

MEMORANDUM

To: Councilmember Rob Johnson, Chair
Councilmembers Mike O'Brien and Lisa Herbold, Members
Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee

From: Eric McConaghy and Lish Whitson, Central Staff

Date: September 6, 2016

Subject: Ongoing Discussion of Potential Amendments to Seattle 2035

On September 9, the Planning, Land Use and Zoning (PLUZ) Committee will continue discussion of amendments to the Mayor's Recommended Comprehensive Plan, "Seattle 2035."

The purpose of this memo is to set out potential amendments, some informed by previous discussion and some new, for your consideration. Amendments are shown on attachments.

Action by the PLUZ Committee on amendments will occur no earlier than September 20. PLUZ will hold a hearing on Seattle 2035 and potential amendments by Council to the Mayor's proposal on September 15.

Background on Committee Process

Leading to the previous PLUZ discussion on August 16, Councilmember Johnson took the Comprehensive Plan "on the road," bringing key themes of the plan to most Council committees for review and discussion over a period of two months. The attached list of potential amendments comes out of those discussions. It also includes recommendations by the Seattle Planning Commission, the Seattle Music Commission, Historic Seattle and others. Many of the ideas in the attached amendments are informed by comment and testimony from members of the public, received both at the public hearing on June 27 and in written comments.

Proposed Amendments – Form and Content of Attachments

Attachments 1 through 14 share a common structure. These attachments list amendments by Comprehensive Plan Element. Each Element's list is broken into "policy decisions" and "technical amendments." Potential amendments that address larger themes or where a range of options are provided are listed as policy decisions. Policy decisions have already and will likely continue to be of most interest to PLUZ for discussion.

More targeted and/or simpler amendments are included as technical amendments. Please let us know if you'd like to discuss the technical amendments in more detail or if you would like to consider alternatives to the potential technical amendments, and we will work with you to identify those alternatives or provide additional information, if necessary.

The initial form of each amendment is shown along with discussion and the Council's draft amendment. *All of Council's amendments should be considered draft*, pending the public hearing on September 15 and further discussion.

Attachments 15 through 19 cover a range of issues. They each stand alone because their length and/or content does not fit well into the “policy decisions” and “technical amendments” format shared by Attachments 1 through 14.

The attachments altogether, except Attachment 19, are intended to constitute a complete, second draft of amendments that the Council may consider. Throughout all of the amendments, specific language to be deleted is shown in ~~striketrough~~ and specific language proposed to be added is shown underlined. Three asterisk marks (***) are used to show the omission of content adjacent to amendments. Please let us know if we can provide additional information about any of these amendments.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Introduction and across multiple sections of the Plan
- Attachment 2: Growth Strategy Element and Appendices
- Attachment 3: Land Use Element and Appendices
- Attachment 4: Transportation Element and Appendices
- Attachment 5: Housing Element and Appendices
- Attachment 6: Capital Facilities Element and Appendices
- Attachment 7: Utilities Element and Appendices
- Attachment 8: Economic Development Element
- Attachment 9: Environment Element
- Attachment 10: Parks and Open Space Element
- Attachment 11: Arts and Culture Element
- Attachment 12: Community Well-Being Element
- Attachment 13: Neighborhood Planning Element
- Attachment 14: Glossary
- Attachment 15: Community Involvement Element
- Attachment 16: Inadvertent Omissions
- Attachment 17: Commercial Affordability
- Attachment 18: Historic Preservation
- Attachment 19: Comparison of Industrial Land Goals and Policies

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