

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Puget Sound Regional Council Boardroom
Seattle, WA

MEETING SUMMARY

Approved Unanimously on July 22, 2015

Members present:

King County Executive Dow Constantine, Chair
Councilmember Dembowski, King County
Councilmember Lambert, King County
Councilmember McDermott, King County
Councilmember Phillips, King County

Councilmember Burgess, Seattle
Councilmember O'Brien, Seattle

Councilmember Robertson, Bellevue

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Councilmember Barnes, Maple Valley
Councilmember Bertlin, Mercer Island
Councilmember Marts, Issaquah
Councilmember Prince, Renton
Councilmember Stilin, Redmond
Councilmember Tom Stowe, Beaux Arts Village
Mayor Pro Tem, Wagner, Covington
Councilmember Walker, Duvall

Representing King County School Districts

Forest Miller, Lake Washington School District

Executive Constantine convened the meeting at 4:05 pm. Executive Constantine welcomed the members to this first meeting of 2015 and noted that most of the members are returning from last year with the exception of 2 new SCA alternates: Councilmember Tom Stowe from Beaux Arts Village and Councilmember Jason Walker from Duvall. GMPC members introduced themselves.

Staff affirmed that a quorum was present

Agenda Item II – approval of the minutes from September 24, 2014. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item III – Public Comment.

Eden Mack, Seattle PTSA representative, stated that she appreciated the GMPC taking steps forward to deal with school capacity issues.

Agenda Item IV – Action Item on Motion 15-1.

Motion 15-1 would amend the CPPs to add new policy PF-19A outlining the process for jurisdictions working together to identify future school sites within the UGA.

Executive Constantine stated that today marks another milestone in the implementation of the School Siting Task Force that the GMPC convened in 2011. The Task Force completed their work in 2012 and issued a report and final recommendations to the GMPC. Two new policies were added to the CPPs as a result of their work: these two policies provide guidance for locating schools within the UGA and provide for exceptions for locating just four schools in the Rural Area on sites already in school inventories that can readily served by urban services. Motion 15-1 will implement another recommendation of the Task Force to outline a process for greater cooperation and collaboration between the county, the cities, and the school districts within their boundaries.

Rob Odle, City of Redmond, and Denise Stiffarm, representing the Puget Sound Schools Coalition briefed the GMPC on the staff report and Motion 15-1. Mr. Odle stated that the new policy recognizes schools as important part of what is necessary to accommodate growth. Staff will report back to GMPC in 2016 on initial progress and then in 2017 with the first of the bi-annual evaluation reports. Ms. Stiffarm stated that there was great cooperation from the school districts and the IJT staff in developing this policy.

Councilmember Barnes moved Motion 15-1 and Councilmember provided the second.

Councilmember Lambert expressed concern with directing all new schools to the UGA. She raised concern about line 23 in the Motion. Councilmember Lambert further stated that this process should be done differently.

Executive Constantine responded that he did not agree with Councilmember Lambert and that the statement on line 23 is an excerpt from the Task Force recommendations and cannot be revised.

Forrest Miller that this new policy has two purposes: (1) as a mechanism for gaining information, and (2) requiring partnerships between the school districts and the jurisdictions. He further stated that while some districts are talking to their cities, not all are doing so. He

explained that there is a need for cooperative planning as that cities and local jurisdictions serve a shared constituency.

Councilmember Burgess stated that Seattle supports collaborative planning.

Councilmember Barnes stated that SCA supports the policy.

Motion 15-1 passed on a vote of 11 ½ - 1 with Councilmember Lambert voting no.

Agenda Item V – Outline of 2015 meetings.

Karen Wolf, King County, briefed the GMPC on the meeting schedule for 2015, as follows:

- Wednesday, July 22 – climate change
- Thursday, October 1 – housing
- Wednesday, December 2 - TBD

The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at PSRC.

Chair Constantine adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.