

2016 SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS



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The Planning Commissioners have a wide range of professional expertise and live in neighborhoods across Seattle.

- Affordable housing
- Community engagement
- Environmental health planning
- Real estate development
- Food systems
- Multi-modal transportation
- Environmental justice
- Architecture & urban design
- Long-range planning
- Community development
- Strategic research
- Transit-oriented development
- Non-profit housing
- Small-business
- Community health
- Policy analysis & research



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2016

ANNUAL REPORT

SEATTLE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MISSION & DUTIES

The Seattle Planning Commission advises the Mayor, City Council and City departments on broad planning goals, policies and plans for the physical development of the City. The Commission's work is framed by the Comprehensive Plan and its vision for Seattle into the 21st Century, and by a commitment to engaging citizens in the work of planning for and working to reach these goals.

The Seattle Planning Commission is an independent, 16-member advisory body appointed by the Mayor, City Council, and the Commission itself. The members of the Commission are volunteers who bring a wide array of expertise and a diversity of perspectives to these roles.



Commissioners spent 41 hours as volunteers on related advisory committees and panels.

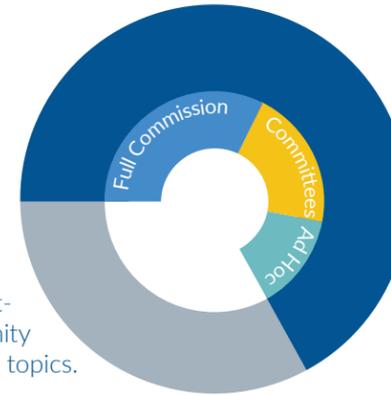
- Parks District Panel
- HALA Focus Groups
- Light Rail Review Panel
- Design Review Program Improvements Advisory Group
- Right of Way Improvements Manual Advisory Committee



910 meeting hours

452 related work

Commissioners spend time preparing for meetings, attending community events, and researching topics.



The Planning Commission has a Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, Land Use and Transportation Committee, and Executive Committee. Ad Hoc or Task Force Committees are formed as needed to tackle special projects such as review of the Comprehensive Plan and MHA policies.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Racial and Social Equity in *Seattle 2035*

Early recommendations helped guide the plan to integrate equity throughout each plan element and use the Equity Analysis to directly inform the goals and policies.

Comprehensive Plan & MHA

Urban village expansions based on a 10-minute walkshed are included in *Seattle 2035* and part of the proposal for MHA implementation, which the SPC has advocated for in our 2010 *Seattle Transit Communities* Report.

Backyard Cottages

Recommendations were included in legislation, such as allowing both ADU and DADU, removing parking requirements, and revising development standards.

Family-sized Housing

We advocated for policies included in *Seattle 2035* and in the HALA recommendations that emphasize the need for family-sized housing. This topic has been central to MHA implementation.

HOUSING LEVY LETTER

- Supported renewal of the Housing Levy as it is critical to implementing the equitable growth strategies in the *Seattle 2035* Comprehensive Plan.
- Encouraged exploring other options for addressing the increasing crisis of affordability and homelessness in Seattle.

SEATTLE 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

- Completed a detailed review of the Mayor's Recommended Plan
- Included specific recommendations on the Growth Strategy, Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Community Well-Being, and Parks and Open Space elements
- Supported changes to the Future Land Use map
- Reiterated importance of inclusion of race and social equity as a core value
- Supported commitment to tracking and monitoring equity outcomes

INDUSTRIAL LANDS

- Provided preliminary comments to help guide the scoping for an analysis on industrial lands as part of the Mayor's Task Force on Industrial Lands work plan.

FREIGHT MASTER PLAN LETTER

- Supported the data-driven methodology.
- Supported inclusion of all transportation modes, and prioritization of important investments in freight mobility.

MANDATORY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- MHA is a critical component of addressing affordability in Seattle.
- Provided preliminary concerns and considerations for OPCD as outreach efforts continue to refine MHA implementation.

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BACKYARD COTTAGES LETTER

- ADUs and DADUs increase the number and variety of housing options in single-family zones
- Expanding construction of DADUs could provide more flexibility and accessibility for new housing options throughout Seattle.
- Supported the work OPCD staff in identifying potential policy options that could remove barriers to permitting and constructing DADUs and ADUs.

DOCKET SETTING

- Made recommendations on the docket items that require further review.
- Review of the docketed items is slated for 2017 and we will provide final comments at that time.

COMMERCIAL AFFORDABILITY

- Offered considerations and comments on draft recommendations proposed by the Mayor's Commercial Affordability Advisory Committee for further evaluation.

EQUITABLE OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT LETTER

- Supported the Mayor's commitment to inclusive and equitable outreach and engagement practices.
- Encouraged all city departments to work collaboratively with DON and to take a proactive role in advancing Seattle's model for community engagement.
- Provided key elements to include as they work towards developing and implementing engagement strategies.

NUMBER OF MEETINGS BY TOPIC

16 Mandatory Housing Affordability

9 Seattle 2035 Comp Plan

8 Modal Plans

7 Backyard Cottages & ADUs

6 Equitable Engagement Strategies

5 Industrial Lands

4 Housing Levy