



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Growth Management Policy Board

March 2, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>]

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kunzler provided written comment which was forwarded to the board prior to the meeting, and Alex Tsimerman provided in-person public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince announced new appointments representing the Growth Management Policy Board on the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee. Chair Prince thanked departing member Bellevue Mayor Lynne Robinson and welcomed new member Tiernan Martin of Futurewise to fill the seat on the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram introduced Robin Koskey, PSRC Director of Government Relations and Communications, who provided updates on the state legislative session, including ongoing budget discussions and the current status of bills regarding transportation, housing, and climate change.

Mr. Inghram thanked Deputy Mayor Quitslund for the invitation to speak with the Bainbridge Island City Council about housing data. Mr. Inghram spoke about PSRC's upcoming summer youth engagement program, the \$4.9 million grant to PSRC from the US Department of Transportation to support development of a regional transportation safety plan and noted information items in the board packet on the upcoming Joint Board Session, the 2023 Annual General Assembly, and VISION 2050 Awards call for nominations.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held February 2, 2023.

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

GREATER DOWNTOWN KIRKLAND REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER APPLICATION

PSRC Senior Planner Maggie Moore provided an update that the City of Kirkland has submitted an updated application to designate the Greater Downtown area as a regional growth center. Ms. Moore introduced the center designation process, and then introduced Adam Weinstein and Lindsay Levine of the City of Kirkland to provide an overview of the proposed regional growth center. Ms. Moore provided the schedule of next steps for the application. Discussion by the board included questions regarding infrastructure and utilities to serve the area, strategies to support affordable housing, and physical layout of the center, and walkability. The board is scheduled to consider a recommendation on the proposed center at their May meeting.

2022 HOUSING INNOVATIONS AND TOOLS SURVEY

PSRC Associate Planner Ben Kahn presented the results of the survey which asks jurisdictions how they are addressing housing affordability and production. The board asked how PSRC can provide additional support for smaller, expensive housing areas that have adopted fewer housing tools. The board asked if the survey responses could be made available by county, and Mr. Kahn indicated he will provide a link on the PSRC website. The board also asked if it is possible to capture the impacts over time with the expiration of tax breaks and other incentives. The final survey report is available on the PSRC website.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT PROJECTIONS, GROWTH TARGETS, AND LAND USE FORECAST

PSRC Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann provided an update on data and forecasts to support comprehensive plan updates. Ms. Underwood-Bultmann provided an update on recent state projections for population growth in the region and how they compare to previous projections. PSRC has also been working on an updated forecast tool to support comprehensive plan updates called the Land Use VISION – Implemented Targets (LUV-it) product. Board members asked for more information on how counties are addressing housing needs required under HB 1220 (2021) and discussed the challenges of needing to plan for nearly half of all new housing to be in the affordable range. Ms. Underwood-Bultmann added the board will be alerted when the LUV-it forecast product is released.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

PSRC Principal Communications Manager Michele Leslie and Senior Public Engagement Specialist Noah Boggess presented on the update of the public participation plan, which is a federal requirement. The presentation included a timeline of the update process with the goal to adopt the plan in June. Mr. Boggess spoke to the integration of the Equitable Engagement Guidance into the plan and the internal guidelines developed for PSRC staff to develop outreach for individual projects. Next steps include a 45-day comment period before going to the Executive Board for adoption.

NEXT MEETING

The next GMPB board meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023.

Topics include:

- Comprehensive Plan Update Outreach
- Industrial Lands Analysis
- Youth Engagement Program

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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

Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Piset Khuon, PSRC
Ben Bakkenta, PSRC
Robin Klosky, PSRC
Sheila Rogers, PSRC
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Laura Benjamin, PSRC
Paul Inghram, PSRC
Nancy Buonanno-Grennan, PSRC
Maggie Moore, PSRC
Adam Weinstein, City of Kirkland
Lindsay Levine, City of Kirkland
Michele Leslie, PSRC
Allison Zike, City of Kirkland
Thara Johnson
Josh Brown, PSRC
Noah Boggess, PSRC
Ben Kahn, PSRC
Alex Tsimerman

Attachments:

March 2, 2023, GMPB Attendance Roster

Growth Management Policy Board - February 2, 2023				
Voting Members			✓ Non-voting Members	✓
King County	2	CM Dave Upthegrove	1	Associate Members
		CM Joe McDermott	1	Alderwood Water and Wastewater District
Seattle	2	CM Andrew Lewis	1	Thurston Regional Planning Council
		CM Dan Strauss		1 Helen Wheatley
		CM Tammy Morales, Alt		MYR Joe DePinto, Yelm
Bellevue	1	Mayor Lynne Robinson	1	Public Agency Members
		DM Jared Nieuwenhuis, Alt		1 Dave Andersen
Cities/Towns	3	DM Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1	PSRC Committees
		CM Phillippa Kassover, Lake Forest Park	1	Regional Staff Committee
		CM Ed Prince, Renton - Chair	1	1 Andrea Spencer, Bremerton
		CM Melissa Stuart, Alt - Redmond	1	Chip Vincent, Renton Alt
		CM Pam Stuart, Alt - Sammamish	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor
		CP Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah	1	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties
Kitsap County	1	COM Katie Walters		Natural and Built
		COM Charlotte Garrido, Alt	1	Environments
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Seattle Children's
		CM Jeff Coughlin, Alt	1	1 Edna Shim
Cities/Towns	1	DM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment
		CM Jay Rosapepe, Port Orchard, Alt		Futurewise
Pierce County	1	CM Robyn Denson	1	1 Alex Brennan
		CM Paul Herrera, Alt		Tiernan Martin Alt
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Housing Development
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt		Consortium - Seattle/King
Cities & Towns	1	CM Jeni Woock, Gig Harbor	1	Metro Parks Tacoma
		CM Melodi Koenig, Alt - Orting	1	1 Patience Malaba
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
		CM Sam Low, Alt - Snohomish County	1	1 Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dpt
Everett	1	CM Don Schwab	1	Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District Alt
		MYR Cassie Franklin, Alt		Non Voting
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1	11
		CM Erin Murray, Alt - Mountlake Terrace	1	
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		COM Commissioner
		COM Don Meyer, Tacoma Alt		CP Council President
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storrar	1	DM Deputy Mayor
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt		MYR Mayor
				1 = Member for Meeting
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	17	X = Alternate for Meeting

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