



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES Growth Management Policy Board November 3, 2022 Hybrid Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Councilmember Prince.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Tsimerman provided public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince announced Kitsap County Commissioner Ed Wolfe was retiring from office and this will be his last meeting. The board thanked Commissioner Wolfe for his contributions to the region.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management, thanked board members Patience Malaba and Angela Rozmyn for being part of the Regional Transit Oriented Development event held October 21. The event included a successful webinar and three afternoon of walking tours. On October 26, PSRC hosted a well-attended webinar on Housing and Racially Disparate Impacts. Mr. Inghram shared that a Peer Networking event on stormwater parks is scheduled for Nov 4. He also shared dates for other upcoming PSRC webinars.

Mr. Inghram shared that a joint board session on institutional racism is scheduled on November 30, 10-11:30 a.m. The GMPB will not meet in December.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held October 6, 2022

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Dunn) to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

STORMWATER PARKS PROJECTS AND GUIDANCE

Erika Harris, Senior Planner, provided an overview of what defines a stormwater park and its benefits for the environment, community, and water quality.

Ms. Harris shared details of the National Estuary Program grant that PSRC received to promote stormwater parks; PSRC's stormwater parks webpage provides additional details and handouts on lessons learned. She highlighted the stormwater parks from the City of Arlington, Kitsap County's Manchester Stormwater Park, and the City of Shoreline. Ms. Harris shared that the grant allowed PSRC to provide technical assistance for six stormwater parks and noted the criteria for selecting sites for technical assistance.

Leah Mikulsky, City of Woodinville, a recipient of PSRC's technical assistance, shared details of the city's stormwater park project and its benefits. Ms. Mikulsky shared how the technical assistance was helpful to a smaller jurisdiction and lessons learned.

Bethany Steadman, AHBL, shared details of stormwater park projects from the City of Kirkland, Kitsap County, Lynnwood, and Puyallup.

Board members discussed project details in their jurisdictions; how stormwater parks support urban growth; parks as a community feature; partnerships to address state highway runoff near lakes; stormwater management on a watershed level, and projects that use concrete rather than integrating a drainage system.

On Friday, November 4, PSRC will host a Peer Networking event on stormwater parks.

REGIONAL TOD EVENT RECAP

Laura Benjamin, Principal Planner, shared that this year's transit-oriented development (TOD) event was focused on equitable growth and ensuring transit communities are accessible to all people. The TOD event was supported by the work and coordination of the Regional TOD Committee. Ms. Benjamin shared details of the event webinar and guided walking tours. The webinar portion of the event had a nationwide audience of nearly 300 attendees. Walking tours throughout the region hosted smaller groups.

Ms. Benjamin highlighted PSRC's newly established compensation program, which helped support diversity and inclusion of panelists, speakers, and walking tour hosts. It allowed for participation of those who may not be compensated for their time but are actively engaged in TOD conversations.

Board members Patience Malaba and Angela Rozmyn, who attended, shared thoughts on the event.

2022 HOUSING INCENTIVES AND TOOLS SURVEY

Ms. Benjamin shared that many cities and counties have been working to expand housing incentives and tools through housing action plans and in their comprehensive plan updates. PSRC has been surveying local jurisdictions to understand what housing actions are being taken.

Associate Planner Ben Kahn shared findings from the 2019 Housing Incentives and Tools Survey (HITS) noting it helped establish a baseline of housing incentive programs and successful housing action plans. Mr. Kahn then shared preliminary findings and key trends from the 2022 HITS.

Staff are continuing to solicit survey responses, hoping to hear from all jurisdictions in the region. Results will be incorporated into a comprehensive report available in early 2023. The survey results will provide best practices for addressing housing and inform regional housing programs.

Members shared perspectives on meeting housing demands, and how PSRC will inform local jurisdictions about tools available and the current tools that are working. Staff shared the resources PSRC provides to member jurisdictions, including information on housing tools through the Housing Innovations Program website. Members discussed allowing higher densities and reduced parking requirements. Members also discussed the need for information on which tools and strategies are having the most impact on housing issues. Staff shared efforts to catalog the tools available to jurisdictions, and a new place typology will help tailor housing tools to local conditions.

