



REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 26, 2022
MINUTES

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Robert Larsen, Planning Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Of the ten (10) currently appointed commissioners, nine (9) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent
Merle Ash	Neil Pedersen
Rosanna Brown	
Tom Campbell	
Leah Everett	
Mark James	
Robert Larsen	
Keri Moore	
Tom Norcott	
Raymond Sheldon	

David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services Manager served as the Planning Commission Secretary for this meeting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of [March 22, 2022](#) were unanimously approved.

D. STATUS OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND PAST RECOMMENDATIONS

David Killingstad reviewed anticipated topics for upcoming Planning Commission meetings and the status of past recommendations.



Mr. Killingstad shared the results of the meeting format poll sent to commissioners. For future meetings, the majority preference for meeting format is to continue to meet remotely with a quarterly hybrid meeting. The public meeting room used by Planning Commission at the County Office is currently being upgraded for hybrid meetings. When the upgrade is complete, quarterly dates for hybrid meetings can be scheduled.

- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)
- [County Council Actions on Planning Commission Recommendations](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 County-Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Briefing

Steve Skorney, PDS Senior Planner, Steve.Skorney@snoco.org

Senior Planner, Steve Skorney, briefed the Commission on the annual consideration of county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan according to the requirements of Chapter 30.73 SCC. This year's package of proposed amendments consists of:

GPP22-3 – Technical Corrections

The 2022 Technical Corrections include the following map, policy and code amendments : 1) Revise the maps of the General Policy Plan (GPP) to indicate a more accurate Stanwood Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundary; 2) Revise the maps of the GPP to recognize properties that are no longer under county jurisdiction due to municipal annexations; 3) Change references in the text of the GPP to reflect the new Parks and Recreation Division; and 4) Delete remaining references in county code to the discontinued Freeway Service zone.

Following the briefing there was a question from commissioners about the 45-day comment period for municipal annexations.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated April 8, 2022](#)
- [Staff Presentation dated April 26, 2022](#)

2. 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update: Briefing

David Killingstad, Long Range Planning Manager, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. Staff presented an updated schedule being implemented due to HB 1241 extending the Comprehensive Plan Update to December 31, 2024. HB 1241 also adjusts the frequency for the Comprehensive Plan Update from every eight years to every ten years, with a check-in of the Plan every five years.

In addition to the updated timeline, Mr. Killingstad also discussed the required elements of the



Comprehensive Plan and additional elements being added for the Update including Climate Change, Tribal Coordination, and Urban Core Subarea.

As part of the Update, a new Visioning statement has been drafted. Public comments on the Vision statement were taken from November 1, 2021, to February 25, 2022. The drafted statement has been sent out to contributors for further input. Comments will be taken on the draft vision statement until May 30, 2022.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Presentation dated April 26, 2022](#)

3. VISION 2050: Presentation

Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management Planning, Puget Sound Regional Council, Pinghram@prsc.org

Puget Sound Regional Council's Director of Growth Management Planning, Paul Inghram, presented the region's growth plan, VISION 2050. The regions included in the plan are King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish counties. The policy framework for the regional growth plan includes the Growth Management Act (GMA) Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs) Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and local comprehensive plans.

The region is expected to grow by 1.6 million people between 2018-2050, and an estimated 1.1 million new jobs are projected. This growth rate is similar to the last 50 years for the region.

Key changes from VISION 2040 to VISION 2050 include extending the planning timeline to 2050, aligning growth near transit areas, using sustainable funding sources, increasing recognition of Native Tribes and military installations, a new chapter on climate change, and regional work on housing and equity.

Following the presentation there were several questions from the commissioners. Topics of discussion included other regions in the state and their regional councils, PRSC guidelines for a climate change element in local comprehensive plans, additional county advisory committees especially for climate change, and the benefits of redevelopment with modern regulations.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Staff Presentation dated April 26, 2022](#)

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.



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PLANNING COMMISSION'S RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

At the conclusion of its public hearing, the County Planning Commission will consider transmitting a formal recommendation to County Council concerning adoption of the proposal. The Commission may make a recommendation to adopt or to not adopt the proposal. The Commission's recommendation may also propose amendments to the proposal. The Planning Commission is an advisory body and the final decision rests with the County Council.

PARTY OF RECORD / PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

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Raymond Sheldon, Jr., District 2	Leah Everett, District 5
Robert Larsen, District 3	Keri Moore, Executive Appointee
Vacant, District 3	

Commission Staff (from Planning and Development Services (PDS) Department):

Mike McCrary, Commission Secretary	Megan Moore, Commission Clerk
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