

King County
GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

March 27, 2024

Remote Meeting via Zoom Webinar
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Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representing King County:

Dow Constantine, Chair
Claudia Balducci
Sarah Perry

Representing Seattle:

Tammy Morales

Representing Bellevue:

Jared Nieuwenhuis

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Kelli Curtis – Kirkland
Syd Dawson – Maple Valley
Satwinder Kaur – Kent
Kent Treen – Sammamish
Ryan McIrvine – Renton
* Lydia Assefa-Dawson – Federal Way
* Melissa Stuart – Redmond
* Suzan Torguson – North Bend
* *Alternates*

Other GMPC Members:

Ryan Stokes – Snoqualmie Valley School District
Nav Otal – Sammamish Plateau Sewer and Water District

AGENDA TOPICS:

I. Welcome and Introductions

King County Executive and Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) Chair Dow Constantine convened the meeting.

II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from March 27, 2024

The summary was moved by Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Nieuwenhuis. The summary was unanimously approved by voice vote.

III. Public Comment

Comments from the public were provided as follows:

- Kristen Bryant, representing the Friends of Black Diamond, made comments related to the Growth Targets Reconciliation Topic. This organization also provided written comments that were distributed to members of GMPC.
- Michael Birdsall made comments related to the Growth Targets Reconciliation Topic.

IV. Growth Target Reconciliation Process

King County staff Rebeccah Maskin updated the GMPC on work done by the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) to develop guiding principles for this potential process. In addition, she presented the IJT recommendation on pursuing reconciliation, which states “Direct IJT to proceed with designing a process to amend or reconcile growth targets, in line with the recommended guiding principles for reconciliation.” GMPC provided comments in support of the guiding principles and suggested a few changes to clarify and strengthen them. GMPC members also concurred with the recommendation which will allow staff to continue to work on this topic.

V. Countywide Centers Designation Process

King County staff Ivan Miller provided an overview of the Countywide Centers topic with a focus on the planning related expectations in the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). He noted that following outreach to all jurisdictions in King County to assess how they are planning for their countywide centers, IJT was likely to recommend CPP changes to provide jurisdictions more flexibility in how they meet the requirements in the CPPs. GMPC provided comments that supported increased flexibility.

VI. GMPC Affordable Housing Committee

King County staff McCaela Daffern provided an update on the work the GMPC’s Affordable Housing Committee (AHC), its membership, and its Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program. She started with an overview of the role and function of the AHC. GMPC members were asked for concurrence to recommend two new members to the AHC – King County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda and Seattle City Councilmember Cathy Moore. The GMPC

unanimously provided their concurrence. McCaela then provided an overview of past work of the AHC, work proposed in 2024, and the timing and role for the GMPC in this future work. King County staff Isaac Horwith discussed the early insights from the AHC's staff review of draft city and town comprehensive plans. GMPC members discussed the varying plan review process that have similar but unique review processes. McCaela concluded the presentation by discussing the AHC's monitoring work.

VII. King County 10-Year Countywide Growth Management Planning Calendar

King County staff Ivan Miller provided an overview of the 10-Year King County Countywide Growth Management Planning Calendar that IJT maintains to support long-range countywide planning in King County. He noted that while many of the dates are fixed in statute, code, or are otherwise outside of the control of the GMPC, some are flexible and IJT will consider adjustments over time and bring those to GMPC for approval through the adoption of their annual work program.

VIII. Adjourn

Executive Constantine thanked the GMPC for their time and work. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.