



**City of Seattle
Seattle Planning Commission**

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

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 24, 2014

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, David Cutler, Brad Khouri, Grace Kim, Amalia Leighton, Marj Press, Matt Roewe, Morgan Shook

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Keely Brown, Jeanne Krikawa, Kevin McDonald, Tim Parham

COMMISSION STAFF

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Patrice Carroll, Tom Hauger, Erik McConaghy

Please Note: The Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes represent key points and the basis of the discussion.

CALL TO ORDER

- **Chair's Report & Minutes Approval**
 - Co-Chair David Cutler

Co-Chair Cutler called the meeting to order at 7:38 am.

ACTION: Commissioner Matt Roewe moved to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Marj Press seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Marj Press moved to approve the July 10, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Matt Roewe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- **Debrief: Policy Link July 16th Workshop**
- **Report Out: Comprehensive Plan Task Force: Urban Village draft element**

For details on the report out regarding the Comprehensive Plan Task Force: Urban Village draft element please see the corresponding documents.

Discussion Included:

- Adopted Transit Communities policy and how it will be incorporated into the upcoming drafts of the Urban Village Element;
- Confirm Commission support for removal of “growth targets” and instead using “growth estimates” as well as eliminating growth estimates for areas other than Urban Centers;
- Question on how broad transit is defined and whether or not street car was represented; and
- Recap on Task Force Urban Village/Transit Communities
 - Urban Village Policy 5 now incorporates LU273 and LU274 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
 - Urban Village Policy 6 now incorporates LU275 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
 - Urban Village Policy 6 now incorporates LU278 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
 - Land Use Policy 8 now incorporates LU277 from adopted Transit Communities Policy
 - LU276 and LU279 are currently not incorporated or could be stronger

Staff Recommendations: Comprehensive Plan: Key Land Use Element Questions (See Slide for Question #1)

Discussion Included:

- Confirm Commission support for preservation of safe and habitable multifamily units and not just affordable;
- Concern that a focus on displacement may inadvertently restrict supply and overall the housing picture is not helped by overly restricting supply;
- Concern that historical preservation is becoming overly restrictive and could have an adverse effect on housing prices;

Letter regarding SPC review of the Comprehensive Plan Update:

- Presentation Included:
 - Commission intends to write a letter that will present three items they believe are required for proper review of the Comprehensive Plan overall. 1. The Comprehensive Plan Introduction; 2. How the Core Values will be incorporated into the introduction and each individual Element; and 3. A graphical outline that shows how the plan will be laid out and how each Element will be situated within the plan.
- Discussion Included: General support for the letter as a crucial to the review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Staff to draft letter and Commission to review by August 14th Full Commission meeting.

- For the good of the Order:

Commissioner Cutler thanked DPD staff and Council Central staff in attendance for their collaborative work on the Comprehensive Plan so far, and briefed the Commission on Councilmember O’Brien’s Microhousing work group on which he represents the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Cutler adjourned the meeting at 9:04 am.