

SEATTLE PLANNING COMISSION UPDATE

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**GET  
ENGAGED**

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# ***WHAT IS GET ENGAGED?***

## **Summary**

Get Engaged places young adults ages 18-29 on City of Seattle boards and commissions each fall. Commissioners serve a one-year term as fully vested, voting members and help shape policy decisions, make recommendations, and provide citizen participation in city government.

# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- ARTS COMMISSION
- BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION
- COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
- DESIGN COMMISSION
- DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
- SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
- IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMISSION
- LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD
- SEATTLE LGBT COMMISSION
- BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
- PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
- DISABILITY COMMISSION
- PIONEER SQUARE ADVISORY BOARD
- PLANNING COMMISSION
- RENTERS' COMMISSION
- SEATTLE CENTER ADVISORY COMMISSION
- TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD
- URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
- SEATTLE WOMEN'S COMMISSION



# *UPDATES*

## **Immigrant and Refugee Commission**

- Planning IRC booth on World Refugee Day
- Recruitment campaign: interviewing potential commissioners

## **Community Technology Advisory Board**

NA

## **Bicycle Advisory Board**

- Reviewed W Marginal Way SW Improvement Project - several members to provide feedback on how to ensure cyclists' safety
- Reviewed Vision Zero project

## **Seattle Human Rights Commission**

- Recruitment - We are in the process of revamping our recruitment process and have information coming out to the community soon.
- The Criminal Justice task force is working on finding a way to express to the City and the CPC lack of accountability including attending an upcoming hearing.

## **Community Involvement Commission**

- Completed a facilitated group norms and decision making process
- Moving forward with beginning work in our subcommittees this month
- One member is commission appointed, his term is up and we are voting on if he will continue at the next meeting.



# *UPDATES*

## **Pedestrian Advisory Board**

- Seattle Transportation Plan Letter approved to be sent to SDOT director & mayor
- Letter of Support for updated crosswalk policy to both mayor and crosswalk engineers
- Working on ped/bike combined letter for Vision Zero
- Public comment re: micromobility & its impact on pedestrian safety
- Presentation re: Seattle Transportation Plan - 95% of surveyed wish to see rapid progress toward a greener, more available transportation infrastructure

## **Design Review Board**

NA

## **Seattle Arts Commission**

- Search for the new director of the Office of Arts and Culture
- Curious to hear Mayor's plan for filling vacancies on the commission

## **Seattle LGBTQ Commission**

- Co-chair elections for committees
- Discussion on current WA state legislation.

## **Seattle Renters' Commission**

NA

# UPDATES

## Urban Forestry Commission

- Provided recommendations to City Council and Mayor about updates to the city's Tree Protection Regulations, specifically the desire to see the following items addressed in the ordinance:
- Prioritizing environmental and social justice principles that can be tracked with short-term goals. (e.g. what is the % of tree canopy this current administration wants to reach as opposed to the long-term goal of 2037?).
- Strengthening the connections between this ordinance and affordable housing.
- As is, it is unclear how this ordinance is supporting affordable housing in the city. While we can infer how this is being connected, strengthening this connection can help us address the lens that is being used to support affordable housing with changes made to this ordinance.
- Apart from some exemptions to the Yesler Terrace Project and permanent supportive housing, it is unclear how this legislation is connected to housing production of affordable housing.
- City level support for community-led tree planting, training, and maintenance programs.
- Development of programs to train new arborists, as many arborists are approaching retirement.
- Creating a more robust and responsive system of enforcement for code compliance that accommodates easy navigation for the public.

## Pioneer Square Preservation Board

NA

## Landmarks Preservation Board

- Normal board business of receiving briefings for Certificates of Approval for existing landmarks
  - Montlake Elementary School expansion
  - Bressi Garage development
- Designation of Cettolin House

# *UPDATES*

## **Seattle Design Commission**

- Briefing on Street and Alley Vacation Policy and Procedures
- 5 Street and Alley Vacations are under review currently or in the near future through the Commission.
- Sound Transit
- West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Briefings:
- West Seattle Visual Site Impacts Walk 4/6
- Updates by City Leads 5/4
- Recent Project Reviews
- Garfield Superblock Design

## **Board of Parks and Recreation**

- Search for the new director of the Office of Arts and Culture
- Curious to hear Mayor's plan for filling vacancies on the commission

## **Transit Advisory Board**

NA

## **Seattle Women's Commission**

- Housing Access subcommittee update: beginning stages of planning a community event that would cover a housing look-back from state legislature and provide information in the lead up to the upcoming housing levy.
- Review the MMIW subcommittee's 2023 work plan and upcoming support of MMIW Day of Remembrance (5/5)
- Executive subcommittee beginning outreach and recruitment efforts for the commission's next session
- Reviewed the Commissioner Handbook and our 2023 Group Agreement and discussed our communal expectations in depth, due to some (heated) discussion that took place in our March meeting

**THANKS FOR LISTENING :)**