

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2018
Anacortes City Council Chambers
904 6th Street, Anacortes, WA 98221

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Skagit County, Chair; Mayor Julia Johnson, City of Sedro-Woolley, Vice-Chair; Mayor Ramon Hayes, Town of La Conner; Mayor Jason Miller, Town of Concrete; Mayor Joan Cromley, Town of Hamilton; Mayor Steve Sexton, City of Burlington; Commissioner Ron Wesen, Skagit County; and Mayor Laurie Gere, City of Anacortes.

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Murphy, Executive Director; Mark Hamilton, Senior Transportation Planner; and Katie Bunge, Intern.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

Six members of the public attended the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT

Two Growth Management Act Technical Advisory Committee (GMA TAC) members attended this meeting: Rebecca Bradley-Lowell, Senior Planner, City of Mount Vernon; and Kayla Schott-Bressler, Public Health Analyst, Skagit County.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Commissioner Janicki called the meeting of the Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) to order at 2:55 PM. Roll was taken with a quorum present.
2. Approval of May 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Mayor Hayes moved to approve the May 30, 2018 meeting minutes. Mayor Gere seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. 2019 GMA Work Program: Kevin Murphy briefed GMASC members of the purpose and role of the 2002 Framework Agreement, GMASC, GMA TAC and the 2018 GMA Work Program. Mr. Murphy mentioned that as a result of the discussion at the May 30, 2018 meeting – an ad hoc committee formed and met in June. This ad hoc committee assisted with the preparation of a list of different options for the 2019 GMA Work Program, which was submitted to the GMA TAC for a recommendation. Mr. Murphy presented the recommendation made by the GMA TAC.

Commissioner Janicki shared a letter with the GMASC submitted by Mayor Boudreau of the City of Mount Vernon. Mayor Sexton supported an assessment of the CPPs for the 2019 Work Program. GMASC members agreed that any information gathered or collected regarding economic development or housing should be usable by jurisdictions.

Mr. Hamilton mentioned that the CPPs have not been updated since 2007, apart from an amendment to CPP 1 adopted in 2016. Mr. Hamilton explained that an update to the CPPs could bring them up to date to reflect changes to RCWs since 2007, and this could be done with a minimal amount of staff time. The GMASC agreed that a minimal update to the CPPs, without considering any new CPPs, would be valuable for the 2019 GMA Work Plan.

The GMASC consulted with GMA TAC members Rebecca Bradley-Lowell and Kayla Schott-Bressler regarding the GMA TAC recommendations and current housing and economic development planning work undertaken by municipalities.

Mr. Murphy concluded that the 2019 GMA Work Program format will look similar to the 2018 GMA Work Program, with three tasks including a minimal update to the CPPs, and cost sharing for administration of the work program. He said that the work program would be presented to the GMASC for consideration at their next meeting.

4. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:50 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: _____

