



**City of Seattle
Seattle Planning Commission**

Amalia Leighton, Chair
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

**SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 22, 2015
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Austin, Catherine Benotto, Luis Borrero, David Cutler, Brad Khouri, Grace Kim, Jeanne Krikawa, Kara Martin, Tim Parham, Marj Press, David Shelton, Lauren Squires, Patti Wilma

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Amalia Leighton, Matt Roewe

COMMISSION STAFF

Jessica Brand - Policy Analyst, Diana Canzoneri - Demographer, Robin Magonegil - Administrative Assistant, Vanessa Murdock - Executive Director

GUESTS

Tom Hauger, DPD

IN ATTENDANCE

Cindi Barker, Brian Epley, Eric McConaghy, Dillon Roth, Tom Walker

Please Note: Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript but instead represent key points and the basis of the discussion.

CALL TO ORDER

- **Chair's Report & Minutes Approval**
 - Vice-Chair Marj Press

Vice-Chair Press called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

Action: Commissioner David Cutler moved to approve the January 8, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Jeanne Krikawa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Vice-Chair Press noted upcoming Commission committee meetings. She mentioned the 2015 Commissioner Appointment process noting that there are 4 positions that will be open.

Vice-Chair Press asked Commissioner Catherine Benotto to give the Commission an update on the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda Advisory Committee meeting.

If you would like to view the power point presentations on the HALA meeting it is included in the supporting documents found in the minute's section of our website.

The Commissioners wondered if the scope of HALA included supply as well as rental subsidies. Commissioner Benotto responded that supply was part of the HALA discussion.

The Commissioners expressed interest in the general make-up of the HALA committee and the sub committees. They wondered if the current work to end homelessness was incorporated into this work.

Commissioners also expressed interest in better understanding how wages were discussed as part of the HALA discussion.

The Commissioners asked if the low rise amendments currently at City Council would be incorporated into this work. Commissioner Benotto responded that lowrise development is part of the HALA discussion.

Briefing: 2015 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- Tom Hauger, DPD

- Amendment Process will include some state mandated requirements as well as amendments approved for further study in the City Council's docket setting in early 2014. These both will be reviewed and action taken by June 2015 to remain in compliance.
- Annual amendments include FLUM changes in University District, West Seattle, Central Area and Lake City. One text amendment provides height flexibility for the Juvenile Center.
- State mandate requires limited technical changes to every element of the Plan. The Major update to be adopted in 2016 will provide any substantive policy updates.
- Of those docketed, DPD is not recommending moving the YMCA 23rd and Cherry amendment forward. This amendment was removed for consideration by the proponent and the growth monitoring amendment proposal has been moved to the Seattle 2035 vote in 2016.

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The Commissioners asked for clarification on the Puget Sound Regional Council growth estimates that are to be adopted by state mandate by the City of Seattle. Mr. Hauger responded that the estimates will be adopted as part of the 2015 update. He added that these estimates will be adopted as part of the state mandate and will be implemented as if there is no change to the current growth strategy. Mr. Hauger continued that after the release of the Environmental Impact Statement and a preferred growth alternative is selected, the estimates may be modified to reflect an allocation at the Center/Village level.

The Commissioners expressed interest in the current Future Land Use Map amendments and wondered if any changes may be proposed for any Urban Villages and what those changes might be.

The Commissioners were interested in the removal of job category estimates. Noting a particular concern was the planning for changes required for different types of job sectors. They noted that high tech has different needs than industrial for example, and while they understand that these numbers are estimates there was still general support for using them to better plan land use needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindi Barker encouraged Commissioners to attend the upcoming Seattle Neighborhood Assessment Project evening where Peter Steinbrueck would present his findings on 20 years of the Urban Village model. She has heard his presentation before and found the information very helpful in her work on land use.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Press adjourned the meeting at 8:36 am.