

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2017
Burlington City Council Chambers
833 S Spruce Street, Burlington, WA 98223

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Keith Wagoner, City of Sedro-Woolley, Vice-Chair; Mayor Jill Boudreau, City of Mount Vernon; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes; Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County; Mayor Steve Sexton, City of Burlington; Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call: Mayor Wagoner called the meeting of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) to order at 2:59 PM. Roll was taken with a quorum present.
2. Approval of October 31, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Mayor Gere moved to approve the October 31, 2017 meeting minutes. Mayor Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Election of 2018 Vice-Chair: Mayor Wagoner reported he will become the Chair of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) in 2018, and asked other GMASC Board members to elect a Vice-Chair for next year. Kevin Murphy clarified the Chair and Vice-Chair must be a combination of one county representative and one city representative. Mayor Boudreau moved to nominate Commissioner Janicki to be 2018 Vice-Chair. Mayor Gere seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Approval of the Growth Monitoring Report by Resolution 2017-01: Mark Hamilton reported that Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) staff presented a methodology for the Growth Monitoring Report at the GMASC's October meeting. Mr. Hamilton said, for this year and in future years, an annual Growth Monitoring Report will be developed using that methodology. Mr. Hamilton also reported the Growth Monitoring Report includes the two additional elements requested at the last GMASC meeting: historical population forecasts for all Urban Growth Areas in Skagit County and housing unit change in rural unincorporated areas.

Commissioner Wesen asked whether the data is gathered yearly or benchmarked from previous years. In response, Mr. Murphy replied the Office of Financial Management collects estimates yearly but can revise their estimates if they receive more information later.

Mr. Hamilton overviewed the data sources, graphs and analysis included in the Growth Monitoring Report. Mr. Hamilton reported the Growth Management Act Technical Advisory Committee and SCOG staff recommend approval of the report.

Commissioner Janicki and Mayor Wagoner raised concerns about the housing unit change data recorded in the report. SCOG staff and City of Sedro-Woolley Planning Director, John Coleman,

clarified the housing unit change year does not follow the calendar year. The 2017 estimates correspond to the estimated number of units completed from April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017. Mayor Boudreau expressed appreciation for the report and thanked SCOG staff.

Mayor Boudreau made a motion to approve the Growth Monitoring Report by Resolution 2017-01. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Final 2018 Work Program and Budget: Mr. Murphy reported that, after the GMASC adopted the budget in October, the Town of Concrete executed the Framework Agreement and joined the interlocal agreement between GMASC jurisdictions and SCOG. Further, Mr. Murphy stated that the only budget change is adding Concrete's contribution to the budget. Mr. Murphy announced Concrete will be seated at the first GMASC meeting in 2018.

Mayor Boudreau expressed interest in convening a summit to discuss the 2002 Framework Agreement. Commissioner Janicki gave verbal support. Mr. Murphy stated SCOG staff can bring summaries of the Countywide Planning Policies and Framework Agreement to the first meeting in 2018. Commissioner Wesen also suggested providing real examples of experiences with the successes and conflicts involving Countywide Planning Policies.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director
Skagit Council of Governments

Date: _____

Approved,

Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County
Growth Management Act Steering Committee Chair

Date: _____