

**KING COUNTY
GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
February 24, 2021
Remote Meeting via Zoom Webinar**

MEETING SUMMARY

Members present:

Executive Dow Constantine, King County
Councilmember Claudia Balducci, King County
Councilmember Kathy Lambert, King County
Councilmember Joe McDermott, King County
Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, King County
Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, King County

Councilmember Dan Strauss, Seattle

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

Mayor Leanne Guier, Pacific
Councilmember Satwinder Kaur, Kent
Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie
Councilmember Tom McLeod, Tukwila
Councilmember Chris Reh, Issaquah
Councilmember Pam Stuart, Sammamish
Councilmember Syd Dawson, Maple Valley
Councilmember Ryan McIrvin, Renton
Councilmember Salim Nice, Mercer Island
Councilmember Debra Srebnik, Kenmore

Representing Special Purpose Districts:

Ryan Stokes, Snoqualmie Valley School District

King County Executive Dow Constantine convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Staff affirmed that a quorum was present after the roll call of members.

Agenda Item II – approval of the meeting summary from December 2, 2020 The summary was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item III – Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Agenda Item IV – Action Item: Affordable Housing Committee Report

King County Executive Dow Constantine opened the discussion on the GMPC's Affordable Housing Committee (led by King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci) by stating that the committee has been developing the policies that will be discussed under Agenda Item VI. The Committee is presenting 3 items for consideration by the GMPC, 2 of which require a vote by the GMPC. The GMPC unanimously approved (1) amendments to the charter of the committee, and (2) the updated membership list. The membership list presented was amended to add Nancy Tosta as a member from the City of Burien, who was inadvertently left off the original list distributed to the GMPC.

Agenda Item V – Briefing Item: Urban Growth Capacity Report

King County Executive Dow Constantine opened the discussion by stating that in addition to updating the Countywide Planning Policies this year, the GMPC will also be asked to approve the Urban Growth Capacity Report, which is a requirement of the GMA and due to the state this June. This is the 4th capacity report that King County and the cities have prepared since the GMA was adopted. This report is an inventory of the available growth capacity within each jurisdiction and reports on how the overall county is meeting the planning goals.

Rebecca Maskin, King County, briefed the GMPC on the findings of the report to-date stating there is sufficient capacity to accommodate both housing and job targets to for the 2006-2035 period. The draft report will come to the GMPC at their meeting in March for approval to release for public comment.

Agenda Item VI – Briefing Item: 2021 CPP Update

King County Executive Dow Constantine opened the discussion on the update of the Countywide Planning Policies by stating that changes in zoning and policies over the past several decades have led to the protection of farms, forests, and the natural environment. Additionally, King County cities have seen the development of vibrant urban centers. Executive Constantine further stated that now is the opportunity to reaffirm the long-range planning vision to recommit to protection of the county's natural resources and energizing of the urban core recognizing that these two outcomes are linked together.

Karen Wolf, King County, briefed the GMPC on the overview of the 2021 Update of the Countywide Planning Policies along with Rebecca Maskin and Sunaree Marshall. Councilmember Balducci spoke specifically to the Housing Chapter in the CPPs stating that the approach is transformative, laying the foundation necessary to achieve equitable and effective countywide implementation of many of the Regional Housing Task Force recommendations.

Discussion included support for adding "women" to the policies in Economy Chapter and concern that the low-scale development in the rural area is not sustainable.

The draft 2021 CPPs will come to the GMPC at their meeting in March for approval to release for public comment.

Agenda Item VII – Information Item: 2021 GMPC Schedule

Next GMPC meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2021

Executive Constantine adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.