

Green New Dean Oversight Board (GNDOB)

Meeting Notes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: August 15, 2022 Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm Location: Webex	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	1. Maria Batayola 2. Tomas Madrigal 3. Ken Workman 4. Nina Olivier 5. Andrea Ornelas 6. Rachel Heaton 7. Debolina Banerjee	8. Eunice How 9. Matt Remle 10. Kristina Chu 11. Steve Gelb 12. Syris Valentine 13. Peter Hasegawa
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Hibo Sahal, Dennis Comer, Jess Wallach, Keith Weir, Deepa Sivarajan, Emily Myers	
GUESTS:	Patrice Carroll, Office of Planning & Community Development Mark Leahy, Dorothy Gesick	

DECISIONS MADE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unanimous vote to approve Maria & Syris for another term as co-chairs and for Debolina to continue as member at large 2. Approved June 27 meeting minutes 3. Unanimous approval for the Executive Committee to draft a comment letter to the Office of Planning & Community Development to recommend that the One Seattle Comp Plan include goals from the GND Ordinance to eliminate GHG by 2030 and reduce health disparities for frontline communities as it plans Seattle's natural and built environment
-----------------------	--

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	Draft a comment letter to submit to OPCD as part of the Seattle Comprehensive Plan update	GND Executive Committee	
2	Form a committee to explore the policy concept of Community Benefits Agreements	Steve Gelb Lead Interested members: M. Batayola, K. Chu	
3			

4			
---	--	--	--

Meeting Notes

M. Batayola, S. Valentine, & D. Banerjee GNDOB Co-Chairs and Lylianna Allala, Climate Justice Director facilitated the meeting.

Notes taken by Gaby Seltzer + Lylianna Allala

Welcomes and Introductions

- Motion to Approve the Minutes – Unanimously approved

- **Updates and Announcements**
 - o **GND 2022 Budget Updates:** The GND Executive Committee will meet with OSE Director Farrell, Lylianna Allala (OSE), Akshay Iyengar (CBO) and Adiam Emery, Executive General Manager in the Mayor’s Office for a meet and greet and a high-level discussion of the GND Board budget recommendations. Meeting is scheduled Thursday August 18.
 - o Once the Mayor’s Office and the City Budget Office (CBO) finalize the 2022 budget legislation and investments, the legislation will be sent to City Council for a briefing and approval. The investment package should be finalized in September.
 - o The Mayor’s Office is simultaneously working with CBO on crafting a proposed budget for 2023 as well.
 - o The GND Board will get a copy of the proposed 2023 budget when that is transmitted to Council. This is true of when the Board will receive a copy of the proposed 2022 budget legislation and investments.
 - o **Questions & Comments:**
 - Maria: When will GNDOB get a copy of the budget?
 - When the legislation is transmitted to council. Estimate
 - Steve: If standalone legislation goes to council in September and we’re invited, should we also share our recommendations to the Mayor to the council for consideration?
 - We’re on the same wavelength – this will be an opportunity to speak to the entire process and recommendations, not just 2022 components
 - Comment from Maria: We need to think of a quicker process in case there are other elements that the Mayor has included that we want to support (in or out of GND funding) Wants GNDOB to have a united response to the budget proposal.
 - Steve: Is there a negotiation process between the budget writers and the OB, to carry forward the intent from the recommendations? Could the executive committee play that role of responding more quickly?
 - Maria: budget negotiations need to occur before the transmittal of the legislation

- Syris: that's a role the executive committee could play, though probably won't have time in the meeting this week (only 25 mins)
 - Debolina: Executive committee needs to know if we are representing the group, need to carve out time for prep
 - Steve: Could we carve out optional meeting times around the expected schedule?
 - Maria: exec committee can do prework, send out to the rest of the board for workshopping
 - Tomas: It's important to know the parameters of negotiations. This board can give recommendations but is not a decision-making body. What opportunities are there to influence the decisions the Mayor makes before a draft is sent out? The Executive Committee's role is to develop relationships, to build pathways for future influence
 - Ken: Asks that the committee seek an answer from the Mayor on why, if budget recommendations are not followed
 - Eunice: Is there a way to get a temperature check on how the City received the recommendations?
 - Lyli: Initial reactions from City were that people were impressed and thought the recommendations were actionable. Recommendations were received quite well
 - Andrea: agreement with Ken's request
 - Ken: Can the EC also ask council what the next steps are?
 - Steve: If in the first round of funding items are removed or reduced, could these items be pulled forward in 2023?
 - Maria: Invites everyone on board to continue giving feedback and ideas until Wednesday
- o **Beacon Hill Urban Forestry Letter Update:** Letter was sent to the Mayor and relevant department directors. Lylianna received an acknowledgement of receipt along with a thank you for the board. No additional questions or comments.
- o **Board Engagement Committee Update:** Committee members have been unavailable so there are limited updates. There is interest from the committee to have 1 pagers developed for the public to better understand who the GNOB is, role, responsibilities and processes for getting involved in giving public comment, and getting involved in the budget recommendations process. They are interested in developing a contact list of community orgs to specifically reach out to. There is interest in the board hosting regular public forums to solicit feedback from the public. There is interest in tabling at community events.
- o **Questions & Comments:**
- Steve: should we be open to more community volunteers to help support our work? Could expand our capacity

