



## PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82364007852>

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

#### Participating Jurisdictions/Members:

Bothell	Jason Greenspan
Everett	Yorik Stevens-Wajda
Lake Stevens	Russ Wright
Lynnwood	Karl Almgren
City of Mill Creek	Jeff Ryan
Monroe	Lance Bailey
Mukilteo	Andy Galuska
Snohomish	Brooke Eidem
Snohomish County	Mike McCrary
Stanwood	Patricia Love
Woodway	Bill Trimm

#### Other Attendees/Presenters:

Snohomish County PDS	Frank Slusser, Steve Toy
Snohomish County PDS	Julie Mass, Michael Dobesh
City of Auburn	Gabriel Clark, Alexandria Teague
Dept of Commerce	Jeff Aken
City of Edmonds	Brad Shipley
City of Lynnwood	Rebecca Samy
City of Monroe	Kate Tourtellot
City of Mill Creek	Sybil Tetteh
City of Sultan	Abigail Newbold
Tulalip Tribes	Ben Lubbers
CAB Rep	Samantha Politano
MBKAS	Russell Joe, Natalie Reber
Snohomish County PDS	Ann Larson, Darren Groth, Henry Jennings, Jacob Lambert, Matthew Siddons, Michael Saponaro, Samantha Wangsgard, Taylor Twiford, Shanan Bird
Snohomish County	Eric Smith

**1. Call to Order**

Russ Wright called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll was taken as shown above.

**3. Approval of Minutes (01-08-2026)**

Mike McCrary moved to approve the minutes, and Bill Trimm seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public Comments**

No public comment was given.

**5. Action Items****a. *Revisions to maps in Appendix A of the CPPs***

Frank Slusser, Senior Planner, gave a brief overview of the revisions.

A recommendation was made by Mike McCrary to amend Appendix A of the Countywide Planning Policies by repealing the existing UGA and MUGA maps and replacing them with the revised maps attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 to this recommendation providing consistency with the UGAs adopted by Snohomish County on December 4, 2024, and applying MUGA designations for areas added to the Southwest UGA. It was seconded by Lance Bailey. Motion passed with the City of Bothell opposing and the Tulalip Tribes abstaining.

**b. *2026 Growth Target Reconciliation Revisions to Appendix B of the CPPs***

Steve Toy, Principal Demographer,

McCrary moved to approve the recommendation to amend Appendix B of the Countywide Planning Policies by repealing the existing initial population, housing and employment growth target tables (P1, P2, H1, H2, E1, and E2), and replacing them with the reconciled growth target tables shown in Attachment 1, pursuant to the CPP requirements for a target reconciliation process conducted by SCT following the 10-year periodic review and updates to city and county comprehensive plans required under GMA. It was seconded by Lance Bailey. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion/Update Items****a. [Battery Energy Storage Systems](#),**

Gabriel Clark, City of Auburn,

**b. *Permit Application Volume Roundtable*****1. *Snohomish County Planning Development Services***

Julie Mass, Division Manager & Michael Dobesh, Permitting Division Manager

**2. *City of Snohomish***

Brooke Eidem, Planning & Development Services Director,

**3. *City of Stanwood***

Patricia Love, Community Development Director,

**4. *Open Roundtable Discussion/ Q&A (10 min.)***

c. *Department of Commerce*

Jeff Aken, Senior Planner, gave updates from the Department of Commerce.

**Submit MFTE annual report by April 1**

It's time to submit an annual report on the multifamily tax exemption (MFTE) program! Every jurisdiction should complete [the short online reporting form](#) whether or not the jurisdiction currently has an MFTE Program. Those jurisdictions who issued final certificates of tax exemption will also complete [a detail sheet](#). The reporting deadline is April 1, 2026.

If you have any questions about the reporting process, please contact Katherine Mitchell at [katherine.mitchell@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:katherine.mitchell@commerce.wa.gov).

**Periodic Update Workshops**

Commerce routinely hosts workshops on specific elements of the periodic update process. These workshops provide valuable opportunities for local jurisdictions to understand and meet the requirements of the periodic update. Please consider joining us for an upcoming workshop to learn more about planning in Washington.

**Upcoming workshops**

2027 Series - Climate Workshop

- 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24
- [Register for the workshop \(Zoom\)](#)

[Download the workshop flyer \(PDF\)](#)

**Upcoming Short Courses**

Commerce presents the Short Course on Local Planning to provide an overview of land use and comprehensive planning laws in Washington.

- [6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26](#)
- [1 p.m. Tuesday, March 24](#)
- 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 (at PAW annual conference)
- [6 p.m. Wednesday, May 27](#)

d. *Puget Sound Regional Council*

Nancy Ferber, Senior Planner, provided some updates from Puget Sound Regional Council.

1. PSRC is seeking nominations for VISION 2050 awards. This year will only be accepting nominations directly from [membership](#). Others seeking to nominate projects can do so through the member jurisdiction in which the project is located. PSRC will help connect potential nominees with local governments to help with the nomination process. Contact [Michele Leslie](#) with any questions. [Nomination Form](#)
2. Free upcoming Toolbox Webinar: Toolbox-March 20<sup>th</sup> 10- 11:30 am. Join for a conversation on expanding access to parks and green spaces to advance equity, strengthen communities, and support vibrant places. Speakers from the Trust for Public Land will share national perspectives on improving access to green spaces, followed by local examples from Parks Tacoma and the City of Renton highlighting how these ideas are coming to life in communities across the region. [Registration](#)
3. PSRC recently put out a request for jurisdictional review and feedback on its draft Future Land Use (FLU) dataset. The dataset is a regional representation of local zoning codes and development regulations and is being updated to reflect changes associated with the latest round of comprehensive plan updates and other local planning work. The draft data and how to provide feedback are available: [FLU Dataset Review tool](#).
4. PSRC's [Summer Planning Academy \(SPA\)](#) applications are opening Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>. SPA is a great leadership development opportunity, free of charge, to students who are encouraged to think creatively about how better planning can help make better communities.

5. Save the date for the PSRC 2026 General Assembly : Thursday, May 28, 2026 10am-1:00 pm, Seattle Convention Center. Registration will open in early April.

**7. Group Discussion**

**8. Next Meeting Date**

- March 12, 2026, 1 PM - 3 PM

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. by Russ Wright.