

SPC Draft MHA Recommendations

Seattle Planning Commission
3.23.2017

BACKGROUND

- 10 meetings just on Recs
- Preliminary issues sent to OPCD in Sept. 2016

- April 6: H&N
- April 13: Full Draft to SPC

PURPOSE OF SPC REVIEW

- Provide a citywide lens focused heavily on equitable outcomes in both the near and long term.
- Issue identification
- Principles for applying MHA
- Potential solutions/actions

ORGANIZATION

- Exec Summary
 - 6 priority recommendations
- Document
 - Three main sections
 - Recommendations
 - Strategies
 - In some cases, actions
- Appendix/Attachments
 - Maps & data
 - Other resources
 - Ideas for development standard revisions

I. EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Increases in development capacity through urban village expansions and rezones should promote social and racial equity where possible by fostering access to jobs, education, parks, cultural resources, healthy food, and other essential services.

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1. Revise UV boundaries to include parks, schools, and fill “gaps”
2. Identify future planning efforts to increase capacity
3. Keep citywide UV expansions and rezones together
4. Consider if anti-displacement strategies may undermine goals for affordability and equity
5. Structure payment and performance options to contribute to distributing production of affordable units

II. HOUSING CHOICE

There must be a variety of affordable and market-rate housing choices in urban villages throughout the city to provide housing opportunities for all households.

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6. Provide options for homeowners to stay in place while increasing units in low density zones.
7. Address lack of affordable units in smaller scale development
8. Prioritize and incentivize affordable and market-rate family-sized housing.
9. Explore more partnerships to develop innovative models.

III. HEALTHY, LIVABLE, & VIBRANT URBAN VILLAGES

New growth should contribute to a positive, people-oriented built environment and improve the livability of Seattle's neighborhoods

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10. Revise design standards to improve short and long term outcomes as neighborhoods evolve
11. Zoning should foster pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods with a mix of uses.
12. Recalibrate Green Factor to improve environmental health and enhance public realm.

Questions & Issues

- Length
 - Create Executive Summary with priority actions; leave document whole
 - Separate priority actions into document now; follow up at later date with additional recommendations
- How do we get the message out
- Next steps & follow up work

BREAKOUT SESSION!

1. Document organization & components (Katy)
2. Communication strategy (Michael)

15 minute session

5 minute report back