



City of Seattle Seattle Planning Commission

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

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 10, 2014

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Luis Borrero, Keely Brown, Brad Khouri, Grace Kim, Jeanne Krikawa, Amalia Leighton, Kevin McDonald, Tim Parham, Marj Press, Matt Roewe

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Catherine Benotto, David Cutler, Morgan Shook

COMMISSION STAFF

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

Guests

Tom Hauger, Nathan Torgelson, DPD

IN ATTENDANCE

Heidi Bullinga, Patrice Carroll, Laura Hewitt-Walker, Susan McLain

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 Amalia Leighton

Co-Chair Amalia Leighton called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

ACTION: Commissioner Marj Press moved that the May 22, 2014 minutes approval be postponed. Commissioner Grace Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ACTION: Commissioner Kevin McDonald moved to approve the June 26, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Jeanne Krikawa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Update: Nathan Torgelson, Deputy Director DPD**

Presentation Included:

- Community outreach for the Comprehensive Plan, West Seattle neighborhood, Georgetown and its Industrial neighbors.
- Legislative update on microhousing, Mt. Baker rezone, and Low Rise zones.

Discussion Included:

- Impact fees and when or how they may be implemented in Seattle.
- The Low Rise SEPA Appeal and how the Commission might be further involved in the crafting of this legislation. Commission directed staff to check in with DPD staff on the timeline for the appeal and when, if any, changes are required the Commission feedback would be beneficial.

- **Report Out: Future Land Use Map**
 - Commissioner Jeanne Krikawa

[For details on the report out regarding the Future Land Use Map please see the corresponding documents.](#)

Discussion Included:

- Caution against making too many land use categories that may make the map more confusing to read.
- Continue to use a series of maps and not attempt to make the Future Land Use Map tell the whole story for how we will grow, but include Urban Villages as well as detailed maps for the reader to better see the story.
- Desire to have a discussion about village boundaries and acceptable uses as these boundaries were first drawn and adopted in 1994.
- Interested in more discussion and vision for areas outside of urban villages that are reflected on the Future Land Use Map as Multifamily or Mixed Use Commercial. What is the plan or goal for that area?
- Support for using a single color for all Urban Villages so that the map reader can clearly see the Urban Village Strategy. It is a good tool for those individuals that would like a visual representation of the Urban Village Strategy.

- **Review: Urban Village Draft Element**
 - Commission Staff

[For details on the review regarding the Urban Village Draft Element please see the corresponding documents.](#)

Discussion Included:

- Concern with Areas Outside of Urban Villages and what the plan might do to give some access to essential components of livability for these areas.
- Concern with watering down the Urban Village Strategy and ensuring that areas within the Urban Villages are the focus and the priority for essential components of livability.
- Reflection on Goal #1 of the Urban Village Element that it is not aspirational and does not tell the reader that the goal for Urban Village Strategy is to grow as required but also planned for within the City of Seattle.
- Reflection on Urban Design Element moving into Urban Village Element included concerns with the Urban Design Element not having weight outside of Urban Village and that perhaps it should be its own element as well as concerns that the language of the element was only adopted last year and that any watering down of the language could lose recent and compelling work.

- **Staff Update: Retreat**

For details on the update regarding the Seattle Planning Commission retreat please see the corresponding documents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Leighton adjourned the meeting at 5:38 pm.