



Snohomish County Council
Planning and Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

Nate Nehring, Committee Chair
Megan Dunn, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Stephanie Wright, Sam Low, Jared Mead

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst
Russell Wiita, Legislative Aide
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

10:30 AM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Nehring
Committee Vice-Chair Dunn
Committee Member Wright
Committee Member Low
Committee Member Mead
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Hilary McGowan, Planning & Development Services
David Killingstad, Planning & Development Services
Kate Lunceford, League of Women Voters
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment remotely via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

The clerk called the roll and stated that four members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kate Lunceford, League of Women Voters, spoke to Motion 22-096 on the agenda and provided comment related to tree canopy.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. 2021 Tree Canopy Report [2022-0152](#)
Hilary McGowan, Planning & Development Services

Hilary McGowan, Planning & Development Services (PDS), shared a presentation and provided the Tree Canopy Monitoring 2021 Report.

Responding to Committee Member Low, Ms. McGowan said this report does not cover what urban cities are doing with their tree canopies, it only covers urban unincorporated. She said this report strictly looks at residential permits and is limited to that data.

Responding to Committee Member Mead, Ms. McGowan provided her perspective and explained that the data shows that the regulations are working and showing there is more urban residential coverage. Discussion ensued and Ms. McGowan responded to additional questions from Committee Vice-Chair Dunn and Committee Member Mead regarding tree coverage and aerial mapping.

David Killingstad, PDS, provided a distinction between information from this year's and last year's report and he spoke about mapping.

Committee Member Low asked if PDS had a request for funding for mapping. Ms. McGowan and Mr. Killingstad responded. Committee Member Low said he wanted to make sure there was funding, so PDS has the tools they need. Mr. Killingstad said he would put together a proposal.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Seven (7) motions directing Planning & Development Services (PDS) to include Council-Initiated Future Land Use, Zoning Map and Policy changes in the Alternatives for the 2024 Update [2022-0213](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and spoke about the seven motions (as listed on the agenda) that Council is considering referring to Planning & Development Services (PDS) for further review for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mr. Countryman referred committee members to his staff report and spoke about alternatives and process.

He spoke about the four motions, Motions 22-090, 22-092, 22-095, and 22-098, that will overlap with the Docket hearing tomorrow (March 2, 2022). He spoke about timing options for approvals of the Docket motions. Lengthy discussion ensued with input from David Killingstad, PDS, and the Committee agreed on Option 3 as follows:

- March 1 - Discussion of Motions in Planning and Community Development Committee
- March 2 - Continued Hearing on Docket XXI, including final action
- March 15 - Continued Discussion of Motions in Planning and Community Development Committee
- March 16 or 23 - Consideration of Motions in General Legislative Session

- A.** Motion 22-090, referring consideration of expansion of the Southwest County UGA, including Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map changes, to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0200](#)

Motion 22-090 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Committee Member Low spoke to Motion 22-090 and the issues on 43rd Ave SE. He explained he wants to make sure there is a good boundary that makes sense for everybody and, in addition, make sure to protect the Little Bear Creek Watershed.

Mr. Countryman provided a further staff report.

- B.** Motion 22-092, referring Future Land Use Map, Zoning Map, and policy changes related to the Darrington Urban Growth Area to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0198](#)

Motion 22-092 - Sponsored by Councilmember Nehring

Mr. Countryman provided a staff report. He stated that based on Committee Member Nehring's comments, there may be some further revisions.

- C.** Motion 22-095, referring a proposed expansion of the Lake Stevens Urban Growth Area, including Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map changes, to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0206](#)

Motion 22-095 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Committee Member Low spoke to Motion 22-095. Mr. Countryman provided an additional staff report.

- D.** Motion 22-096, referring proposed new policies related to urban tree canopy to the Department of Planning and Development Services and Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0207](#)

Motion 22-096 - Sponsored by Council Chair Dunn

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn spoke to Motion 22-096 and explained that this motion would amend the Natural Element Chapter of the General Policy Plan (GPP). She said one of the main goals is to become an Evergreen Community under the Evergreen Communities Act and she spoke about some of the requirements that would entail. She said she would be happy to work with Council for any changes, suggestions, or concerns.

Mr. Countryman provided an additional staff report.

- E.** Motion 22-097, referring proposed new policies related to broadband to the Department of Planning and Development Services and Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0205](#)

Motion 22-097 - Co-Sponsored by Councilmember Low and Councilmember Nehring

Mr. Countryman provided a staff report.

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn asked which department would be responsible for seeking grants, permitting, or design standard changes. Committee Chair Nehring said a department has not yet been designated. He said the Department of Information Technology (IT) is currently in the process of converting a full-time employee to lead broadband efforts and said he believes it will fall under IT and that individual.

- F.** Motion 22-098, referring a proposed expansion of the Maltby Urban Growth Area, including Future Land Use Map, Zoning Map, and policy changes to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0208](#)

Motion 22-098 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Mr. Countryman provided a staff report. He said this proposal expands the Maltby UGA for a total expansion of 255 acres, of which 215 acres would be for public and institutional uses and about 40 acres would be for private or industrial uses.

- G.** Motion 22-099, referring a proposed expansion of the Monroe Urban Growth Area, including Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map changes, to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0209](#)

Motion 22-099 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Mr. Countryman provided a brief staff report. He said this proposal would expand Monroe by approximately 68 acres for residential development into the UGA.

Committee Member Low spoke briefly about the homeowners' situations and reasoning to include them in this proposal.

ACTION: All motions were continued to the Planning and Community Development Committee meeting March 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.