



# City of Seattle Seattle Planning Commission

David Cutler and Amalia Leighton, Co-Chairs  
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

## SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 26, 2014

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

#### **COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, Jeanne Krikawa, Amalia Leighton, Kevin McDonald, Tim Parham, Marj Press, Matt Roewe, Morgan Shook

#### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Keely Brown, David Cutler, Brad Khouri, Grace Kim,

#### **COMMISSION STAFF**

Jeseca Brand - Policy Analyst, Robin Magonegil – Administrative Assistant, Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

#### **Guests**

Ron Borowski, Kevin O'Neill, Sara Zora, SDOT

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cindi Barker, Lauren Craig, Ian Macek, Eric McConaghy, Ian Morrison, Cristina VanValkenburgh

***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**
  - Co-Chair Amalia Leighton

Co-Chair Amalia Leighton called the meeting to order at 7:32 am. She reviewed the upcoming meetings.

- **Approve: Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendment Docket Setting Letter**

Disclosures and Recusals: Commissioner Morgan Shook disclosed that his firm, ECO Northwest, is working with the Department of Planning and Development on the University District Urban Design Frameworks.

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

Commissioner Parham suggested that the letter include the intent in the MIC conversation about the Commission's history of Industrial Land preservation. Executive Director Murdock replied that this was purposefully not included as the docket-setting letter addresses only the docket setting criteria as laid out by council resolution.

Commissioner McDonald asked if tying Growth Monitoring to the Commission's work on Transit Communities would highlight the essential components of livability. He recommended tying to growth the amenities that are required to make the City livable.

Commissioner Krikawa had a clarifying question on page 4 under the Commission recommends noting that the wording is unclear and suggested that it be rewritten.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Marj Press moved that the letter be approved with the discussed edits. Commissioner Catherine Benotto seconded the motion. The letter was approved.

- **Briefing: Freight Master Plan and Port Access Study**
  - Kevin O'Neill, Sara Zora, and Ron Borowski, SDOT

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Vice-Chair Catherine Benotto took over chairing the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Roewe asked if the Freight Master Plan would mandate specific streets and routes for truck use. Mr. Borowski noted that there are trucks on every street and there are requirements that trucks over 10,000 lbs. should not use local streets unless they are required to be there. He added that the City is not building a system that can handle large trucks on every street.

Commissioner Roewe wondered how this work would meld with the Street Improvement Manual. Ms. Zora answered that it will and that staff want the two to work together and be a part of that manual.

Commissioner Shook asked how staff are starting to think about what other jurisdiction are doing to move freight. Ms. Zora responded that they want to be looking at how things are done now and thinking about the future.

Commissioner Krikawa noted that impacts to the neighborhoods could be greater with the increase in home delivery from on line sales and wondered how that conversation has been going. Ms. Zora replied that they have not yet started the outreach but hope to learn how freight interacts with the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Borrero stated that they still have not heard about how we move away from petroleum-based delivery systems. Mr. Borowski replied that the industry is looking at how to change the delivery system to a more natural and clean system. He added that the vehicles will have fewer emissions but there will likely be more vehicles on the road. He continues that the Port is working on emissions of their ships and dock infrastructure. Ms. Zora noted that they have asked consultants to look at this with an eye to the future and developing infrastructure.

Commissioner Benotto asked how this would work with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. O'Neill replied that the Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, Transit Master Plan and the Freight Master Plan inform the

Comprehensive Plan Update. He added that it is a rushed time frame. He added that Mayor Murray is supportive of modal plans and wants them to be integrated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Benotto adjourned the meeting at 8:59 am.