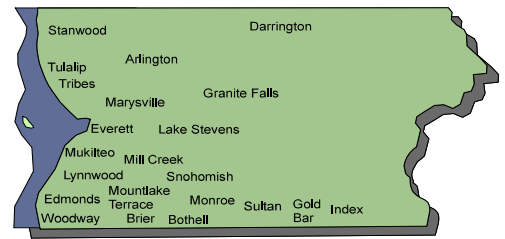


Snohomish County Tomorrow

A GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88314679464>

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Jurisdictions/Members:

Bothell	Ashley Winchell
Darrington	Dan Rankin
Edmonds	Susan McLaughlin
Everett	Yorik Stevens-Wajda/Rebecca McCrary
Granite Falls/Index	Eric Jensen
Lake Stevens	Melissa Place
Marysville	Angela Gemmer
Mill Creek	Al Torrico
Monroe	Lance Bailey/Kate Tourtello
Mountlake Terrace	Jonathan Morales
Snohomish	Brooke Eidem
Stanwood	Tansy Schroeder
Sultan	Hal Hart
Woodway	Bill Trimm
Snohomish County	Mike McCrary
Stillaguamish Tribe	Casey Steven

Other Attendees/Presenters:

PSRC	Maggie Moore
Livable Snohomish County	Kate Lunceford
Snohomish County	Amber Piona
Snohomish County	David Killingstad
Snohomish County	Steve Toy
Snohomish County	Taylor Twiford
WA Dept. of Commerce	Laura Hodgson
Community Transit	Sophie Luthin

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike McCrary called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

2. Roll Call

Roll was taken as shown above.

3. **Approval of Minutes** ([1-12-22](#))

Tansy Schroeder moved to approve the minutes and Yorik Stevens-Wajda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. **Public Comments**

No public comment was given.

5. **Action Items**

a. **Election of PAC Co-chairs**

Yorik Stevens-Wajda moved to nominate Haylie Miller, City of Marysville, and Russ Wright, City of Lake Stevens, to continue as Co-Chair. All in favor.

6. **Discussion/Update Items** (80 min.)

a. **Commerce – Countywide Housing Need Allocation**

Laura Hodgson, WA Dept of Commerce, gave an update on the HB 1220 Project timeline and requirements and address questions that were posed by Snohomish County.

The Housing Allocation Guidance draft was published in July 2022 and Commerce is wrapping up the public review of the Adequate Provision Guidance and are on track to publish the Final Projected Housing Need & Allocation Guidance on February 27th or 28th 2023. There was a delay due to COVID and having to get data points from the Office of Financial Management which had new characteristics from the 2020 census. There will be two webinars in March and April on the final projects.

With the final numbers coming out at the end of February there are two minor changes from the January numbers. Minor adjustment in the number of households due to the 2020 demographic characteristics they were given in January. That and the rate of homeownership in each age bracket will determine the number of household sizes. The other change is the emergency housing numbers have changed due to Commerce finalizing its methodology. There is a trend of decreasing household size in Urban Core areas and increasing in Rural counties.

Minimum allocation standards include using Commerce's HAPT tool to identify housing need projections, the sum of all housing needs allocated must be equal to or greater than the total projected countywide need and must be true for each level, it must be documented in the comp plan housing element, and must be consistent with any relevant planning policies. Laura recommended next steps for counties to finalize allocation while continuing to update: continue discussion, use draft projections, finalize while updating, and look into public participation.

Once Laura ended the presentations there were some questions and discussions.

Kate Tourtellot, City of Monroe, had some questions regarding changing demographic specifically multigenerational households increasing in the cities versus what the report says. Steve Toy, SCD PDS, asked about getting information showing the numbers showing the age distribution.

Yorik Stevens-Wajda, City of Everett, prompted some discussion about requirements for supporting affordable housing needs.

b. **Housing Characteristics and Needs Report Update**

Amber Piona, Senior Planner at Snohomish County, gave an update on the Housing Characteristics and Needs Report timeline.

A draft report is available, and PAC was briefed in December on the methodology. Commerce has been in process of updating its numbers and the numbers won't be finalized until the end of February. The HO-5 Report and its working group has been put on pause until those numbers have been finalized.

In previous years this was done together through SCT and HB1220 has given Commerce the role of providing these numbers.

Laura Hodgson from Commerce will be providing more information.

c. **Legislative Updates** (Co-chair, 20 min.)

Mike McCrary opened the floor for any updates on legislative updates.

Yorik Stevens-Wajda mentioned keeping his eye on permit processing, housing, ADUs, and climate element bills.

David Killingstad gave an update on the weekly phone call he has on bills that cover environmental bills and mentioned there are currently 101 bills in total that are being followed. A new bill being introduced, Bill 5651, would add a new goal to GMA and requirements that have raised some concerns. Bill 1181 is a climate change bill that the County provided some comments on because it would rewrite transportation element requirements. Bill 1519 would impose permit fee refunds. Couple of bills about ADUS notably bill 1337. The 1425 bill would restore annexation sales tax credit, lower the threshold from 10,000 to 2,000, and is headed to the house floor Feb 17th.

d. **PSRC Regional Staff Committee** (Maggie Moore)

Based on the discussion topics, agenda items were slightly moved around. Maggie Moore began with an update on the PSRC Regional Staff Committee.

PSRC has begun outreach to Cities and Counties on supporting their Comprehensive Updates and sharing resources. Meetings will be scheduled soon.

Next week there will be a Passport to 2044 on Housing Need and Capacity. So far 244 people registered.

Maggie did also note that the results of surveys are going out to elected officials.

e. **PAC Member Go-Round**

PAC members reported updates on their projects.

Kate Tourtellot asked about Angela stated their building official started looking into the matter.

Mike McCrary also stated the Snohomish County building official would be able to help as well.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. Alliance for Housing Affordability (Quarterly)
- b. Sound Transit Update (TBD)

8. Next Meeting Date

The next regular PAC meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023, Via Zoom Webinar.

9. Adjourn

Mike McCrary announced that the SCT Manager position has been posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. by Chair Mike McCrary.