**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**

**PSRC 5th Floor Board Room, Seattle**

 **MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members present:**

King County Executive Constantine, Chair

Councilmember McDermott, King County

Mayor McGinn, Seattle

Councilmember Conlin, Seattle

Councilmember O’Brien, Seattle

Councilmember Robertson, Bellevue

Representing Suburban Cities:

Councilmember Allen, Redmond

Councilmember Barnes, Maple Valley

Councilmember Burbidge, Federal Way

Councilmember Eggen, Shoreline

Mayor Olness, Black Diamond

Councilmember Jamie Perry, Kent

Councilmember Sternoff, Kirkland

Chair Constantine convened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Chair Constantine welcomed the new GMPC members: Mike O’Brien (Seattle), Jeanne Burbidge (Federal Way), Tom Odell (Sammamish), and Jamie Perry (Kent)

Chair Constantine opened the meeting to public comment. No one signed up to speak.

Chair Constantine closed public comment and opened the meeting to discussion and possible action.

Chair Constantine moved to Agenda Item V, awaiting a quorum for the prior-listed action items.

**Agenda Item V was a briefing on the Housing Work Program**. Kevin Snyder, Planning Director, City of Auburn opened the briefing with a review of the concerns identified by the South County cities. Karen Wolf, King County, continued the briefing with an overview of the draft proposal and then Paul Inghram, Bellevue, concluded the briefing with a broad overview of the policies.

Councilmember Barnes asked that more detail be provided in H-17 regarding monitoring. The monitoring should include more detailed information on the existing housing stock counts within each of the specific categories. Then, subsequent evaluations will be more meaningful and accurate regarding whether or not progress toward achieving more affordable housing is made. Paul Inghram directed members to policy H-3, which calls for the establishment of the baseline. H-17 is the monitoring policy – they are meant to work together. Staff will review the policies to make sure they work together without any gaps. Chair Constantine asked that the policies align better. Councilmember Allen also expressed concern with H-3 being too general. Councilmember Allen further suggested that any outreach to housing stakeholders include the Master Builders, the Realtors, environmental organizations, as well as housing representatives. Councilmember Sternoff asked about the logical next steps including the need to connect the dots with transportation. Karen Wolf responded that the Planning Directors suggested a housing summit after the policies are approved to establish monitoring and implementation measures. Paul Inghram responded about the importance of the interjurisdictional work to address this issue.

Chair Constantine confirmed that a quorum exists.

Chair Constantine moved to Agenda Item II on the agenda – approval of the minutes from September 21, 2011. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Constantine move to Agenda Item IV on the agenda.

**Agenda Item IV was the expansion of the PAA for the City of Seattle, Motion 12-1**. Tom Hauger, Seattle, briefed the members on this issue referring to the staff report included in members’ packets. The City of Seattle is proposing an amendment to the Potential Annexation Area (PAA) Map that would add the area sometimes called the “the sliver by the river” to the city’s PAA boundary. This strip of land lies between the Duwamish River and the South Park neighborhood in the City of Seattle. No other city has designated this area as part of a PAA.

Councilmember Conlinmoved to adopt Motion 12-1 to amend the Interim PAA map in the Countywide Planning Policies to expand the PAA for the City of Seattle. Councilmember Conlin expressed appreciation to the County for moving this forward. Mayor McGinn stated his support for moving this forward but expressed caution about the budget implications. Chair Constantine mentioned that the bridge replacement is underway but that it is impacting local businesses in South Park. He further stated that the bridge will be done and open next year. Motion 12-1 was approved unanimously.

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**Agenda Item VI was the 2012/2013 Work Program.** Karen Wolf, King County, briefed the members on the work program included in the members’ packets.

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**Agenda Item VII was a briefing on the School Siting Task Force.** Lauren Smith, King County, initiated the briefing with Councilmember Sternoff providing the summary of the Task Force proceedings. Chair Constantine thanked Councilmembers Allen and Sternoff and Mayors Olness, Hearing, and Lewis for their participation on the Task Force. Councilmember Sternoff mentioned that the framework established for the Task Force worked well, explaining that members of the Task Force came together to learn from each other. He further mentioned that was a lot of hard work and a lot of different opinions. He summarized the report by stating that the decision was made that the UGA would not be moved to accommodate a school property. At the end of the day, the Task Force indentified a few school sites with stubbed-in sewers that could develop with a sewer connection. Any future school sitings will adhere to VISION 2040 policies. The result of this process is that there are surplus properties within the inventory of the school districts. Councilmember Sternoff further commented that the Task Force learned that we need to make sure that everyone is at the table when doing county and regional planning. The Task Force also learned that state guidelines related to school siting may need to be reviewed for consistency with GMA. All members of Task Force signed the report. Lauren Smith talked about additional work to develop policy and code language. Lauren Smith further described the next steps: finalizing the report and adding it to the KC website; evaluating the report by the KC Executive, and working with Executive Committee to get policy language on the GMPC meeting on June 6th.

**Next meeting is June 6, 2012 at the Puget Sound Regional Council.**

**Chair Constantine** adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.