- Maria: Hope that this is included in budget. Concerned about appearance of undue influence. Also wants to make sure community engagement is equitable, and OB knows WHY they are reaching out/purpose. Has a list of frontline communities
 - Debolina: there are lots of events happening over weekends in Seattle. Having a one pager would be helpful for anyone attending events (or training others to spread the word as well)
 - Tomas: very important that information is available in the bylaws, because not everyone will be reached through outreach efforts. There should be a process for liability protection. Community engagement plans could be helpful to justify
 - Lylianna: Reminder that part of GNDOB's work is crafting a workplan with engagement plan. Could think about specific communities to prioritize in that as well
 - Maria: Lylianna and executive team should discuss roles and responsibilities within community engagement. Must be distinctions between guidance committee will give, hope that staff will do that work. For reference credibility GNDOB needs to be present for some community engagement
- o **Community Benefits Agreements Presentation (Steve Gelb)**
 - o [Presentation linked here](#)
 - o GNDOB makes recommendations for public spending that can also influence private spending. Important to consider who benefits from this spending. The board can bring forth a policy recommendation to the City that requests the development of community benefits agreements with GND projects
 - o **Questions & Comments**
 - Maria: GNDOB has influence through budget, also through aligning policy, projects, and program, and culture. Wants all GNDOB members to think about what spheres in the city could be aligned with GND work
 - Should the engagement plan be the OB's plan, or a full fledged community plan, with an agreement that money spent on GND work has certain community benefits guaranteed?
 - Syris: if the intention of a community benefit plan to be community driven, what would the role of the GNDOB be in incentivizing this?
 - Steve: We're a board of the city, but we're not the city – we're representative of the community and provide leadership. We've recommended what money should be spent on, but not how it should be spent (processes). We can't impose anything on the community but can make recommendations and ask if folks want to join and lead this. Envisions a governing document that could help relieve burden on communities from input
 - Maria: The elements we want as staples of community benefits and workforce agreements can be lined up, so it applies across city, not just one project. How

are departments assessing climate impacts on frontline communities? How are they engaging? Responsibility on departments to make that push, role of GNDOB could help define acceptable tools/criteria for assessing climate/environmental justice. Don't want to create a tool that prevents harm

- Community engagement committee should give guidance to these departments.
 - Communities get exhausted when departments come to them again and again for guidance. How could we make this more known from a macro level?
 - Debolina: This is a really good idea. Needs more discussion. Community/workforce agreements also sometimes have unions involved. How are we engaging a broader labor community? Also, training/education around community benefits agreement will be necessary for involved community members.
 - Lylianna: the proposal sounds like part of what the board community engagement plan will require (will fall under larger workplan development that the board must do)
 - Maria: we need to map out the year and go back to the group with the areas we want to influence, let this drive the calendar. The idea Steve's bringing forward is part of our job, just a matter of how we characterize this as a work item. Will it be policy, education, something else? Let's convene a work group – Steve lead, get volunteers from group
 - Interested: Steve, Maria, Kristina. Will send invitation to full group
-
- **Public Comment:** None
 - **Presentation: Comprehensive plan (Presenter: Patrice Carroll from OPCD)**
 - o [Video linked here](#)
 - o Doing a major EIS for comprehensive plan – scoping phase happening now. Asking individuals and organizations to [weigh in on proposed alternatives to study by August 22 for the scoping](#). There will be many opportunities to weigh in on the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan if you can't make this deadline.
 - Maria “I move that the GNDOB delegate to the Exec Cmtee to send a letter to the One Seattle Comp Plan scoping to implement the Green New Deal ordinance to eliminate GHG by 2030 and reduce health disparities for frontline communities as it plans Seattle's natural and built environment.”
 - Seconded by Eunice – exciting opportunity
 - Approved unanimously!