

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Puget Sound Regional Council Boardroom
Seattle, WA

MEETING SUMMARY

Members present:

King County Executive Dow Constantine, Chair
Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Joe McDermott, King County

Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Mercer Island
Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific
Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie
Councilmember Tom McLeod, Tukwila
Council President Ed Prince, Renton
Councilmember Susan Boundy-Sanders, Woodinville
Councilmember Satwinder Kaur, Kent
Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline
Councilmember Pam Stuart, Sammamish

Forrest Miller, Representing School Districts, Lake Washington School District

Ron Speer, Representing Water and Sewer Districts, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, SCA Caucus Chair, convened the meeting at 4:10 pm. GMPC members introduced themselves. Mayor Bertlin moved the agenda items to accommodate schedules of GMPC members.

Agenda Item III – Public Comment - *No public comment offered.*

Agenda Item V – Discussion Item: VISION 2050 Scoping

The purpose of having this item on the GMPC agenda is for the GMPC to consider sending a joint letter to the PSRC regarding the VISION 2050 Scoping during the comment period. PSRC staff briefed the GMPC on the VISION 2050 Scoping discussion item stating that the purpose of scoping period is to provide a notice of intent to update VISION 2040, to seek public comment, and to serve as the scoping for SEPA notice. The GMPC members then reviewed the list of suggested comments that was prepared by the Interjurisdictional Staff Team (IJT.) The only change to the suggested comments made by the GMPC was to the sentence regarding growth into centers. The new wording is: “Among the cities, continue to direct the majority of growth into cities with regional centers.” The GMPC directed staff to turn the suggested comments into a letter from the GMPC to PSRC by the comment deadline of March 19, 2018.

Agenda Item IV – Discussion Item: Motion 18-1: School Siting Policy

Executive Dow Constantine resumed duties as Chair of the GMPC. Executive Constantine opened the discussion reminding the GMPC that the proposed motion is a result of the discussion at the last GMPC meeting in November. As is tradition at the GMPC, the motion is on for discussion only and not for voting, which would occur at the next meeting, if the body so desires. For the benefit of the new members, Chair Constantine stated that school siting has been a signature issue for the GMPC since 2012 when new policies were added to the Countywide Planning Policies directing local jurisdictions to work collaboratively with the school districts to site schools within the UGA. Chair Constantine explained that this motion outlines steps that all jurisdictions can take to make urban schools a reality across the county. Following discussion by the GMPC members, one revision was suggested: adding in a provision for the consideration of allowing playfields in the Rural Area adjacent to schools in the UGA with direct access from the UGA. The GMPC directed staff to revise the motion and bring it back for consideration at their next meeting.

Staff affirmed that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item II – approval of the minutes from November 29, 2017. The minutes were approved.

Executive Constantine adjourned the meeting at 5:28 pm.