

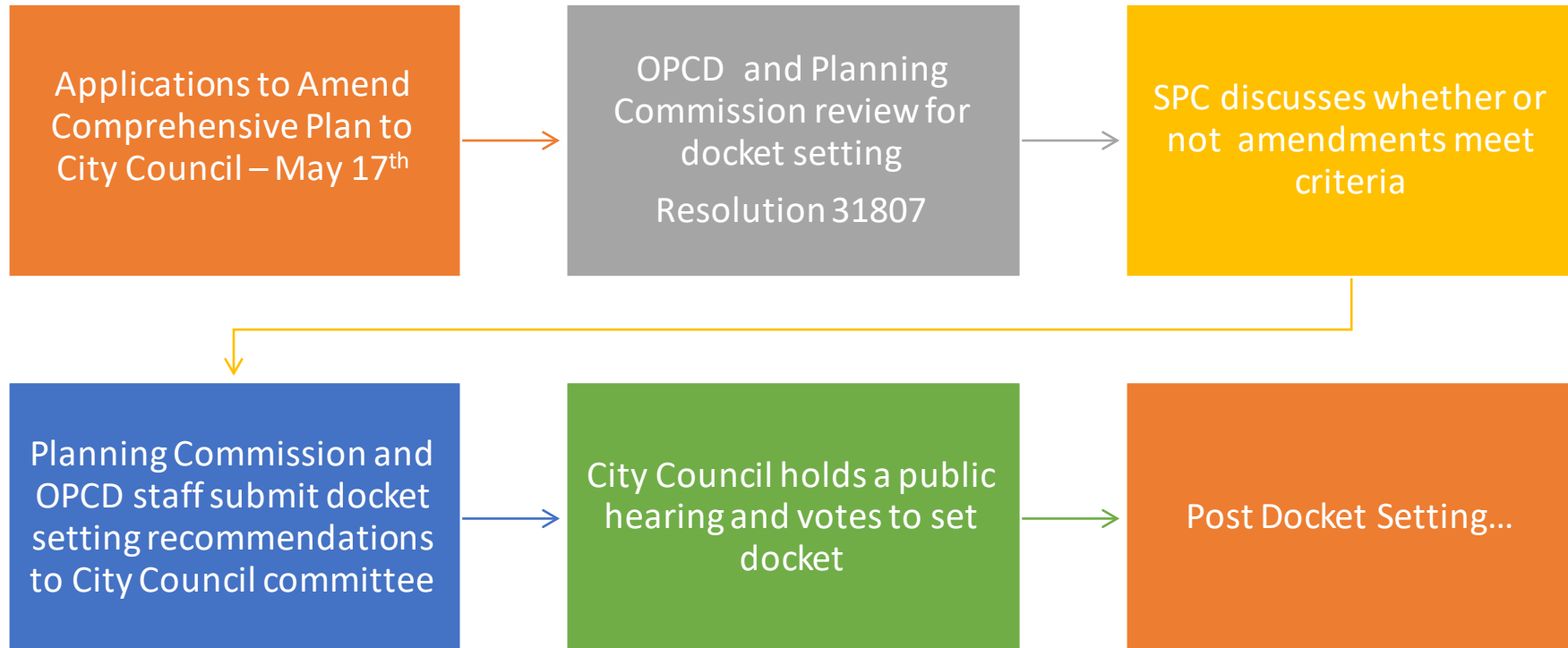
Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

