



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

McCaela Daffern and David Goldberg, Co-Chairs
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, May 25, 2023
Approved Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:	McCaela Daffern, David Goldberg, Matt Hutchins, Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson, Rick Mohler, Radhika Nair, Dhyana Quintanar, Julio Sanchez, Jamie Stroble, Kelabe Tewolde
Commissioners Absent:	Mark Braseth, Roque Deherrera, Dalton Owens, Alanna Peterson, Lauren Squires
Commission Staff:	Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director; John Hoey, Senior Policy Analyst; Olivia Baker, Planning Analyst; Robin Magonegil, Commission Coordinator

Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion.

Referenced Documents discussed at the meeting can be viewed here:

<https://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/meetings>

Chair's Report & Minutes Approval

Co-Chair David Goldberg called the meeting to order at 8:03 am and announced several upcoming Commission meetings. Co-Chair Goldberg offered the following land acknowledgement:

'On behalf of the Seattle Planning Commission, we'd like to acknowledge that the city of Seattle is on stolen Coast Salish land, specifically the ancestral land of the Duwamish, Suquamish, and Muckleshoot Tribes. We strive to remedy this injustice through our beliefs and actions in helping to steward our land and communities in Seattle.'

Co-Chair Goldberg noted that this meeting is a hybrid meeting with some Commissioners and staff participating remotely while other Commissioners and staff are participating in the Boards and Commissions Room at Seattle City Hall. He asked fellow Commissioners to review the Color Brave Space norms and asked for volunteers to select one or more of the norms to read aloud. He suggested to Commissioners that they collectively agree to abide by these norms.

Announcements

Vanessa Murdock, Seattle Planning Commission Executive Director, reviewed the format of the meeting. She noted that public comment could be submitted in writing via email at least eight hours

before the start of the meeting or provided in person by members of the public attending the meeting at City Hall. Ms. Murdock stated that full Commission meetings will be recorded and posted to the Planning Commission's website. She noted that these recordings are not in lieu of the Commission's minutes, which are approved at the next full Commission meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson moved to approve the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Co-Chair McCaela Daffern seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed. Commissioner Jamie Stroble moved to approve the May 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Rick Mohler seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Public Comment: Final Draft Housing Levy Letter and General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action: Final Draft Housing Levy Letter

DISCLOSURES/RECUSALS: Co-Chair McCaela Daffern disclosed that she works for a program at King County that funds affordable housing projects.

Co-Chair Goldberg reviewed the following excerpts from the May 11 meeting minutes for the benefit of those Commissioners who were not in attendance:

- Commissioners stated that the discussion at the April 27 meeting indicated support for the City's final levy amount. A statement in the revised draft letter discussed on May 11 supporting increasing the levy seemed to contradict that discussion.
- Commissioners recommended including language to express support for the proposed levy amount.
- Commissioners suggested maintaining language in the draft letter supporting the proposed amount as a floor but not a ceiling for the levy amount.
- Commissioners expressed support for the Office of Housing's proposed levy amount although it is not enough to meet the significant need for affordable housing.

Olivia Baker, Seattle Planning Commission staff, provided an overview of proposed revisions to the Commission's final draft Housing Levy letter. Commissioners then took five minutes to review the final draft letter.

Commission Discussion

- Commissioners suggested minor text revisions to the final draft letter.
- Commissioners expressed enthusiasm for language in the letter connecting the rising cost of living to the need for maintaining and even increasing a healthy Housing Levy.

ACTION: Commissioner Rick Mohler moved to approve the final draft Housing Levy letter. Commissioner Matt Hutchins seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 am.