



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

Xio Alvarez and Matt Hutchins, Co-Chairs
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Approved Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Xio Alvarez, Cecelia Black, Rebecca Brunn, McCaela Daffern, Dylan Glosecki, Matt Hutchins, Julia Jannon-Shields, Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson, Matt Malloy, Radhika Nair, Dylan Stevenson, Nick Whipple

Commissioners Absent: Andrew Dannenberg, Dhyana Quintanar, Monika Sharma, Kelabe Tewolde

Commission Staff: Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director; John Hoey, Senior Policy Analyst; Olivia Baker, Policy Analyst

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 Xio Alvarez called the meeting to order at 7:33 am. Co-Chair Alvarez offered the following land acknowledgement:

'As we begin our meeting, we respectfully acknowledge that our meeting today is taking place on occupied Coast Salish land. We pay respect to Coast Salish Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. To acknowledge this land is to recognize the history of physical and cultural genocide and settler colonialism, which continues to displace Indigenous people today. It is to also recognize these lands, waters, and their significance for the resilient and wise peoples who continue to thrive in this region despite the consequences of displacement and broken treaties. Those who hold settler privilege in this city must work towards supporting the Coast Salish people and all Indigenous people using the various forms of wealth and privilege they reap due to it.'

Co-Chair Alvarez 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

Ms. Murdock announced several upcoming Commission meetings and reviewed the format of this meeting. She noted that public comment may be provided in person at City Hall, submitted in writing via email at least eight hours before the meeting, or offered on the hybrid meeting platform MS Teams. Public comment must be able to be given in two minutes or less.

ACTION: Commissioner Matt Malloy moved to approve the August 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nick Whipple seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Public Comment

Ms. Murdock read the following public comment, which was submitted via email:

Hello,

I would like to respectfully request that the Whittier Neighborhood Center western boundary be moved half a block to the east between NW 75th and NW 77th so that the alley between 16th Ave NW and 17th Ave NW becomes the boundary instead of 17th Ave NW itself. This is a more logical boundary because it provides clear separation between potential high rises on 16th and homes on 17th and also avoids the potential of homes on the west side of 17th having to face high rises across the street from them. In fact, since there are currently no high rises north of 65th on 17th, it would make sense to move the boundary eastward to the alley all the way down to 65th. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynda Giddens

Discussion: Final SPC comments on the One Seattle Plan and HB 1110 implementing legislation

Vanessa Murdock, Seattle Planning Commission Executive Director, presented an overview of the City Council's timeline for consideration of proposed amendments to the One Seattle Plan and the permanent legislation to implement State House Bill (HB) 1110. She then provided an overview of the Planning Commission's process for developing comments on the proposed amendments.

Ms. Murdock highlighted the Planning Commission's approach to providing comments:

- Keep the letter concise and cogent. **Speak to and keep the attention** of audiences.
- Focus on the proposed amendments that address issues the Commission has voiced support for to date.
- Note strong support for the establishment of Neighborhood Centers **throughout** the city, emphasizing how Neighborhood Centers help achieve the vision of the Seattle we want to see as noted in the One Seattle Plan.
- Acknowledge the amount of thorough and intentional work done over the **past two and a half years** to develop and revise the Plan.

She then described the following objectives and guidelines for this discussion:

- Review and comment on the fourth draft of the comment letter.

- If proposing edits, do not introduce new ideas and propose specific language.
- End the meeting with clear direction to staff regarding specific wording of proposed edits.

Commission Discussion

- Commissioners proposed specific edits to the final draft letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am.