

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

**Wednesday, June 6, 2012
PSRC 5th Floor Board Room, Seattle**

MEETING SUMMARY

Members present:

King County Executive Constantine, Chair
Councilmember Gossett, King County
Councilmember Hague, King County
Councilmember McDermott, King County
Councilmember Von Reichbauer, King County
Councilmember Conlin, Seattle
Councilmember O'Brien, Seattle

Representing Suburban Cities:

Councilmember Allen, Redmond
Councilmember Barnes, Maple Valley
Councilmember Burbidge, Federal Way
Councilmember Ockerlander, Duvall
Councilmember Odell, Sammamish
Mayor Olness, Black Diamond
Councilmember Sternoff, Kirkland

Ex-Officio Members:

Walt Canter, Special Purpose Districts
Chip Kimball, School Districts

Chair Constantine convened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Chair Constantine thanked and recognized the School Siting Task Force members. Because of their hard work, the School Siting Task Force was honored with King County's Earth Heroes award on April 26, 2012. Chair Constantine then presented the awards to the Task Force members present at the GMPC meeting:

Louise Miller, Chair of the Task Force
Bob Sternoff, City of Kirkland
Rebecca Olness, City of Black Diamond
Kimberly Allen, City of Redmond
Chip Kimball, Lake Washington School District
Roberta Lewandowski, Futurewise
Cynthia Welti, Mountains to Sound Greenway
Cynthia Berne, Long Bay Enterprises
John Chaney, Fall City Community
Steve Crawford, Issaquah School District

Louise Miller remarked that the Task Force accomplished an amazing amount of work in a short period of time. Ms. Miller specifically recognized the Technical Advisory Committee and the Framing Work Group for their hard work on behalf of the Task Force. Roberta Lewandowski remarked that the agreement crafted by the Task Force will be a lasting agreement that won't fall apart.

Chair Constantine confirmed that a quorum exists.

Chair Constantine moved to Agenda Item II on the agenda – approval of the minutes from April 4, 2012. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Constantine opened the meeting to public comment.

1. Pat Anderson, City Attorney, City of Snoqualmie referred the GMPC to an email he sent to members earlier in the day. Mr. Anderson outlined two issues: (1) DP-16 is not compliant with the state Growth Management Act. King County will need to fix it to address legislation adopted in 2009 – SB 1825. This also sets the standards for area zoning studies you will be considering later. (2) The proposed change to the Urban Growth Area at Snoqualmie Parkway and I-90 needs to be considered under SB 1825. If the CPPs are out of sync with GMA then it will undermine the whole King County Comprehensive Plan process for the area zoning studies.
2. Chad Megendanz, Issaquah School Board – speaking on behalf of the Board – stated the Board's concerns about the impact of the proposed policies regarding school siting in the rural area. Issaquah can't use the 80-acre site in the rural area that was purchase by the district in 2006. Limited options for siting schools. These policies will interfere with the ability of the district to provide quality education.
3. Kelly Rider, Policy Director, Housing Development Consortium, referred to the letter distributed to GMPC members. Ms. Rider thanked the Interjurisdictional Staff Team for their tireless work to find common ground. HDC supports the proposed Housing Chapter, especially H9 & H10 and two work program items: (1) establishment of a working group to oversee the implementation of the policies, especially the accommodation of those in the 0-30% category, and (2) expansion of the GMPC monitoring.
4. Roberta Lewandowski, Futurewise, Member of the School Siting Task Force, spoke in support of the school siting policies. Rural areas are threatened by urban pressures. We as a region must take a leadership role in solving the problem of siting schools in developed urban areas.
5. Cynthia Berne, Real Estate Professional, Member of the School Siting Task Force, spoke in support of the school siting policies. The Task Force effort was collaborative, creative, and cooperative by all parties. The policies are a foundation by which to start the process; they serve as a guide for where want to go to implement VISION 2040.
6. John Chaney, Fall City resident, Member of the School Siting Task Force, spoke in support of the school siting policies as put forward. He was pleasantly surprised that the Task Force achieved

full consensus. He recommended that the GMPC adopt the policies but also look to the Task Force report for the other recommendations.

