

**KING COUNTY**  
**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**July 24, 2019**

**Puget Sound Regional Council Conference Room**  
**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  
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County  
Councilmember McDermott, King County

Councilmember Michael O'Brien, Seattle  
Councilmember Abel Pacheco, Seattle

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Mayor Debbie Bertlin, Mercer Island  
Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific  
Councilmember Fran Hollums, Covington  
Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie  
Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah  
Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline  
Councilmember Pam Stuart, Sammamish

Representing Special Purpose Districts

General Manager, Ron Speer, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District  
Ryan Stokes, Assistant Superintendent, Snoqualmie Valley School District

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King County Executive Dow Constantine convened the meeting at 4:00 pm. GMPC members introduced themselves.

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

**Agenda Item IV – Greater Downtown Kirkland Urban Center**

Kirkland Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold addressed the GMPC to ask for their support for the urban center designation for Greater Downtown Kirkland. Deputy Mayor Arnold was followed by Kirkland Director of Planning and Building Adam Weinstein who provided data on the proposal.

The GMPC expressed support for moving forward with the application to amend the Countywide Planning Policies at the GMPC meeting in September. Questions were raised about affordable housing and school siting within the proposed urban center. Director Weinstein will address both issues in the subsequent briefing before the GMPC in September. King County Executive Dow Constantine and King

County Councilmember Claudia Balducci both expressed desire for an expedited transmittal process so the legislation can go out for city ratification as soon as possible.

Staff affirmed that a quorum was present.

**Agenda Item II – approval of the minutes from March 27, 2019.** The minutes were approved.

**Agenda Item V – Discussion: GMPC Affordable Housing Committee**

Executive Constantine recapped the discussion of the previous GMPC meeting regarding the establishment of the Affordable Housing Committee and stated that he is pleased that the GMPC is moving forward on implementation of the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force. The first meeting of the Committee was June 21<sup>st</sup> and the second meeting is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Balducci is Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee with Nicole Vallesterro Keenan-Lai who is the Executive Director of Puget Sage serving at the Vice-Chair.

**Agenda Item VI – Discussion: Draft VISION 2050 Plan**

Executive Constantine started the discussion by stating that this presents an opportunity, as representatives of King County, to understand what VISION 2050 means to King County and to share that perspective with the region. Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC, presented a short PowerPoint summarizing the highlights of the Draft VISION 2050 Plan. Karen Wolf, King County, presented the themes to form the basis of a GMPC comment letter as developed by the IJT. The GMPC discussed issues including: implementation of the Regional Growth Strategy and how that will affect the setting of targets in King County, climate change reflective of the K4C, and financial tools to implement GMA.

**Agenda Item VII – Discussion: Update on Buildable Lands Schedule**

Rebecca Maskin, King County, briefed the GMPC on the Urban Growth Capacity Study (Buildable Lands), which will come to the GMPC for approval in 2020. A technical committee has formed to go over the data collection process. Staff from all jurisdictions are invited to join the meetings. The discussion focused on connections to the target setting process and incorporating local flexibility to technical assumptions. The IJT will propose revisions to the Countywide Planning Policies for GMPC approval in 2020 to address new state requirements and regional collaboration.

**Agenda Item VI – Discussion: Update on Annexation Report**

Karen Meyering, King County, briefed the GMPC on the Annexation Report that provides data on all of the remaining urban unincorporated areas in King County. There are approximately 100 urban unincorporated islands. To date, Ms. Meyering has met with fifteen cities to discuss these areas within or adjacent to their cities.

Executive Constantine adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm.