

2020-2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Docketing Recommendations

Seattle Planning Commission
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Schedule and Next Steps

- June 25: Preliminary review of amendments
- July 23: Review staff draft recommendations
- August 13: Action on final recommendations
- September 9: Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee - briefing/public hearing
- September 23: LUN Committee – possible vote

SPC Docketing Recommendations

The Planning Commission recommends moving forward the following amendment proposal to the docket for further analysis:

#1: Extend the University District Urban Center

The Commission recommends this proposal for the docket. The proposal meets the criteria and as such warrants further study. In particular, this application meets the intent of criterion G, which requires an amendment to the FLUM for any proposal that would change the boundary of an urban center, urban village, or manufacturing/industrial center, regardless of the area's size, to be considered for docketing.

SPC Docketing Recommendations

The Planning Commission recommends the following amendment proposals not move forward to the docket for further analysis:

#2: West Seattle High Bridge emergency closure

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion B₄ and B₅; this proposal would be better addressed through a budgetary or programmatic decision or another process

#3: Potential Landslide Area Covenants

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion B₃; the intent of this proposal can be accomplished by a change in regulations

SPC Docketing Recommendations

The Planning Commission recommends the following amendment proposals not move forward to the docket for further analysis:

#4: Pedestrian Grade Separations

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#5: Yards and Trees

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#6: Open and Participatory Government

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

SPC Docketing Recommendations

The Planning Commission recommends the following amendment proposals not move forward to the docket for further analysis:

#7: Demolition and Displacement

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#8: Heavy Vehicles

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#9: Development Monitoring

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

SPC Docketing Recommendations

The Planning Commission recommends the following amendment proposals not move forward to the docket for further analysis:

#10: Rezones and Conditional Uses

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

#11: Tree Canopy and Urban Forest

- Not recommended for docketing citing criterion D; proposal has been previously submitted and rejected

Previously Docketed Amendments

Of the eight proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments that were docketed by the City Council in Resolution 31896 for further analysis, the following five were not analyzed in 2019-2020 annual amendment cycle:

- Impact fee amendments
- An alternative name for single-family areas
- Designation of the South Park Urban Village
- Designation of an urban village near a future light rail station at N 130th Street and Interstate 5
- Amendments related to fossil fuels and public health

Previously Docketed Amendments

We have concerns about waiting until the next Major Update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2024 for consideration of these proposed amendments and encourage the City Council to move forward on them sooner where appropriate. We would like to call your attention to the Commission's specific comments on one of these docketed amendments below.

Alternative Name for Single Family Zones

- Planning Commission recommends moving the effort to rename single family zoning forward sooner than the Major Update
- This change could serve to inform the policy process considering alternatives to single family zoning

Questions/Discussion