

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
Rod Dembowski
Teresa Mosqueda
Sarah Perry

Representing Seattle:

Tammy Morales

Representing Bellevue:

Jared Nieuwenhuis

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

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

Other GMPC Members:

Ryan Stokes – Snoqualmie Valley School District
Nav Ota – 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. Chair Constantine welcomed new members to the GMPC. Staff affirmed that a quorum had been achieved.

II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from September 27, 2023

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

III. Public Comment

- No members of the public provided comments.

IV. Briefing: Legislative Session Update

Dave Anderson, Managing Director for Growth Management Services at the Washington State Department of Commerce provided an overview of the 2024 legislative session. Dave covered the following topics – the larger issues in play in the session, the bills that passed, the relevant funding in the budget, the unresolved issues, and upcoming work in the interim.

Dave characterized the bills that passed as being relatively modest and they were related to housing (HB 1998), parking standards (HB 1351), rural centers (SB 6140), commercial adaptive reuse of commercial structures (HB 1042), public notice requirements (HB 1105), as well as some ‘clean-up’ bills to address issues from past sessions. Dave also summarized planning-related funding that was included in the state budget.

V. Action Item: Approval of GMPC 2024 Workplan

King County staff Ivan Miller provided an overview of the GMPC 2024 workplan. The workplan was reviewed by GMPC at their last meeting in 2023 and is under consideration for adoption at this meeting. Staff noted the key work items for 2024 which include countywide center designations, growth target reconciliation processes, as well as standard briefings on topics such as annexation, school siting, and other topics.

A motion to adopt the workplan as presented, with one technical correction to the meeting dates, was proposed by Councilmember Syd Dawson and seconded by Mayor Curtis. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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 wrapped up the presentation by discussing the AHC's monitoring work.

VII. Growth Target Reconciliation Process

King County staff Rebeccah Maskin provided information on the growth targets process used in King County, as well as the policy direction in the CPPs related to the ability to recommend changes to targets, referred to as reconciliation, upon a request from a jurisdiction in King County. The CPPs require that the growth target be used as the land use assumption in a jurisdiction's comprehensive plan.

Rebeccah noted that the GMPC had received a city request for target reconciliation. To address this, Interjurisdictional Team staff will be working through the topic and will bring a recommendation to GMPC for action in 2024. Components of this work will need to address timing, principles to guide the request, and the range of potential actions. Rebeccah noted that GMPC will take action in the summer on whether or not to continue to pursue this process, in advance of any decision on specific jurisdiction requests.

VIII. Countywide Centers Designation Process

King County staff Ivan Miller provided an overview of the Countywide Centers issue. He discussed the history of countywide center policy creation, temporary center designations by GMPC in 2020, and potential upcoming work.

IX. Adjourn

Executive Constantine thanked the GMPC for their time and work. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.