



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

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

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, April 25, 2024
Approved Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Xio Alvarez, McCaela Daffern, Andrew Dannenberg, David Goldberg, Matt Hutchins, Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson, Rick Mohler, Radhika Nair, Dhyana Quintanar, Monika Sharma, Lauren Squires, Jamie Stroble, Nick Whipple

Commissioners Absent: Julio Sanchez, Kelabe Tewelde

Commission Staff: Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director; 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.

Chair's Report & Minutes Approval

Co-Chair McCaela Daffern called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and announced several upcoming Commission meetings. Co-Chair Daffern offered the following land acknowledgement:

'On behalf of the Seattle Planning Commission, we'd like to actively recognize that we are on Indigenous land, the traditional and current territories of the Coast Salish people who have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time and continue to do so today. We offer land acknowledgement because Native land was taken by force and colonized to form the United States as we know it today. Through this process, which is ongoing through systematic oppression, Native identity, history, and land ownership has been ignored by colonizers and attempted to be erased. Land Acknowledgement is the first step in opposing the systematic oppression and historic erasure of Native people and Native Land ownership.'

Co-Chair Daffern 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. She 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. She 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 Rick Mohler moved to approve the April 11, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Matt Hutchins seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Public Comment

Ms. Murdock noted that there was no public comment submitted and no members of the public present to offer comment.

DISCLOSURES/RECUSALS:

Co-Chair McCaela Daffern works for King County and has recused herself from review of the Seattle Comprehensive Plan in her role at King County. She disclosed that her opinions are her own, not her employer's.

Commissioner David Goldberg disclosed his views are his own and not those of his employer, the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Xio Alvarez disclosed her views are her own and not those of her employer, LMN Architects.

Commissioner Rick Mohler disclosed his views are his own and not those of his employer, the University of Washington

Commissioner Radhika Nair disclosed her views are her own and not those of her company, Seva Workshop. While she has worked on many City projects, she has not worked on this draft Plan.

Commissioner Dhyana Quintanar disclosed that her views are her own, not those of her employer, WSP.

Commissioner Lauren Squires disclosed that her opinions are her own, not those of her employer, King County Metro.

Commissioner Jamie Stroble disclosed that she worked with one of the community-based organizations funded by the City to provide input on the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan. She disclosed that her opinions are her own, not those of any present (the Nature Conservancy) or former employer.

Commissioner Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson disclosed that their opinions are their own, not those of their employer, Jacobs Engineering.

Discussion: One Seattle Plan DEIS Comment Letter Final Draft

Commissioners took five minutes to review the final draft individually. They then took action to finalize and approve the letter. Commissioners offered suggested edits for their colleagues to consider, and the letter was approved as amended.

ACTION: Commissioner Rick Mohler moved to approve the One Seattle Plan DEIS Comment Letter. Commissioner David Goldberg seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter as amended passed.

Discussion: Draft One Seattle Plan Comment Letter Final Draft

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ACTION: Commissioner Jamie Stroble moved to approve the Draft One Seattle Plan Comment Letter. Commissioner Lauren Squires seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter as amended passed.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.