

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Puget Sound Regional Council Board Room

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Councilmember Kimberly Allen, Councilmember Layne Barnes, Councilmember Terri Briere, Commissioner Walt Canter, Councilmember Sally Clark, Councilmember Richard Conlin, Councilmember Mark Cross, Councilmember Grant Degginger, Councilmember Chris Egan, Councilmember Eric Faison, Councilmember Jean Garber, Councilmember Jean Godden, Councilmember Larry Gossett, Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak, Executive Ron Sims, Chair, Councilmember Robert Sternoff.

Acting Chair Garber convened the meeting at 4:12 PM.

The minutes of the September 17, 2008 and the October 2, 2008 GMPC meetings were unanimously approved.

I. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

II. Housing and Job Growth Target Update Methodology

Chandler Felt of King County and Michael Hubner of the Suburban Cities Association reported on the status of the update of the household/housing and job growth targets. Chandler provided the background, including the requirements for these targets under the Growth Management Act and the new Office of Financial Management forecasts. Michael summarized the policy guidance from Vision 2040 and the methodology being used by staff to develop the updated growth targets for GMPC consideration at their July 15, 2009 and September 16, 2009 meetings. For details of Chandler and Michael's report, see the attached slides which were used for this presentation.

Councilmember Faison asked if there are different assumptions about how many persons live in a household for each of the subareas. Staff responded yes – each subarea of the county has different demographic characteristics resulting in somewhat different assumptions for the number of residents per household within each subarea.

Councilmember Sternoff asked if the effects of the current economic downturn are being taken into consideration. Staff responded that there is a great deal of uncertainty about the effects of the current recession, but the belief is that we are using the best available information and forecast to develop the job and housing targets. Staff concluded that they will continue to gather and analyze the latest information on the economy as the basis for an informed recommendation on growth targets for the GMPC.

Councilmember Barnes asked about transportation infrastructure gaps. Staff responded that the CPP's and the comprehensive plans of the individual jurisdictions do a good job of locating growth where it can be best served by existing and future planned infrastructure.

The GMPC concurred with the target methodology proposed by staff.

III. Status Report on the update of the Countywide Planning Policies document.

Lisa Voight of King County and Rob Odle of the City of Redmond briefed the GMPC on a proposed work plan to update the CPP document. Rob Odle reminded GMPC of the history of the CPP's, and focused on the vision statement crafted back in 1992. Rob pointed out that much of that vision has been achieved. Lisa Voight explained the framework to review the existing CPP's in relation to the Growth Management Act and Vision 2040. Lisa also pointed out the need for a general modernization of the existing CPP document. Please see the attached slide presentation for details of Lisa's report.

Councilmember Degginger asked about standards for regulating waterways. Staff responded that the multi-county planning policies address water issues; but staff did not know what these standards would be. Executive Sims pointed out that the county monitors water quality and reports the results to the State Department of Ecology.

GMPC concurred with the staff-recommended methodology for updating the CPP's for consideration at the September 16, 2009 GMPC meeting.

Councilmember Garber congratulated Executive Sims for his appointment in the Obama administration. GMPC concurred with their applause.

Executive Sims reminded members that this is his last GMPC meeting. Mr. Sims thanked the members for their dedication to this region, and their commitment to preserving the quality of life for future generations.

Councilmember Gossett thanked Executive Sims for his service on behalf of all GMPC members. Mr. Gossett shared some of his recollections about how Mr. Sims helped him early in his career and expressed gratitude for all Mr. Sims has done for this region.

Finally, Mr. Sims recognized the efforts of staff in support of the GMPC process.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.