

Directors Report: 2020 Accomplishments and 2021 Work Program

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Office of Planning & Community Development

OPCD Mission

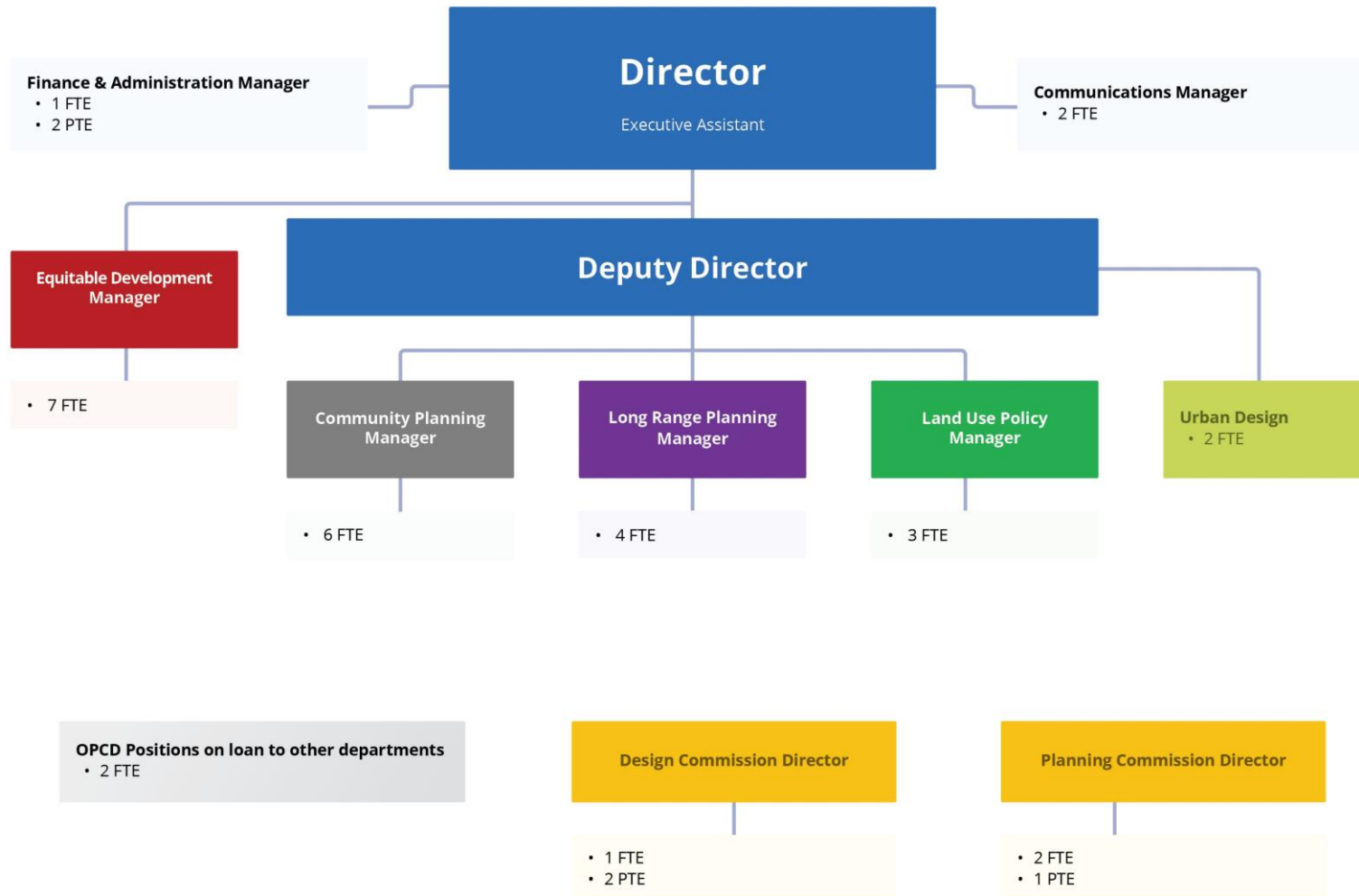
We lead collaborative planning, advance equitable development, and create great places.

Lead with Equity Goal

Eliminate racial disparities and achieve racial equity in Seattle through our work as planners and community development specialists.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Org Chart - Revised March 2021



2020 Accomplishments:

- Equitable Development Monitoring Program with new Population and Demographics website
- HB 1923 – Housing needs analysis
- Comprehensive Plan update early work – Racial Equity Analysis, Buildable Lands, and regional planning (VISION 2050)



2020 Accomplishments:

- Light rail extension -- substantially completed agency workshops, developed design guidelines
- Navigated and advanced community goals for Jackson Hub.
- Planned and conducted outreach at 130th St Station.
- Coordinated with SPU, DON, SDOT, and King County to prepare for Westwood/Highland Park planning.