Seattle Planning Commission
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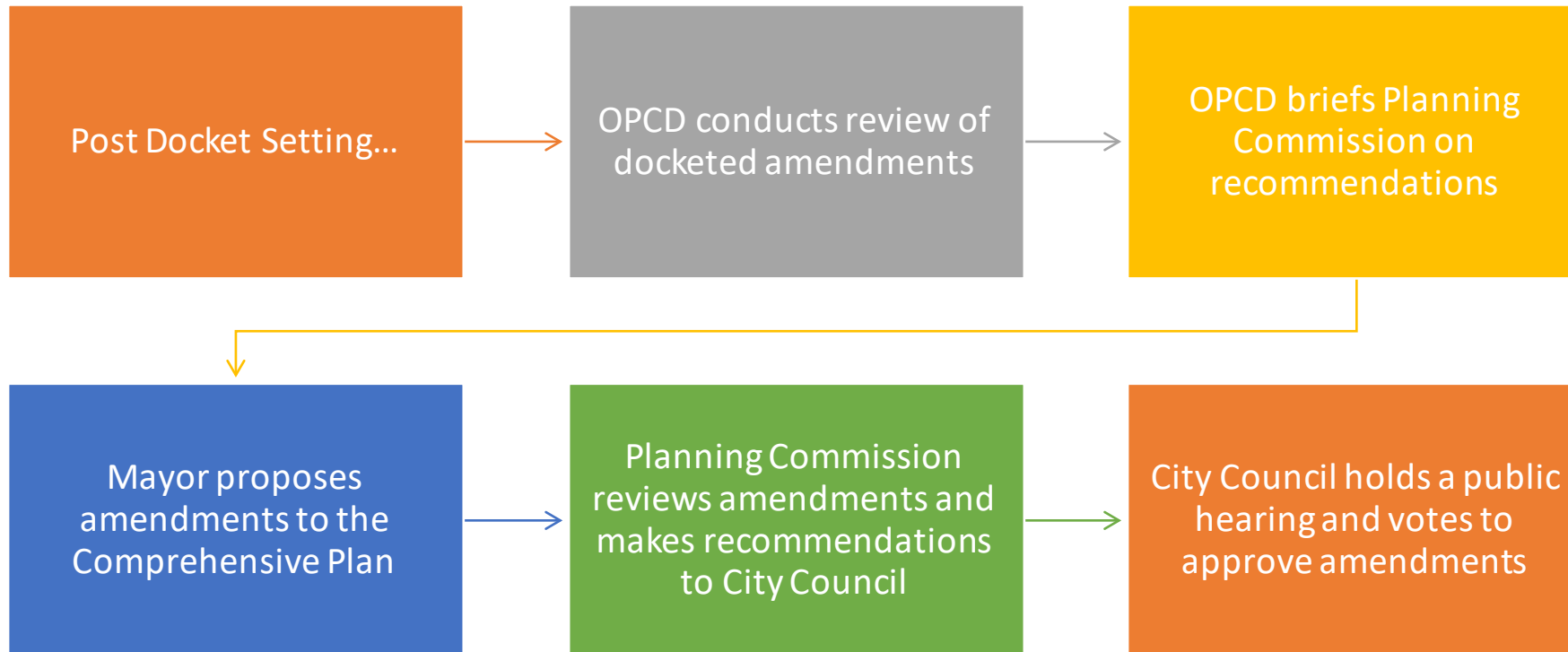
Comprehensive Plan Amendments Overview

- The Comprehensive Plan can only be amended once per year; Major Update to the Comprehensive Plan happens every 7 (or so) years
- Procedures and criteria for consideration of proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan as part of the annual "docket" are established in City Council Resolution 31807
- Intent is to take action on the docketed amendments before reviewing the next group of proposed amendments

Docket Setting



Post Docket Setting



Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

Section 7. Criteria for selecting proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to be placed on the annual docket for analysis and possible adoption. The Council considers a variety of criteria in determining whether a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment will be placed on the amendment docket for a given year. Among those criteria are the following:

- A. The amendment is legal under state and local law.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

- B. The amendment is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan because:
1. It is consistent with the role of the Comprehensive Plan under the State Growth Management Act;
 2. It is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and with the multi-county policies contained in the Puget Sound Regional Council's regional growth strategy;
 3. Its intent cannot be accomplished by a change in regulations alone;
 4. It is not better addressed as a budgetary or programmatic decision; and
 5. It is not better addressed through another process, such as activities identified in departmental work programs under way or expected in the near future, within which the suggested amendment can be considered alongside other related issues.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

- C. It is practical to consider the amendment because:
 1. The timing of the amendment is appropriate, and Council will have sufficient information to make an informed decision;
 2. City staff will be able to develop within the time available the text for the Comprehensive Plan and, if necessary, amendments to the Municipal Code, and to conduct sufficient analysis and public review; and
 3. The amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and well-established Comprehensive Plan policy, or the Mayor or Council wishes to consider changing the vision or established policy.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

- D. If the amendment has previously been proposed, relevant circumstances have changed significantly so that there is sufficient cause for reconsidering the proposal.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

- E. If the amendment would change a neighborhood plan, there is evidence that proponents of the amendment, or other persons, have effectively communicated the substance and purpose of the amendment with those who could be affected by the amendment and there is documentation provided of community support for the amendment.

Docketing Criteria (Res. 31807)

- F. The amendment is likely to make a material difference in a future City regulatory or funding decision.

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- G. A proposal that would change the boundary of an urban center, urban village, or manufacturing/industrial center requires an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), regardless of the area's size. However, an amendment that proposes to change the FLUM is not necessary and will not be considered when it would affect an area that is less than a full block in size and is located adjacent to other land designated on the FLUM for a use that is the same as – or is compatible with – the proposed designation.

2021/22 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Schedule

- May 27: Annual amendment process overview
- June 10: Preliminary review of proposed amendments
- June 24: Review staff draft docketing recommendations
- July 8: Action on final docketing recommendations

2020/21 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Schedule

- July 8: Briefing on OPCD recommendations
- July 22: Review SPC staff draft recommendations
- August 12: Action on final SPC recommendations

Questions/Discussion