



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes General Government Committee

Thursday, April 18, 2013

5:30 PM

Room 207

Special General Government Committee

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Jeannine Roe, Committee Member Jim Cooper and Committee Member Karen Rogers

1.A OTHERS PRESENT

Jerry Parker, Olympia Planning Commission Chair

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.A [13-0234](#) Planning Commission Applicant Process

Chair Roe announced that this evening the General Government Committee will meet with applicants for the Olympia Planning Commission beginning at about 6:30 p.m. She reminded the Committee there are four vacancies on the Planning Commission and thanked Mr. Parker for joining the meeting.

Committee members and Mr. Parker reviewed applications from 11 individuals interested in appointment. They discussed expectations for Committee members, including willingness to respectfully share and consider a variety of viewpoints; having diverse backgrounds on the Commission; individual and collective ability to either reach consensus or vote and move on; and an appreciation of the advisory role of the Commission and the role of staff.

Committee members discussed the format for the evening and agreed to have the applicants first introduce themselves, then break into two discussion groups which Committee members, Chair Parker, and audience members would observe. Following the group discussion, each group will report out. The Committee will take a short break, then reconvene to discuss applicant qualifications and potentially identify recommendations for appointment.

They agreed on the following two discussion questions:

- What's your vision of downtown Olympia in 2043?
- What can the City do to make the vision happen, why, and in what order?

At about 6:30 p.m., applicants arrived. Introductions were made, and instructions for the evening relayed.

Following the small group discussions, applicants reported their discussions. One of the groups reported that their top three priorities are:

- Market Rate Housing
- Regional transportation, including light rail
- Downtown restoration and historic preservation

The top priorities of the other group are:

- Thriving downtown with arts and entertainment
- Sustainable and healthy downtown
- Waterfront community

Both groups talked about investing in downtown, the historic value of downtown, recreation and cultural activities, and the need to feel safe in downtown.

After discussion and reports, the Committee took a short break and reconvened to discuss applicant qualifications. They identified the following list of recommended appointees:

- Kim Andresen, Max Brown, and Missy Watts to 3-year terms ending March 31, 2016
- Darrell Hoppe to the vacant 1-year term ending March 31, 2014

Chair Roe agreed to call the individuals being requested for appointment. She asked staff to contact the other applicants and thank them for their interest. She reminded the Committee that appointments would be on next week's Council agenda for approval.

Committee members agreed that should a vacancy occur during the year, they would recommend Jessica Bateman for immediate appointment, at the call of the Chair.

Chair Roe thanked everyone for their participation.

The recommendation was discussed and closed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.