

**Green New Dean Oversight Board (GNDOB)  
Meeting Notes**

<b>MEETING SUMMARY</b>	<b>Date:</b> May 16, 2022 <b>Time:</b> 5:00pm – 7:00pm <b>Location:</b> Webex	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	1. Maria Batayola 2. Tomas Madrigal 3. Ken Workman 4. Keith Weir 5. Nina Olivier 6. Debolina Banerjee 7. Andrea Ornelas 8. Deepa Sivarajan	9. Eunice How 10. Matt Remle 11. Hibo Sahal 12. Kristina Chu 13. Rachel Heaton 14. Steve Gelb 15. Dennis Comer
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Jess Wallach Emily Myers Syris Valentine	
<b>GUESTS:</b>	Jessyn Farrell, <i>OSE Director</i>	

<b>DECISIONS MADE</b>	•
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
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**Meeting Notes**

*D. Banerjee, M. Batayola, GNDOB Co-Chairs, and Sara Cubillos, Green New Deal Advisor facilitated the meeting.*

*Notes taken by Ximena Fonseca Morales*

**Welcome, introductions, and approval of meeting minutes**

- Debolina started the meeting, introductions of members, and led the land acknowledgement.
- **BOARD ACTION Motion:** Andrea moves to adopt the notes from March 21 and April 18. Matt seconds motion.

- **Vote:** unanimously approved - 11 members

### OSE Director Jessyn Farrell Introduction

- Director Farrell introduced the One Seattle Climate Strategy; a framework to be used City-wide
- Achieving Climate Justice:
  - Scale what works and deploy tools rapidly which within 3 strategies:
    - Building a diverse Green Economy & Invest Overburdened Communities
    - Reducing Carbon Pollution & Support a just transition away from fossil fuels
    - Adapt to climate change impacts & build a healthy, resilient community
- One Seattle Policies to achieve Climate Justice
  - *Building a Diverse Green Economy:* Deploy investment strategy to advance energy career pathways, trainings, economic development, WMBE growth, and youth mentorship.
  - *Reducing Carbon Pollution & Greenhouse Gas Emissions:* decarbonizing transportation and building sectors using a justice and equity lens. Nexus of transit and transit orientated development while deploying investment and creating a housing strategy that builds community stability.
  - *Building Community Resiliency & Health:* Place-based resilience efforts led by community members, tree canopy equity, emergency preparedness including resilience hubs, and making sure the grid supports these efforts.
- Director Farrell is focused on the overall cross-department strategy, including the vision and investment strategy
- Questions/Comments/Requests:
  - Steve – **Q:** could you elaborate on how you see the intersection of the work at OSE and the housing crisis?
    - **A:** Draw a through line between climate resiliency and housing stability. Having alignment around an investment strategy as well as a vision.
    - **Q:** One thing that seems lacking is strong goals and a pathway through a concrete plan to reach the aspirational climate goals. Concerned about the targets we have to meet and how we hold ourselves accountable.
    - **A:** Considering the need to overlay the steps necessary of an investment strategy to reduce our emission.
  - Tomas – request: can staff provide an organizational chart of OSE.
  - Maria – comment: positive to hear about the One Seattle strategy for climate work. Envision an executive order that weaves climate and equity within the processes that community engages with departments.
- Question from Director Farrel for GNDOB: how often should she join GNDOB meetings?

### Updates & announcements

- Tree Ordinance letter of support
  - Maria presenting as Chair of the Beacon Hill Council
  - Beacon Hill needs trees due to air and noise pollution from I-5, I-90, MLK Jr. Way and Rainier Avenue.
  - Beacon Hill is the most gentrified neighborhood with a population of 40,100+, 70% BIPOC and and 44% foreign-born
  - The Beacon Hill Council is concerned about the Tree Ordinance because it does not follow guidance from the Urban Forestry Commission and does not include a race and social justice analysis

- South area has lower tree canopy than any other area and the Tree Ordinance uses 2016 LiDAR canopy data
- Request to Mayor was to:
  - Conduct an interdisciplinary review (Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection, Office of Sustainability & Environment, Office of Housing)
  - Align the policy with the GND Ordinance and RSJI policies
  - Create a national model for tree canopy protection and enhancement critical for community resiliency, specially BIPOC communities
- Environmental and health impacts include:
  - Established air pollution health impacts: asthma attacks, reduced lung capacity, eyes/nose/throat/lungs irritation, heart disease, and cancer
  - Established noise pollution health impacts: heart disease, sleep disturbance, stress, general annoyance, and lower math and reading test scores for schools without noise insulation.
  - Combined air and noise impacts make health issues worse
  - There is also health issues related to ultrafine particular matter, particularly a correlation to low birth weight
- Beacon Hill has a Community Action plan developed in 2017 which included planting trees but now given the development in Beacon Hill, there is a need to advocate keeping existing trees
- Questions/Comments:
  - Keith question: does this take into account the World Health Organization report on noise impacts on sleep and health?
    - **A:** Washington legislature required a study by King County public health and inventories the studies and impacts.
  - Ken question: new trees are planted and now they're being removed?
    - **A:** community advocated to add more trees but with the development, older trees are being removed. It's importance for the tree ordinance to include a climate overlay for the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection to use. Need trees for climate and community resiliency but the rules have not caught up yet.
  - Matt comment: thank you for your work on this.
- **BOARD ACTION Motion:** Matt motions to approve drafting letter in support of a tree ordinance effort. Tomas seconds motion.
  - A "Yes, I approve"
  - B "Yes, with reservations"
  - C "Not voting until we have further discussion"
  - D "I don't approve, but I don't block"
  - E "I block, with serious concerns"
  - F "Stand aside. Recuse myself"
  - **Vote:** approved 10 A, 1 B.
- Comment via chat from Jennifer Pritchard (guest): Thank you so much Maria. SPU is planning to do construction in Dead Horse Canyon in Rainier Beach, taking out hundreds of plants and trees. We can use a lot of this information in our work to protect the trees in RB.
- Chek-in on reappointment process:
  - Mayoral appointments and reappointments were approved by the Mayor's office. All Board and Council appointments have been processed while Council reappointments

