



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Growth Management Policy Board September 7, 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 10:01 a.m. by Councilmember Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Marguerite Richard provided in-person public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince recognized a change in representation on the board and welcomed Commissioner Christine Rolfes as the new alternate representing Kitsap County.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann filled in for Director Paul Inghram and updated the board on recent and upcoming events. PSRC hosted a Passport to 2044 webinar on Racial Equity Impact Assessment tools with staff from Race Forward on August 22. Materials from the event are on the PSRC website. Registration is now open for this year's transit-oriented development event From Pandemic to Prosperity: Downtowns Reimagined, which will be held September 29. The event will feature expert panels and walking tours of downtown Seattle. Board members are also encouraged to attend the October 5 GMPB meeting in-person if possible. The meeting will be followed by lunch and a walking tour of the Seattle waterfront.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held July 6, 2023.

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF NON-VOTING SEATS ON THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD

Executive Director Josh Brown reviewed proposed changes to the composition of the non-voting seats on the GMPB. The recommended changes include a permanent seat to be shared by four Public Health Agencies and a seat for the Equity Advisory Committee. Another change includes altering the structure of eight non-voting seats to “up to six” seats. The recommended changes include recruitment on an as-needed basis, rather than three-year staggered terms on a once-a-year schedule. The initial proposal included consolidating the non-voting Community/Environment and Business/Labor seats into a single category labeled “Civic Representative”. The board discussed the proposal and the importance of maintaining seats for multiple perspectives on the board.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Robinson) to recommend the Executive Board adopt the proposed changes to the composition of non-voting seats for the Growth Management Policy Board, as shown on Attachment A.

It was moved and seconded (Dunn/Wahl) to amend Attachment A to strike language to combine civic representative seats. Amendment passed.

FINAL ACTION: Motion passed

The recommendation will be brought to the Executive Board for action September 28, 2023.

RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION OF PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

PSRC Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann reviewed Pierce County’s certification report and presented the certification for the board’s recommendation. VISION 2050 calls for countywide planning policies to be updated to address regional policies. Pierce County’s CPPs were updated through the Pierce County Regional Council and incorporated changes to affordable housing, health, tribal coordination, military lands, and other policies to reflect the policies in VISION 2050.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Denson) to recommend that the Executive Board certify that the countywide planning policies for Pierce County are consistent with the VISION 2050 multicounty planning policies and the Regional Transportation Plan. Motion passed.

The recommendation will be brought to the Executive Board for action September 28, 2023.

CLIMATE GRANTS

The board welcomed Sarah Fox from the WA Department of Commerce to provide an overview of funding and guidance available from the state on planning for climate change. Commerce staff shared that \$30 million is available in statewide climate planning grants for the 2023-2025 biennium. Cities and counties are eligible for funding if their planning activities are climate planning related. The current application window closes on October 31, 2023.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER OUTREACH

Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann provided an overview of the findings from affordable housing developer outreach. In 2021, House Bill 1220 amended the Growth Management Act to require local governments to fully document barriers and strategies to address housing needs at all income levels. PSRC developed a questionnaire and conducted focus group interviews of affordable housing developers to focus on the barriers and opportunities to develop affordable housing in communities. Key feedback from participants focused on zoning, mandatory standards, public opposition, and other factors influencing the cost and complexity of developing housing. PSRC will circulate the published document to jurisdictional partners, respondents, and representatives. Board members encouraged staff to share this resource with elected officials and help identify resources to address housing needs at 0-30% Area Median Income.

EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

PSRC Equity Manager Charles Patton provided a presentation to the board on the Equity Advisory Committee's (EAC) regional equity work and the Regional Equity Strategy. The EAC has been working on the Equity Pilot Program to allocate \$6 million in federal transportation funds to projects supporting equity objectives. At the end of the year, the EAC will review the pilot program, discuss what went well, and share recommendations for the next project selection process. The Transportation Policy Board will review the EAC's recommendations on how to improve project selection in the 2024 funding framework.

DATA TRENDS

Director of Data Craig Helmann provided a background report on the latest trends in the Puget Sound region, including data on transit usage, electric vehicle ownership, population and employment growth, and transportation safety data.

NEXT MEETING

The next GMPB board meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023.

Topics include:

- TOD Event Recap
- Regional Centers Data
- 2024 Legislative Session

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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

Kathryn Johnson, PSRC
Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC
Josh Brown, PSRC
Erika Harris, PSRC
Carolyn Downs, PSRC
Sarah Fox, Washington Department of Commerce
Charles Patton, PSRC
Craig Helmann, PSRC
Maguerite Richard

Attachments:

September 7, 2023 GMPB Attendance Roster

Growth Management Policy Board - September 7, 2023						
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members		✓
King County	2	CM Dave Upthegrove	1	Associate Members		
		CM Joe McDermott	1	Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre
Seattle	2	CM Andrew Lewis		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	Helen Wheatley
		CM Dan Strauss				MYR Joe DePinto , Yelm Alt
		CM Tammy Morales , Alt		Public Agency Members		
Bellevue	1	MYR Lynne Robinson	1	Commerce	1	Dave Andersen
		DM Jared Nieuwenhuis , Alt				Mark Barkley Alt
Cities/Towns	3	DM Traci Buxton , Des Moines	1	PSRC Committees		
		CM Phillippa Kassover , Lake Forest Park	1	Regional Staff Committee	1	Andrea Spencer , Bremerton
		CM Ed Prince , Renton - Chair	1			Vacant
		CM Melissa Stuart , Alt - Redmond	1	Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor		
		CM Pam Stuart , Alt - Sammamish	1	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Jennifer Anderson
Kitsap County	1	COM Katie Walters	1	Natural and Built Environments	1	Angela Rozmyn
		COM Christine Rolfes , Alt				Robert Pantley Alt
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Seattle Children's Hospital	1	Hugh Ewart
		CM Jeff Coughlin , Alt				Chris Ramirez Alt
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jon Quitslund , Bainbridge Isl	1	Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment		
		CM Joe Deets , Bainbridge Isl, Alt		Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan
Pierce County	1	CM Robyn Denson	1			Tiernan Martin Alt
		CM Paul Herrera , Alt		Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Patience Malaba
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Metro Parks Tacoma	1	Jesse Simpson Alt
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh , Alt				Debbie Terwilliger
Cities & Towns	1	CM Melodi Koenig , Orting				
		Mayor Josh Penner , Alt - Orting		Kitsap Public Health District	1	Dr. Gib Morrow , Kitsap Public Health District
Snohomish County	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1			Vacant Alt
		CM Sam Low , Alt - Snohomish County		Non Voting	11	
Everett	1	CM Don Schwab				
		MYR Cassie Franklin , Alt				
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl , Mountlake Terrace	1			
		CM Erin Murray , Alt - Mountlake Terrace				
Federally Recognized Tribes						
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant				
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel				
		Jennifer Keating Alt				
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rich Purser				Abbreviations
		Vacant Alt				CM Councilmember
Statutory Members						
Ports	1	COM Fred Felleman , Seattle	1			COM Commissioner
		COM Don Meyer , Tacoma Alt				CP Council President
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storarr	1			DM Deputy Mayor
		JoAnn Schueler , Alt				MYR Mayor
						1 = Member for Meeting
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	15			X = Alternate for Meeting