

# CITY OF SEATAC PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Riverton Room, SeaTac City Hall, 4800 S. 188<sup>th</sup> Street December 4, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2) Public Comment: Public comment will be accepted on items *not* scheduled for public hearing
- 3) Approval of the minutes of November 20, 2018 regular meeting (EXHIBIT A)
- 4) City Center Plan Update: Monthly Briefing (EXHIBIT B)
- 5) 2019 Planning Commission Work Program and Schedule (EXHIBIT C)
- 6) CED Director's Report
- 7) Planning Commission Comments (including suggestions for next meeting agenda)
- 8) Adjournment

#### A quorum of the City Council may be present

The Planning Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Commission primarily considers plans and regulations relating to the physical development of the city, plus other matters as assigned. The Commission is an advisory body to the City Council.

All Commission meetings are open to the public and comments are welcome. Please be sure to be recognized by the Chair prior to speaking.

# CITY OF SEATAC PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes of November 20, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Members present:** Leslie Baker, Tej Basra, Tom Danztler, Brandon Pinto, Jim Todd, Stanley

**Tombs** 

**Members absent:** Roxie Chapin

**Staff present:** Steve Pilcher, CED Director; Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager; Kate

Kaehny, Senior Planner; Aleksandr Yeremeyev, Economic Development

Strategist

#### 1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Stanley Tombs called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### 2. Public Comment

Earl Gipson commented on the City Center Plan and expressed a desire to see what currently exists and what is being proposed.

Rick Forschler commented on the importance of moving forward with Opportunity Zones, a new tax benefit. He advocated accelerating the annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process for 2019.

Aleksandr Yeremeyev commented on his recent training regarding Opportunity Zones. First wave of funds, to be deployed before the end of 2019, will most likely be allocated to "shovel-ready" projects. Funds will then move towards projects that have yet to progress through the permitting process.

Commissioner Basra commented that SeaTac is positioned very well to be competitive for these types of funds.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2018 meeting as written. **Passed 6-0.** 

#### 4. City Center Plan Monthly Briefing

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny reviewed the project goals and how to update a 20-year old plan with community and stakeholder involvement. She reviewed the state and regional growth policy framework and the intended nature of urban centers. Ms. Kaehny then discussed the various economic and market studies that have been conducted through the years and the results of those analyses (1998 City Center study; 2005 & 2010 SeaTac/Airport Station Area studies).

EXHIBIT A DATE: 12/04/18

The Commission discussed the challenges facing the city due to its unique characteristics and the dominance of the airport. It also discussed the limitations of light rail service having a significant impact on impacting growth.

#### 5. CED Director's Report

CED Director Pilcher commented on the City Council's selection of Police Chief Carl Cole as City Manager. He also noted the progress of the recent code amendments and negotiations on selling the former FS 47 property and SeaTac Center.

#### **6. Commissioner Comments**

None.

#### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

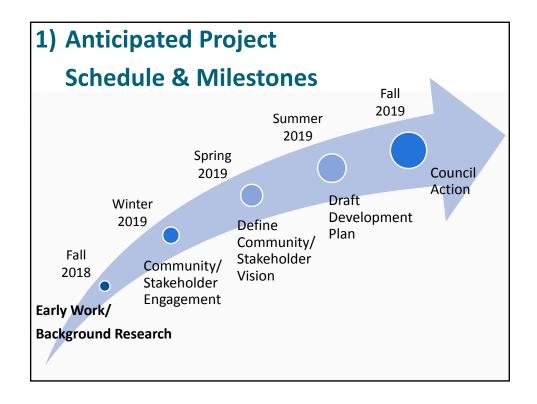


# City Center Plan Update

**Purpose of Briefing:** Informational

## **Briefing Items:**

- 1) Recap Anticipated Project Milestones
- 2) Report on Early Work:
  - Project Briefings with Other City Departments
- 3) Anticipated Next Steps



# 2) Report on Early Work

# **Project Briefings with Other City Departments**

- ✓ Public Works
- ✓ Parks
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Building Division
- (Fire Dept., TBD)

## **Topics Discussed**

- Existing issues, constraints & opportunities in the City Center
- Issues the departments would like this project to address

# **Public Works Department**

#### **Existing Issues/Constraints:**

# VEHICLES & PEDESTRIANS Traffic on Int'l Blvd

- High traffic at times
- Int'l Blvd & S 188<sup>th</sup> intersection "Level of Service (LOS) E"

#### **Access/Circulation**

- Can be difficult for office tenants & visitors to get out of properties onto Int'l Blvd
- No left turn access into Light Rail Station drop-off lot on S 176<sup>th</sup>

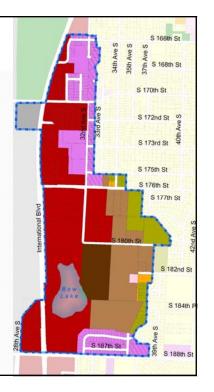


# **Public Works (cont.)**

### **Existing Issues/Constraints:**

#### **Lack of Connectivity**

- Lack of street grid & connectivity limits access to businesses, residences, light rail station, airport, etc.
- S. 180<sup>th</sup> and many other east/west roads not through streets
- High intensity development will need improved/new access