are being processed. Staff will coordinate the Council committee hearing and Council confirmation and will reach out to members with more details as soon as they are available.

- Upcoming Election of Executive Committee (Sara)
  - o Maria's and Syris's terms ended April 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Given the Board is in the budget recommendations process, the idea for GNDOB consideration is to vote for the Maria and Syris to continue as co-chairs for the month of May.
  - o In June, staff will reach out with the election process for the two vacant co-chair seats as outlined in the bylaws.
  - o **BOARD ACTION Motion:** Steve moves to extend Maria's and Syris' co-chair term through the end of May. Keith seconds motion.
    - **Vote:** unanimously approved - 11 members

**Public Comment** – no comments

#### **Conflict of Interest**

- Update: Will do a deeper dive on conflict-of-interest procedures at the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting

#### **Budget Recommendation Process Presentation**

- These budget recommendations inform the 2022, and 2023-2024 budget.
- Overview of Community + Board Input on Budget Recommendations process:
  - o Engagement Stats
    - 4.18 listening session – 67 attendees
    - Community input survey – 76 respondents
    - Oversight Board member survey – 12 respondents
    - Through the 3 engagement areas, had over 120 ideas shared about opportunities to advance the goals of the Green New Deal
  - o Community survey top 3 priorities:
    - Improve reliability of public transportation System
    - Transition the transportation sector away from fossil fuels
    - Build wealth in disadvantaged communities to counter historic disinvestments and cumulative inequities
  - o Oversight Board's top 3 priorities:
    - Transition buildings away from fossil fuels
    - Build wealth in disadvantaged communities to counter historic disinvestments and cumulative inequities
    - Create living wage careers in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce
  - o Budget recommendations process:
    - Combined community input survey and GNDOB input survey which were grouped into 9 categories.
    - Some recommendations are very specific and some are vague
    - The budget working groups provided input this information and provided broad themes which can inform budget recommendations
- Board Process to refine and approve recommendations
  - o Members will review all this content through the end of this week

- May 24 and 26, members can join drop in sessions to ask questions and further refine the draft recommendations.
- May 31 the full board will discuss and vote on final recommendations
- Overview of Budget Recommendations expectations
  - Tomas: important for the GNDOB to transparently communicate to the public about who is making decisions about the budget available and how the decisions are made. Additionally, the input received points to considering budget recommendations that does not overly fund individuals who are already wealthy. It will be important to track how these decisions are made within the Board.
  - Questions/Comments:
    - Steve comment: suggest that everyone contributes their knowledge of a given topic and budgets to make these budget recommendations more specific.
    - Debolina comment – consider looking at nuances of the recommendations. For instance, we talked about electric vehicle car share and electric vehicle rebates, but we could home into a very specific community.
    - Dennis question: how many studies and research do we need to conduct before we just focus on pilot projects? What’s a pilot project in our community that we can add to one of the 9 budget recommendation themes?
      - Follow up from Steve: how do we take pilots that we have already done and scale them up?

#### **GND Budget Recommendations Process Mural Board**

- The Budget Workgroup synthesized and organized all input received into themes. Also developed a draft, general budget recommendation per theme.
- Themes include: focus on youth; research + planning; workforce development; green jobs in local government; transportation; outreach + engagement + building connections; energy efficiency programs for residential buildings; commercial buildings retrofits + energy generation; climate resilience + environmental justice
- Questions/comments:
  - Steve question: there are no budgetary costs on the mural board. Do we need to come up with some or all of those budgetary items? Should we have specific budget numbers for each recommendation or specific programs?
    - **A:** Maria asks Sara to add information about the program-related costs to the raw input data.
  - Maria question to Akshay: do we have a revenue forecast?
    - **A** Akshay: there is a public revenue forecast that will be shared. It is still unclear how much will be set aside for the Green New Deal. According to the resolution, it is 9% but there ongoing discussions within City Council about maintaining that amount or considering a different amount given backfill requirements for the general fund. There is a shortfall number that will be shared but it can change based on how the revenue forecast changes.
    - Request from Tomas: as possible, please identify the decision-makers about how much will be allocated for the GND.

#### **Meeting Close Out**

- Keith moves to adjourn meeting
- Steve seconds motion