

## GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
Puget Sound Regional Council Boardroom  
1011 Western Ave, Suite 500  
Seattle, WA

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Members present:

Executive Dow Constantine, King County  
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County  
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County  
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County  
Councilmember Joe McDermott, King County  
Councilmember Upthegrove, King County

#### Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Mercer Island  
Councilmember Fran Hollums, Covington  
Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie  
Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah  
Councilmember Tom McLeod, Tukwila  
Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline  
Councilmember Pam Stuart, Sammamish

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King County Executive Dow Constantine convened the meeting at 4:07 pm. GMPC members introduced themselves.

Staff affirmed that a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item II – approval of the minutes from November 28, 2018.** The minutes were approved.

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

#### **Agenda Item V – Discussion: VISION 2050 DSEIS**

Executive Constantine introduced the agenda topic stating that PSRC is in the process of updating VISION 2050, the long-range plan for the four-county region. He further stated that this is an opportunity to assess what VISION 2050 means for King County, specifically. He reminded the GMPC that they sent a letter last year on the scoping process as VISION 2050 was getting started. And, as the VISION 2050 update process continues, the GMPC has the opportunity to provide additional comments on PSRC's environmental review.

Liz Underwood-Bultman, PSRC, presented an overview of the DSEIS process and initial findings. The comment period will be a total of 61 days, concluding on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The DSEIS analyzed three alternatives: Stay the Course (the no-action alternative), Transit Focused Growth (accelerated growth

near high capacity transit corridors), and Reset Urban Growth (extension of current growth patterns.) There is a separate equity analysis accompanying the DSEIS.

The GMPC members expressed support for developing a letter and directed the IJT to bring a draft letter back for consideration at the March 27<sup>th</sup> GMPC meeting. Mayor Bertlin, on behalf of SCA, requested that the schedule include ample time for SCA to review the comments prior to the deadline of April 29<sup>th</sup>. Karen Wolf, King County, committed to working with SCA staff and the IJT to ensure that each of the GMPC caucuses has ample time for review.

#### **Agenda Item IV – Discussion: GMPC Affordable Housing Committee**

Executive Constantine introduced the agenda topic stating the GMPC is now moving forward on the implementation of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force recommendations. He noted that King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci and Kenmore Mayor David Baker served as co-chairs of the Task Force for 1 ½ years culminating last December with the approval of the Five-Year Action Plan. Executive Constantine reminded the GMPC that last November the body agreed to support the formation of the Affordable Housing Committee to the GMPC.

Councilmember Balducci, now a member of the GMPC, thanked the GMPC for their support in the formation of the Affordable Housing Committee. Councilmember Balducci emphasized that this committee would serve as a coordinating body for the county and a place where elected officials and interested parties can work together, share information, and deepen their understanding of affordable housing challenges. Councilmember Balducci informed the GMPC that King County has allocated \$1.3 million to this effort with \$300,000 dedicated to creating and maintaining a data dashboard and \$1 million allocated for administrative support.

Kelly Rider, King County, briefed the GMPC on the proposed composition of the Committee, the draft charter, and proposed work program for the remainder of the year.

Councilmember Marts, on behalf of SCA, stated that SCA would like to appoint their 4 members to ensure balanced geographic representation. Executive Constantine stated that his expectation was that each caucus – King County, Seattle, and SCA – would appoint their own members.

The members asked staff to clarify the role of delegates and voting protocols. The GMPC expressed support for moving forward with the Affordable Housing Committee.

#### **Agenda Item VI – 2019 GMPC Agenda Items**

Karen Wolf, King County staff, briefed the GMPC on the work items for 2019 and stated that there will be four additional GMPC meetings to cover all of the work program items. Topics to be considered in 2019 include: continued discussion on the formation of the GMPC Housing Committee, the VISION 2050 DSEIS, the VISION 2050 draft plan, Urban Growth Capacity (aka Buildable Lands), and possible amendments to the CPPs.

Executive Constantine adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.