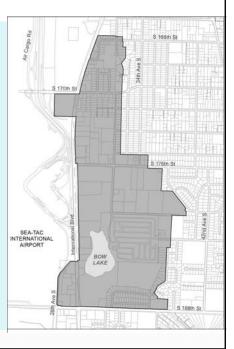


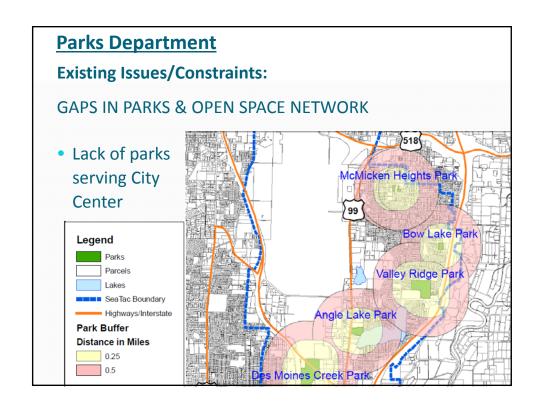
# **Public Works (cont.)**

## **Opportunities:**

#### **International Blvd Corridor Plan**

- Public Works Dept to create plan for Int'l Blvd to better address operational and design issues for City and private development projects
- City staff working to coordinate & leverage Int'l Blvd & City Center Plan projects





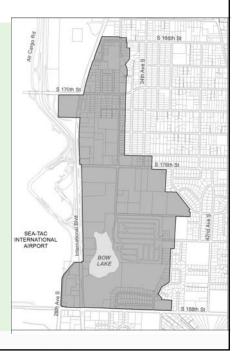
# Parks (cont.)

#### **Issues/Opportunities:**

#### **PROS Plan Update**

(PROS = Parks & Recreation & Open Space)

- Park Dept updating PROS Plan in 2019, as part of Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process
- City staff working to coordinate and leverage projects



## **Police Department**

# **Existing Issues/Constraints:**

- Thefts from autos ("TFAs") are biggest crime issue in area
- Lack of connectivity in area impedes police vehicle access to sites

# **Future Issues/Opportunities:**

- Higher density development with cars in structures could limit thefts from autos
- Desire for future Police office & parking space in area concurrent with significant growth



# **Building Division**

 Building code changed recently to allow for less costly wood-frame building construction, i.e. "5-over-1 buildings," up to 70'

5-over-2 and 5-over-1 buildings are mid-rise, multi-story structures that combine a woodframe built over a "podium" or base ground floor of concrete



# 3) Anticipated Next Steps

# January/February

- City Center Plan Project Main Tasks:
  - Finalizing City Center Plan scope & schedule
  - Finalizing technical assistance needs
- Coordination with 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process:
  - Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process kicks off January 1st
  - Planning Commission to be fully briefed



# MEMORANDUM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: November 30, 2018

To: Planning Commission

From: Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager

Subject: 2019 Planning Commission Work Program and Schedule

At the Commission's, November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission was interested in the schedule for the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle. Below you will find the draft schedule and the Planning Commission's work tasks for the cycle highlighted. Also attached is a look-ahead on the topics the Planning Commission will be discussing in 2019.

#### 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process - DRAFT SCHEDULE

(also for concurrent rezones & development regulation amendment proposals)

**January 1** Public Notice of Application Availability (SeaTac Quarterly, website)

**February/** Council discussion and direction on City-initiated amendments

March Planning Commission discussion and direction on City-initiated amendments

March 29 Application deadline

**April** Staff analysis on submitted applications

May/ PED Committee review and recommendation of Preliminary Docket

June Planning Commission review and recommendation of Preliminary Docket

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City Council reviews all Preliminary Docket proposals and establishes Final Docket

via Resolution

August/ Staff analysis on Final Docket with SEPA and Washington State Commerce

September Review

July

October/ Planning Commission review and recommendation on Final Docket with

**November** Public Hearing

**November** PED Committee review and recommendation on proposals to adopt

City Council review of Final Docket proposals City Council action to adopt or reject proposals

# 2019 Planning Commission Work Program and Schedule - DRAFT

WORK ITEM	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (Jan-Mar)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Apr-Jun)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul-Sep)	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct-Dec)
2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle  Biennial review period; adoption of amendments by end of year	Discussion on potential amendments	Review and recommendation of Preliminary Docket	NA	Review and recommendation on Final Docket with Public Hearing
Shoreline Master Program Update  State mandated deadline of June 30, 2019	Staff briefings, open house, amendment review. Assisted by consultant	Public hearing and recommendation to Council	NA	NA
Wireless Communication Code Amendments (Small Cell)  Required to be compliant with FCC. January interim ordinance adoption	Staff briefings/ worksessions, public hearing and recommendation to Council	NA	NA	NA
City Center Plan  To be adopted with 2019 Comprehensive Plan Cycle, depending on scope of docket	Worksessions, consultant selection, community engagement and visioning	Community engagement and visioning, Plan development	Plan development	Final documents review and recommendation
Sign Code Update  Required to be compliant with US Supreme Court Decision	NA	Review draft code	Public hearing and recommendation to Council	NA
Miscellaneous Amendments  Staff proposed amendments for clarification and permit efficiency	NA	NA	Review draft code, public hearing and recommendation to Council	NA