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Olympia Planning Commission – August 8, 2012 Regular Meeting Organization of Topics for Comprehensive Plan Deliberation

Process Note: The Commission brainstormed topics at their August 1st meeting. On August 8th, the Commission organized the topics under five themes, as outlined below. The intent was to bunch topics for discussion at five up-coming initial deliberation meetings. The Comprehensive Plan Update Sub-Committee will further refine the list and plug topics into the schedule.

1. Foundations (Process & Assumptions)

a. Process for Review (#1)

- Need to get some notion of what didn't work with current plan
- What are the deficiencies in the old plan; are they addressed?
- Programming documents
- Assessment of GMA Checklist
- SMP Integration Policies
- Alignment of comp plan- SMP, CFP
- GMA, CFP, SMP, CPU interface
- Advisory boards-BPAC, others?

b. Organization (#2)

- Organized process
- Not just looking at changes in the plan
- Need to examine entire plan, not just changes
- Discuss latitude in format-i.e. we must go forward chapter by chapter
- Simulations and testing
- More specificity needed in CPU
- Objectives need targets

c. Timeline/Schedule (#3)

d. Population Estimates, Projection (#4)

- Appropriate population estimate
- We need detailed information on basis for OFM estimates and whether it considers climate refugees, drought refugees, water resources, economic base to support visions, effect of 1% vs. 99%
- Alternative approach to population
- Population distributions

e. Economy (#6)

- Economics in recession, will economic forecast improve?
- Long range CFP
- Economy chapter does not give much guidance

2. Downtown

a. Downtown Planning (Open Space, Heights, Views, Parks, Boundary, Parking) (#11)

- Downtown Master Plan

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- Parking- downtown licensing
- Downtown park space, Larrida passage, Big W., Capitol Center Building
- Define the whole of downtown not just the core, Eastside ST to waterfront, lake shore line
- Downtown districts, downtown development
- Isthmus, urban design, views, parks

b. Form Based Codes (#12)

- Urban design and views
- Introduce "Citi Center for Pedestrians," including safe biking and central park with agriculture in the port area

c. Views, View Corridors, Heights (Economy, Prioritization) (#16)

- Views, priority-too many, too few, how do we regulate? Stifle development?
- spatial elements, where are we going to put development?

d. Governance, City/Port Relationship/Jurisdiction (#23)

- Relation of City/jurisdiction and port
- Port of Olympia SMP, views, economic dev, Industrial/Residential uses

3. Environment

a. Urban Forestry, Green Space (#8)

- Trees
- Enough green space, ratio of green space to people, if we increase density need to preserve green space
- Plants and water moderate climate
- “W” for mental and fiscal health and for climate change
- W. Bay Drive vegetation management plan

b. Low Impact Development (#13)

- Ken Lake/Park Heights/Westbrook/Steep Slopes/Low-Impact Development
- Clustering
- Community concerns about building on slopes

c. Urban Agriculture, Food Production/Security, Water Quality (#17)

- Create source of food-reopen salmon creeks under the street, protect unique infrastructure

d. Sustainability Thread, Emphasis (#18)

- Energy/sustainability, urban forestry, solar, light pollution

e. Natural Hazards (Heat, Air, Flood, Fire, Drought, Liquefaction) (#19)

- Main street goes through manmade land (liquefaction)
- Adaptation to natural hazards: climate change, greenhouse gases, increased heat, increased flooding, earthquakes, liquefaction, increased air pollution, wildfires

f. Adaption, Climate Change (#20)

g. Critical Areas, PNW Marine Ecosystem (#22)

-Critical areas ordinance

4. Neighborhoods

a. Sub-Area Planning/Neighborhood Planning/ Neighborhood Issues (#7)

b. Density, Corridors, Acreage (#10)

-HDC's include Plum ST

-Need spatial information on density and acreage-goals, and policies must be spatially rooted

c. West Olympia (#14)

-Community vision group

-Business Association

-Economic development, CBD Westside

-Economic analysis of housing

5. Transportation

a. Transportation Comments (#5)

-Transportation TRPC, IT, Messmer

-Thera's transportation recommendations

-Transportation "fine tooth" tweaking of language (Thera Black, Karen Messmer, BPAC)

b. Urban Corridors/Carlyon, Gov. Stevens, Wildwood, Harrison (#9)

-Urban corridor, Capitol Way I-5 to Tumwater

-Urban corridor, community concerns about ¼ mile buffer

-Need more detail on tools to be used for "urban corridors"

-Urban corridors exemption

-"Urban corridor" is a historic concept (before industrial revolution), look for more contemporary [concept]

c. Street Connectivity (Decatur, Fern, Parkside, Logcabin, etc.) (#15)

-Decatur Blvd. and community concern about on-ramp

-Connected streets policy, map

-Decatur and 16th connections

-West Olympia access study

d. Water Uses, Transportation (#21)

- Provide water transportation (like it used to be)