



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

Growth Management Policy Board
Thursday, July 18, 2024
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Council President Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person provided public comment and submitted a written public comment:

- Heidi Siegelbaum

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince noted Tiernan Martin leaving the board and his position with Futurewise and thanked him for his work on the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board and updated the board on highlights from PSRC's regional population trend, the state Joint Transportation Committee release of a Request for Proposal for a transit-oriented development study and gave a brief introduction of the agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held June 6, 2024.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (M. Stuart/Bader) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM: OPEN SPACE TRENDS

Staff provided a summary of the research findings and trends of open space conservation and enhancements to monitor implementation of the [Regional Open Space Conservation Plan](#). Board members are encouraged to review the [Open Space Trends Report](#) and share it with staff who work on natural resources, park, trail and open space issues. Suggestions can be sent to Erika Harris by August 23. The board contributed comments including lack of accessible transit and affordable housing for farm workers, the impact of tree canopy on health outcomes, safety issues around trail systems, how to promote tree canopy cover while building housing, concerns with tree canopy and utility right of way and green roofs.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PROTECTING MATURE TREES WHILE ADDING HOUSING

David Moehring, an architect and former Seattle urban forestry commissioner, and Mike Carey, Tacoma Urban Forest Program Manager, discussed how mature trees can be protected even when cities work to accommodate housing. The presenters provided resources that cities and counties can use to embrace both mature trees and more housing and PSRC staff are looking into additional guidance. Board members made comments on addressing struggling existing trees due to the climate, updates of local jurisdictions' tree codes and engaging realtors on how trees add value to property.

DISCUSSION ITEM: TREE EQUITY COLLABORATIVE

The [Washington State Tree Equity Collaborative](#) was presented to the board by Michael Liang from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The Tree Equity Collaborative aims to enhance neighborhood tree canopy cover by building rigorous and inclusive urban forestry programs. Members of the collaborative receive benefits like access to a statewide network for urban forestry professionals and stakeholders, invitations to tree equity learning labs and technical assistance from the Department of Natural Resources and American Forests. Members can also use a [Tree Equity Score Tool](#) which provides information to help prioritize expanding tree cover equitably. The collaborative is looking to expand its membership and board members are encouraged to share information about the Tree Equity Collaborative.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Thursday, September 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- Local Coordination with Tribes
- Transit-Oriented Development Updates

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attendance Roster – July 18, 2024

Growth Management Policy Board - July 18, 2024							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
King County	2	CM Sarah Perry	1	Associate Members			
		Vacant		Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre	1
Seattle				Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	John McClellan Alt	
	2	CM Tammy Morales	1	Public Agency Members		COM Chris Stearns	
		CM Maritza Rivera				Marc Daily Alt	
Bellevue		CM Tanya Woo, Alt		Commerce	1	Dave Andersen	
	1	CM Janice Zahn	1			Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns		CM Dave Hamilton, Alt		Public Health Agencies	1	Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District	1
	3	MYR Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1			DIR Chantall Harmon Reed, Tac-Pierce Cnty Alt	
		CP Ed Prince, Renton - Chair	1	PSRC Committees			
		CM Melissa Stuart, Redmond	1	Regional Staff Committee	1	Andrea Spencer	
		MYR Kelli Curtis, Alt - Kirkland	1			Arun Sambataro, Alt	1
		CM Pam Stuart, Alt - Sammamish	1	Equity Advisory Committee	1	Shannon Turner	1
Kitsap County		CP Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah	1			Lisa Espinosa, Alt	
	1	COM Katie Walters		Private/Civic Members-Business/Labor			
Bremerton		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt		Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Jennifer Anderson	
	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1			Brian Holtzclaw	1
Cities/Towns		CP Jennifer Chamberlin, Alt		Natural and Built Environments (exp. Individual)	1	Angela Rozmyn	
	1	CM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1			Robert Pantley Alt	
Pierce County		DM Ashley Mathews, Alt - Bainbridge Isl	1			Charlotte Murry	1
	1	CM Robyn Denson				Vacant Alt	
Tacoma		CM Paul Herrera, Alt		Private/Civic Members-Community/Environment			
	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan	1
Cities & Towns		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt				Vacant Alt	
	1	CM Nikki Bufford, Fircrest	1	Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Patience Malaba	
Snohomish County		MYR Josh Penner, Alt - Orting		Emerald Alliance	1	Jesse Simpson Alt	
	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1			Tracy Stanton	1
Everett		CM Sam Low, Alt				Vacant Alt	
	1	CM Scott Bader	1				
Cities/Towns		MYR Cassie Franklin, Alt					
	1	CM Mike Dixon, Mukilteo	1	Non Voting	12		8
		MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Alt - Mntlake Terr.					
Federally Recognized Tribes							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians		Andrew Strobel					
	1	Jennifer Keating Alt					
Suquamish Tribe		Rob Purser					
	1	Alison O'Sullivan Alt					
Statutory Members							
Ports		COM Don Meyer, Tacoma	1				
	1	COM Deanna Keller, Alt - Tacoma					
WSDOT		Jeff Storrar	1				
	1	JoAnn Schueler, Alt					
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	15				