7. Michael Tanksley, representing Hollywood Hills Association, spoke against the proposed change to the Urban Growth Area in the Sammamish Valley, supporting the Executive's recommendation. He wants to keep the UGA where it is. Approving the UGA change in the Sammamish Valley would "fly-in-the-face" of growth management. Also, Mr. Tanksley stated he is pleased with the solutions of the Task Force.
8. Brock Howell, King County Program Director, Futurewise, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the Housing Chapter. Local governments need to hold each other accountable to achieve necessary affordability within each jurisdiction. The proposed change potentially makes the CPPs noncompliant with the multi-county planning policies. The proposal is a step backwards in achieving accountability.

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

Chair Constantine moved to Agenda Item IV.

Agenda Item IV was a briefing on pending changes to the Urban Growth Area boundary. Paul Reitenbach, King County, briefed the GMPC on the proposed changes to the Urban Growth Area under consideration by King County. These proposals will come back to the GMPC for action at the September meeting. Mr. Reitenbach reviewed the proposals in two categories: non-contested and contested. The non-contested proposals include: Soaring Eagle, Snoqualmie Mining Site, and several technical changes to move road rights-of-way into the UGA. The contested proposals include: Highway 18 – I-90 Interchange, Sammamish Valley, and Jenkins Creek Notch. Referring to the Highway 18 – I-90 Interchange, Councilmember Gossett asked what is meant by "countywide analysis." Mr. Reitenbach responded by explaining that while the amendment to the GMA talked about nonresidential needs for each city that this must be taken into context of the needs of the county as a whole.

Chair Constantine move to Agenda Item V on the agenda.

Agenda Item V was the Facilities Services Policies and School Siting Task Force Report and consideration of Motion 12-2. Karen Wolf, King County, walked members through the staff report and proposed policies resulting from the School Siting Task Force. The policies would replace the four policies that were set aside by the GMPC on September 21, 2011. The policies are consistent with VISION 2040.

Councilmember Sternoff moved Motion 12-2 to approve the four new policies and to add the School Siting Task Force Report to the CPPs as Appendix 5. Superintendent Kimball spoke as an ex-officio member of the GMPC stating there was very deep analysis done that led to the Task Force Report. The

interests of King County are being served. Councilmember Conlin reminded the members where they were six months ago. He stated his appreciation for the work of the Task Force and the Executive. Executive Constantine thanked Councilmember Sternoff and the other members of the Task Force, along with the GMPC, for working together to resolve this regional issue. Executive Constantine stated that in the coming days he will be transmitting additional policies and code changes to the King County Council where Councilmember Phillips and his committee will consider them as part of the 2012 King County Comprehensive Plan Update. Executive Constantine urged the GMPC's support.

Motion 12-2 was unanimously approved.

Chair Constantine moved to Agenda Item VI.

Agenda Item VI was the Housing Chapter and Appendix 4 and consideration of Motion 12-3. Paul Inghram, Bellevue, walked members through the staff report and the new Housing Chapter highlighting changes since the April 4th version and outlining the four-step process. Mr. Inghram pointed out the changes that were made based on the stakeholder meeting held at the request of the GMPC. Karen Wolf, King County, walked members through the proposed amendment to respond to additional stakeholder comments received after the draft Housing Chapter was distributed.

Councilmember Barnes moved Motion 12-3 and the proposed amendment. Councilmember Allen asked that a definition of the middle-income category be added to Appendix 4. Councilmember Gossett asked what will happen if cities don't take action. Mr. Inghram responded that this is what is in place today. The proposal is for cities to adopt actions to address a need rather than an assigned number.

Executive Constantine thanked everyone for working collaboratively on these policies and stated support for an annual GMPC meeting dedicated to updating the members on how we are meeting the need for affordable housing. Further, Executive Constantine asked the staff team to form and lead a stakeholder group to address the implementation of these policies. Executive Constantine thanked HDC, the Master Builders, the Realtors, and Futurewise for working together on this proposal. Executive Constantine urged support.

Motion 12-3, as amended, was unanimously supported.

Chair Constantine moved to Agenda Item VII.

Agenda Item VII was the PAA Designation for the City of Black Diamond and consideration of Motion 12-4. Steve Pilcher, City of Black Diamond, walked members through the staff report to expand the Potential Annexation Area for City of Black Diamond. This proposal would approximately 75-80 acres of urban unincorporated land to the PAA for the City of Black Diamond.

Mayor Olness moved Motion 12-4 and urged support.

Motion 12-4 was unanimously supported, with Councilmember Von Reichbauer excused.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Puget Sound Regional Council.

Chair Constantine adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm.

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