

Downtown Strategy – Advisory Board Interests

According to the scope for the Downtown Strategy, advisory boards (other than OPC) have a role to: Advise Council and staff on potential initiatives to include in the Strategy. **Tasks include:**

- Receive an informational briefing from staff
- In line with scope, make recommendations for initiatives pertaining to expert purpose and role for consideration by staff and City Council
- Members may participate, listen and/or observe public workshops/meetings

By this time, all boards have been briefed on the Downtown Strategy at least once. Advisory Board members have been encouraged to attend the public workshops and the open house on October 29. Advisory boards have different meeting schedules and needs. To ensure boards have the opportunity to weigh in on initiatives pertaining to their role should they so desire, each staff liaisons will work their board to select one of the following options:

1. No further comment
2. Draft a 1-page letter, addressed to City Council. Submit:
 - a) By Nov 6 to be included in the City Council packet for Nov 22
 - b) By Nov 21 to be handed into Council on Nov 22
 - c) By Jan 9 to be included in the OPC hearing record, and forwarded to City Council along with OPC’s recommendation
3. Choose a representative to provide oral testimony to OPC at their public hearing

	Board	Liaison	Related Topics of Interest	Expressed Interest in DTS or potential involvement in implementation	Briefing Date(s)	Notes
1	UAC	Andy Haub	2017 sea level rise effort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in how DTS addresses SLR • Will be involved in upcoming SLR adaptive management plan (2017) 	1/17	DTS implements the current Comp Plan land use vision and SLR policy; if the land use vision changes following the SLR plan we can adjust. Meanwhile, final DTS report will express how DTS responds/relates to SLR
2	BPAC	Michelle Swanson	Streetscape design; Priority transportation investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscape design - EDDS update (2017) • Final concepts for each of the 5 repaving/transformation projects 	3/16, 7/20	BPAC will review transportation recommendations at their 11/16 meeting.
	OHC	Michelle Sadler	Historic Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic District design code update (2017) • Explore changes to the historic district boundary following inventory • Certain preservation incentives (aimed at preserving historic character outside of formal district) might be considered as part of overall 	4/12	Met with MAKERS team to provide input into historic design guidelines

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				adaptive reuse strategy. Board interested in reviewing the proposed criteria.		
4	Arts	Stephanie Johnson	Public Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public art to enhance character areas Identifying a Creative District 	4/14, 6/27 – met with liaison and Chair	Arts Commission will review related actions at their Oct meeting and write a memo to Council
5	PRAC	Laura Keehan	Downtown parks planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in concept of downtown as a full-service neighborhood including facilities and services to meet residential needs. To that end, interested in land acquisition for downtown parks to ensure adequate land to meet needs of growing population. New park land may be especially needed in the southeast neighborhood, and PRAC members expressed perhaps this would need to be something smaller than a 2-4 acre neighborhood park Interested in exploring a requirement or incentive for private development to provide open space/plazas in association with projects (we are looking at that as part of design standard updates, but not yet sure if we are recommending it) 	8/18	<p>Current Parks Plan doesn't include land acquisition specifically for downtown, but 1-2 of the 10 new neighborhood park locations could be downtown. Parks believes the next plan update will likely focus more on downtown parks. Current Parks Plan does relate to dt parks in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Bay Park Master Plan (relates to possible follow-up actions issues flowing from DTS re: view to Mt. Rainer and plans for the Olympia Waterfront trail) Programming for the Artesian Commons (one way of addressing concerns about the impact of street dependency, clean & safe) Upgrades to Heritage Fountain and Percival Landing Bulkhead (continued improvements to the waterfront, which is a top priority) Percival Landing phase 2 & 3, although not currently funded
6	DRB	Catherine McCoy	Design standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design standard code update (2017) 	Briefed in fall 2015 – need to follow up to review	<p>DRB should be involved in design standard update, which likely kicks off immediately following adoption of the DTS (1st Q 2017)– Good roles for DRB might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> members participate on tech team

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					scope of design standard update	– board weigh in on whether specific standards under consideration for each character area jive with the design concepts in the DTS
7	OPC	Joyce Phillips	Consistency with the Comp Plan	Tasked with final review and recommendation on DTS	2/1; 5/2; 9/19	Will be briefed next on 12/5