



**Planning Commission Work Plan -- Member Proposals  
for  
April 2016 – March 2017**

**Date:** Jan 11, 2016      **Proposal Submitted By:** Robert Ragland, Planning Commissioner

**Title of Proposal:** Plan to make downtown safer, cleaner & more attractive to customers (patrons, businesses)

**Brief Description of Proposal:**

Due to the actual and perceived homelessness, crime, vagrancy, and general unsafe conditions that are now synonymous with downtown Olympia, it is imperative Olympia's Planning Commission (OPC) understand these issues. These issues continually present themselves as top priorities/concerns from citizens, business owners and potential developers within the downtown area and elsewhere as it affects the overall perception of Olympia. The survey conducted by Olympia's Economic Development Council is just one recent example.

Recommend the OPC receive briefings from the lead agency, if there is one, and any other agencies involved in assisting with making the downtown a safer, cleaner, more viable and presentable place for patrons, business owners and developers. Agencies may include the Olympia Police Department, Social Services, Parks Department and others, such as non-profits, who play a major role.

This will allow the OPC to better understand downtown Olympia's largest and most visible problem. It will provide knowledge that can be applied to the council as it executes its duties and responsibilities, allow OPC to comment as appropriate, and get more involved in the future.

**OPC's Role or Deliverable:**

- Review and provide feedback to city council
- Recommendation to Council
- Briefing/Update from Responsible agencies that can discuss their role within the city's plan



**Subject or Topic related to:**

Public Participation

Natural Environment

Land Use and Urban Design

Transportation

Utilities

Health, Arts, Parks & Rec.

Economy

Public Services

Capital Facilities Plan

Special Area \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pertains to all areas given public & business interest for downtown

**Estimated amount of time on OPC agenda (30, 60, 90 minutes, etc.):** 3 - 6 hours depending on the number of agencies requiring coordination/briefings

**Budget Implications?**  Yes  No  Don't know

**Suggested month to schedule on agenda (specific or approximate):** Summer - Fall 2016

Item is flexible