



City of Seattle Seattle Planning Commission

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

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION OCTOBER 23, 2014 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Austin, Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, Jeanne Krikawa, Amalia Leighton, Kara Martin, Marj Press, Matt Roewe, David Shelton, Lauren Squires, Patti Wilma

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

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

COMMISSION STAFF

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

Guests

Ryan Curren, OH/Office of Civil Rights; Nora Liu, Katie Sheehy, Laura Hewitt-Walker, DPD

IN ATTENDANCE

Cindi Barker, Lauren Craig, Lloyd Douglas

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

Action: Commissioner Jeanne Krikawa moved to approve the October 9, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Catherine Benotto seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2014 meeting passed.

- **Briefing: Housing Needs Analysis**
 - Diana Canzoneri, Laura Hewitt-Walker, DPD
- Under GMA, one of the things the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan needs to include is an inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs that identifies the number of housing

units necessary to manage projected growth. The inventory and analysis is included in an Appendix in the Comprehensive Plan.

- The city's Department of Planning and Development (DPD) has prorated the 25-year housing growth allocation recently adopted in the King County Countywide Planning Policies to 70,000 in order to correspond with the 20-year planning period for the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Diana Canzoneri and Laura Hewitt Walker noted that they are in the process of updating this appendix. They summarized initial findings on existing gaps between need and the availability of affordable housing at different income levels, and they summarized prevalence of housing cost burdens among Seattle households. They noted that this and other information in the appendix will help ensure that the policies in the Comp Plan update respond to our current understanding regarding the magnitude and types of unmet needs we have in the city.

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

Commissioner Comments and Questions

Commissioners requested more information on the timeline for this work.

Executive Director, Vanessa Murdock explained that the timeline is to follow the Comprehensive Plan update with a two phase approach. The GMA required appendix items will be included in the first phase adoption. The more detailed review and analysis meant to inform the major update will be concluded in late 2015.

- **Briefing: Equitable Development Initiative**
 - Nora Liu, Katie Sheehy, DPD and Ryan Curren, OH/Office of Civil Rights
 - Equitable Development Initiative was convened by Diane Sugimura, Director of the Department of Planning and Development and Patty Lally, Director of the Office of Civil Rights; to incorporate race and equity into the major update of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Road Map to incorporate equity into the Comprehensive Plan includes:
 - Clarity of vision/goals of equity;
 - Recognize and resolve equity conflicts throughout the plan and within each chapter;
 - Create a set of equity metrics and develop an early warning tool for displacement;
 - Analyze the growth alternatives through an equity lens;
 - Engage the community and incorporate input from historically underrepresented communities.

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Commissioner Comments and Questions

Commissioners expressed interest in better understanding any collaboration with the Seattle School District in this work. Schools play a vital role in neighborhood choice and equitable outcomes.

DPD & OH staff reported that the Executive Order behind the EDI work specifically calls out education and access and that the EDI team is working with the School District collaboratively.

Commissioners were interested in how the equity statements would be used in review of the Comprehensive Plan and whether it would be the author or EDI responsibility for review with this new equity lens.

Commissioners raised the issue of investments in infrastructure and how that leads to equitable outcomes. In addition Commissioners voiced the need for a better linkage between the Comprehensive Plan and departmental implementing plans.

DPD & OH Staff noted that the Goal of EDI equity statement development is to bring together content experts, change team members and implementing staff. This will ensure that all levels from development to implementation have a clear understanding of their charge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Leighton adjourned the meeting at 9:04 am.