevin O'Neill, Gabriela Vega and Tony Mazzella, SDOT

- The Port Access Study is a collaboration with the Port of Seattle and the City of Seattle to evaluate freight mobility within the MICs, connecting the MICs, and accessing to regional markets/highways.
 - A list of priorities will be established and public draft will be out in June
- The Freight Master Plan is a modal plan like the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Master Plans. There is a strong focus on safety and efficiency of goods movement.
 - A list of priorities will be established and the public draft will be out in the fall.

If you would like to view the power point presentation on the Freight Mobility / Port Access Study it is included in the supporting documents found in the minute's section of our website.

Commissioner Comments and Questions:

Commissioners talked about the collaboration with the Port of Seattle. They asked about the number and scope of projects that the Port will undertake as part of the Port Access Study work. The Commissioners also expressed their interest in the new partnership between the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma. Staff responded that the Port of Seattle will have a list of projects.

Commissioners discussed truck size and weight, specifically talking about what pressure if any the City can apply on those delivering goods throughout. They noted that there are several large cities that have had success with night and early morning delivery as well.

Commissioners referenced the work of the Office of Sustainability on Climate Change and Adaptation. The changing landscape will be incredibly important to track and manage as the impacts present themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Press adjourned the meeting at 9:00 am.