

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Puget Sound Regional Council Board Room

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Councilmember Kimberly Allen, Councilmember Layne Barnes, Councilmember Terri Briere, Commissioner Walt Canter, Councilmember Sally Clark, Councilmember Richard Conlin, Councilmember Chris Eggan, Councilmember Jean Garber, Councilmember Jean Godden, Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak, Executive Kurt Triplett, Chair, Councilmember Robert Sternoff.

Chair Triplett convened the meeting at 4:05 PM.

The minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Public Comment:

There were no public comments. Staff noted that the GMPC received comment letters from the City of Seattle and the Puget Sound Regional Council, which are attached to this meeting summary.

II. Housing and Job Growth Targets

Chandler Felt of King County and Michael Hubner of the Suburban Cities Association reported on the status of the update of the household/housing and job growth targets. Chandler provided the background, including the requirements for these targets under the Growth Management Act and the new Office of Financial Management forecasts. Michael summarized the policy guidance from Vision 2040 and the methodology being used by staff to develop the updated growth targets for GMPC consideration at their September 16, 2009 meeting. For details of Chandler and Michael's report, see the attached slides which were used for this presentation.

Councilmember Garber thanked the staff for their work on targets and target methodology.

Executive Triplett asked whether the pending major annexation proposals that will be voted on in 2009 are reflected in these target numbers. Staff responded that the targets will have to be adjusted if these pending annexations are approved.

Councilmember Sternoff asked about the trend of working at home or out of coffee shops via WIFI connections. Staff responded that they are working on ways to better represent home occupations in the target process.

Councilmember Eggan asked about the asterisks next to Renton and Auburn on the target table. Staff explained that the footnotes to the table state that annexations up to the base year of 2006

are reflected in the table. Auburn and Renton annexed land after 2006, so some adjustments to the table are needed to shift targets from the unincorporated urban areas to these annexing cities for these more recent annexations.

Councilmember Eggan noted that the City of Shoreline has land zoned for both residential and commercial use. Staff responded that explicit assumptions have been made about household and employment growth for areas designated for mixed use development.

Michael Hubner concluded the staff presentation, stating that staff will be finalizing the countywide growth target update for consideration at the September 16, 2009 GMPC meeting. He also noted that there will be technical amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies that reflect the methodology used to develop the 2009 growth targets. One motion will be prepared for GMPC consideration that includes the household and employment target updates and the technical amendments to the CPP's described above.

Councilmember Garber stated that the Suburban Cities Association is pleased with the work so far, and believes staff should be directed to complete this work for consideration at the September GMPC meeting.

Councilmember Godden said that Seattle is also comfortable with the targets – 36% of new growth is targeted to Seattle – but Seattle also believes that there should be some discussion of the public services that are necessary to accommodate this growth. Councilmember Godden also said that the September GMPC meeting is a good time to have this discussion.

Executive Triplett directed the interjurisdictional staff team to review the Seattle proposal, which is further explained in a July 14, 2009 letter (attached), and to make a recommendation on how GMPC should proceed.

Executive Triplett asked if members agree with Councilmember Garber's proposal to direct staff to complete the growth target recommendations for consideration at the September 16, 2009 GMPC meeting. All GMPC members indicated their agreement.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.