Members also shared concerns about information reaching elected officials and offered to support PSRC staff outreach. Staff shared current plans to reach out to local elected officials and planning commissions while supporting the comprehensive plan update.

HOUSING PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Mr. Inghram shared that PSRC, in conjunction with the Department of Commerce, conducted a public opinion survey to understand what people think about housing and affordability.

Kate Gunby and Chien-Yu Chen, PRR, shared initial results of the public opinion survey. They covered details of the methods of the survey, noting prioritized groups in the categories of age, language, income, renters, and those experiencing homelessness. Overall, the survey showed that homelessness and housing costs/rents are the top-rated problems in Washington state. The vast majority want more housing options available for people in their community.

The survey period will conclude November 6. Data will be finalized and analyzed, with a full report complete in December. The results will be shared with the Executive Board and be provided to members of the GMPB.

NEXT MEETING

The Joint Board Session is scheduled for November 30. The next regular GMPB board meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2023.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

See attached attendance roster

GUESTS AND PSRC/STAFF PRESENT
(As determined by staff.)

Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Chien-Yu Chen, PRR
Kate Gunby, PRR
Erika Harris, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Thara Johnson, City of Bellevue
Ben Kahn, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Andi Markley, PSRC
Leah Mikulsky, City of Woodinville
Casey Moreau, PSRC
Bethany Steadman, ABHL
Alex Tsimerman
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC

Attachments:

November 3, 2022, GMPB Attendance Roster

Growth Management Policy Board - November 3, 2022					
Voting Members		✓	Non-voting Members		✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry		Associate Members	
		CM Dave Upthegrove	1	Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1
				Dick McKinley Alt	
Seattle	2	CM Andrew Lewis	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council	1
		CM Dan Strauss		MYR Joe DePinto, Yelm	1
		CM Tammy Morales Alt		Public Agency Members	
Bellevue	1	Mayor Lynne Robinson		Commerce	1
		DM Jared Nieuwenhuis Alt			1
				Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	DM Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1	PSRC Committees	
		CM Phillippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park Alt	1	Regional Staff Cmte.	1
		CM Ed Prince, Renton - Chair	1		1
		CP Jessica Forsythe, Redmond Alt	X	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor	
		CM Phillippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park Alt	X	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1
		MYR Mason Thompson, Bothell Alt			1
Kitsap County	1	COM Ed Wolfe	1	Natural and Built Environments	1
		COM Charlotte Garrido Alt			1
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Seattle Children's	1
		CP Michael Goodnow Alt			1
				Victoria Cleator Alt	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment	
		CM Joe Rosapepe, Port Orchard Alt		Futurewise	1
Pierce County	1	CM Paul Herrera			1
		CM Ryan Mello Alt		Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1		1
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt		Metro Parks Tacoma	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Jeni Woock, Gig Harbor	1		1
		MYR Joshua Penner, Orting Alt		Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	1
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1		1
		CM Jared Mead Alt		Non Voting	11
Everett	1	CM Mary Fosse	1		
		MYR Cassie Franklin Alt			
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1		
		MYR Pro Tem Stephanie Vignal, Mill Creek 1st Alt	X		
		CM Erin Murray, Mountlake Terrace 2nd Alt			
Federally Recognized Tribes					
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant			
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel			
		Jennifer Keating Alt			
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rob Purser		Abbreviations	
		Thomas Ostrom Alt		CM Councilmember	
Statutory Members					
Ports	1	COM Fred Felleman, Seattle	1	CP Council President	
		COM Don Meyer, Tacoma Alt 1		DM Deputy Mayor	
WSDOT	1	Robin Mayhew	1	MYR Mayor	
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt 1			
		Azim Sheikh-Taheri, Alt 2			
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	14		
				1 = Member for Meeting	
				X = Alternate for Meeting	

Attachment: November 3, 2022, GMPB Attendance Roster (3608 : Nov. 3 GMPB Minutes)