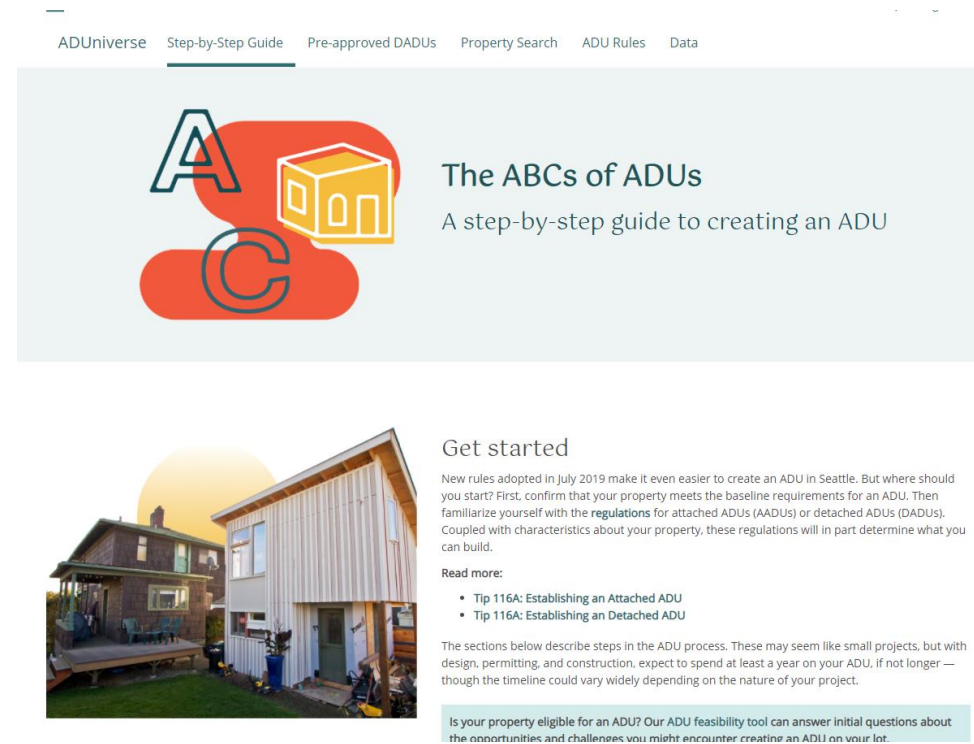


Reflecting on 2020 Accomplishments:

Community Planning

2020 Accomplishments:


- Launched ADUniverse and pre-approved ADU plans
- Rainier Beach rezones for affordable housing
- Housing Choices report and analysis
- Maritime / Industrial strategy process
- ST3 Station Design Guidelines analysis



ADUniverse Step-by-Step Guide Pre-approved DADUs Property Search ADU Rules Data

The ABCs of ADUs

A step-by-step guide to creating an ADU



Get started


New rules adopted in July 2019 make it even easier to create an ADU in Seattle. But where should you start? First, confirm that your property meets the baseline requirements for an ADU. Then familiarize yourself with the **regulations** for attached ADUs (AADUs) or detached ADUs (DADUs). Coupled with characteristics about your property, these regulations will in part determine what you can build.

Read more:

- [Tip 116A: Establishing an Attached ADU](#)
- [Tip 116A: Establishing an Detached ADU](#)

The sections below describe steps in the ADU process. These may seem like small projects, but with design, permitting, and construction, expect to spend at least a year on your ADU, if not longer — though the timeline could vary widely depending on the nature of your project.

Is your property eligible for an ADU? Our ADU feasibility tool can answer initial questions about the opportunities and challenges you might encounter creating an ADU on your lot.



2020 Accomplishments:

- I-5 Lid Feasibility Study
- SR 520: Multiphase urban design Montlake to I-5
- Launched ST3 Hubs Urban Design Strategy
- *City Life at Street Level* report and early recommendations
- Urban design support for other OPCD initiatives



2020 Accomplishments:

- Doubled our grantee pool, now totaling 60 organizations
- Brought together 30 funders, 30 government staff, and 30 community members to frame up EDI collaboration in the context of the Just Transition
- Rainier Beach Food Innovation Center and Black & Tan site acquisitions



Reflecting on 2020 Accomplishments:

Equitable Development Initiative

Role:

The SDC advises the Mayor, Council, and City Departments on the environmental and design aspects of City capital improvement projects or projects that seek long-term or permanent use of public rights-of-way.

2020 Accomplishments:

- First City Board or Commission to move to online meeting format.
- Approval of urban design manual applied to SR 520 investments.
- Policy work on naming of public facilities for BIPOC communities, reuse of ST vacant properties for public space, and re-imagining ROW due to COVID.

Role:

The SPC is an independent body that advises Seattle elected officials and City staff on broad planning goals, policies, and plans that guide and inform the physical development of the city.

