

Snohomish County Tomorrow

A GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Via Zoom

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

MINUTES

Participating Jurisdictions/Members:

Isaac Harrison	Mountlake Terrace
Heidi Johnson	Snohomish area
Phil Lovell	Edmonds, Co-chair
Katherine Nesse	Edmonds
Michelle Stewart	Everett Unincorporated
Trey Villanueva	Snohomish

Other Attendees/Presenters:

Steve Toy	Snohomish County PDS
Cynthia Pruitt	SCT Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Co-chair Phil Lovell.

2. Roll Call and Welcome new members

Roll call was taken, with attendees as listed above.

3. Action Items

a. Approval of minutes (7-15-21)

Michelle Stewart moved, and Kate Nesse and Isaac Harrison seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Confirm CAB representative to the October 27, 2021, Steering Committee meeting

Kate Nesse volunteered to be the CAB representative at the October 27, 2021, Steering Committee meeting.

4. Discussion Items

a. 2044 Initial Growth Targets

Steve Toy reviewed the history in development of growth targets as well as the state law, Office of Financial Management, and PSRC's VISION 2050 requirements. He described VISION 2050's planning "geographies" that are the framework for population and employment targets: Metropolitan City, Core Cities, High Capacity Transit (HCT)

areas, Cities and Towns, Urban Unincorporated Areas, and Rural.

CAB members asked:

- Whether Washington State's Dept. of Transportation's high-speed rail project is included in the HCT plans.
- If targets will be set soon so that there is adequate time for jurisdictions to have good public involvement on their comprehensive plans.
- If there will be enough growth in jobs in the HCT areas to balance the population.
- Whether there will be enough housing or if more will need to be built.
- How it would work to make the dense areas even denser? Maybe the projected population should be spread out?
- As areas grow how do we ensure they grow in amenities also?

Members observed that there were a lot of jobs projected for the Metro and Core cities; people living in rural areas would have to commute to those locations. That may be why there are plans for transit, to facilitate commuting to these jobs.

Kate Nesse volunteered to draft a CAB report.

b. Density Models

Phil Lovell summarized the CAB's thinking to this point.

The members reviewed the ten points summarizing their discussion in July (both at the July 15th meeting and in email exchanges since then). They combined and reworded several points. The final version (on the last page) will be confirmed by email and converted into a report to Steering Committee.

Ms. Pruitt agreed to send the final version to the full CAB for confirmation since many had to miss tonight's meeting. Once the members confirm the latest version, Phil Lovell offered to draft an introduction so that these points could be sent to the Steering Committee.

c. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Pruitt reminded members to change their passwords and pointed out the updated roster. Chris Glenn and Carrie Brausieck have resigned and been removed.

5. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Trey Villanueva reported on a conversation he had with a Dept. of Ecology staff person. The members agreed to add a presentation on "Water Management and Conservation" to the Future Agenda Items.

6. Next Meeting Dates

a. Steering Committee: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

b. Community Advisory Board: November 18, 2021

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm by Co-chair, Phil Lovell.

Density

1. Expansion of the UGA is not necessary to make more land available for housing, as there is still capacity to rezone areas of the County to accommodate growth and there are areas that are zoned residential but that are not used as well as they could be. As cities add housing it is critical that growth in our County be planned in alignment with the capacity of the infrastructure needed to support it while maintaining the quality of life.
2. As zoning is revised, the County and other jurisdictions should review the impacts of past zoning practices on its communities.
3. Community engagement needs to include outreach in order to be more equitable and inclusive and involve more under-represented communities. Communities should be fully informed, engaged, and represented in planning decisions to ensure equity.
4. Development of affordable housing should be encouraged by existing jurisdictions to accommodate a diversity of household incomes.