2020 Accomplishments:

- *Evolving Seattle's Growth Strategy* paper.
- *A Racially Equitable & Resilient Recovery* paper.
- Application of racial equity principles from the Center for Urban and Racial Equity to guide our work.

- A. Lead with equity.
- B. Prioritize immediate BIPOC needs and resource community-led resilience.
- C. Build long-term community relationships and support power sharing.
- D. Use data and analysis to enrich our understanding of COVID crisis impacts and needs.
- E. Create systems or structures for equitable transformation.
- F. Advance a just and resilient city through major initiatives.

- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Data analysis and policy research
 - Community engagement and RET
 - Environmental review
- Housing Needs / Supply Analysis and Strategies (HB1923)
- Annual Comp Plan Amendments
- Demographics and GIS
- Interagency Coordination
(Regional planning, Seattle Public Schools, State legislation)



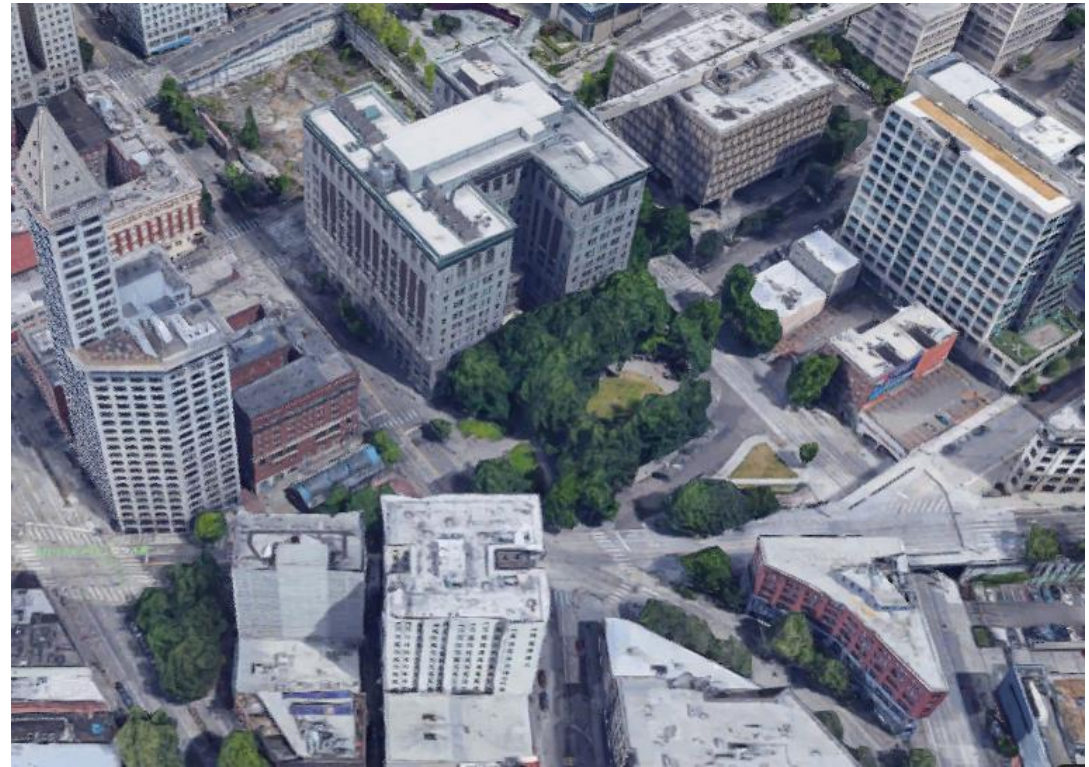
- 130th/145th Station Area Planning
- Westwood/Highland Park Action Program
- Chinatown/ID RET support
- Aurora/Licton Springs
- Co-Planning with Sound Transit
- Early Station Area Planning (Jackson Hub, Westlake Hub, Delridge)
- FTA Grant
- ST3 Environmental Review (DEIS) support
- Outside Citywide



- Industrial/Maritime Strategy
- Housing policy implementation and support
- Equitable zoning strategies and emerging policy issues
- Land use code amendments and environmental review support
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) policy implementation



- NE Pioneer Square Coordinated Initiatives
- SR 520
- I-5 Lid Feasibility Study
- Mt. Baker Station Area + UW Laundry Site
- Design Guidelines + Urban Design Support
- Interagency Support and IDTs (DTA, King County Master Plan, City Real Estate Portfolio Mgmt)



- EDI Community Contracts Management (60 projects)
- EDI Fund Coordination
- Mutual and Offsetting Benefits Agreements
- EDI Advisory Board permanent structure
- Strategic Investment Fund
- Duwamish Valley Action Program
- Affordable Commercial Spaces
- Equitable TOD Strategy
- Equity Indicators Reports + Participatory Research Program

