



Olympia's Action Plan

Action Plan Partner Work Group and Focus Meeting Participants

Action Plan Partner Work Group

The City hosted an Action Plan Partner Work Group (Partner Work Group) made up of 17 staff-level representatives from the City of Olympia, local government agencies and community organizations. Participating members were selected because they are either already partnering with the City in implementing our Comprehensive Plan, or have the potential to participate in carrying out actions or track our progress once the new Action Plan is adopted.

The Partner Work Group provided input for City staff on the Draft Action Plan, with an emphasis on reviewing draft materials for:

- Actions that implement the Comprehensive Plan;
- Performance measures that are meaningful, long-lasting, and support good decision-making; and
- Opportunities for collaboration among work group participants or other community partners

Meetings

Meeting #1: Draft Community Indicators
March 20, 2015—Olympia City Hall

Meeting #2: Draft Actions
March 30, 2015—Olympia City Hall

Meeting #3: Review Focus Meeting Input
June 30, 2015—Olympia City Hall

Meeting #4: Review Revised Draft Action Plan
(To Be Determined)

Members

Chair—Leonard Bauer, Deputy Director | City of Olympia, Community Planning and Development (CPD)

Stacey Ray, Senior Planner | City of Olympia, Community Planning and Development (CPD)

Dennis Bloom, Planning Manager | Intercity Transit (IT)

Kim Andresen, Vice-Chair | Olympia Planning Commission (OPC)

Veena Tabbutt, Senior Planner | Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
Troy Nichols, Executive Director | Olympia Master Builders (OMB)
Paul Knox, Executive Director | United Way of Thurston County
Jennifer Priddy, Assistant Superintendent | Olympia School District (OSD)
Kari Ovigstad, Board Member | Olympia Downtown Association
Mike Reid, Senior Manager of Business Development | Port of Olympia
Jay Elder | Olympia Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA)
Michael Cade, Executive Director | Economic Development Council (EDC)
TJ Johnson, Board Member/Local Food Systems Coordinator | Sustainable South Sound
Dr. Dave Pelkey, Director of Operations and Planning | South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC)
Janine Unsoeld, Board Member | South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH)
Krag Unsoeld, President | South Puget Environmental Education Clearinghouse (SPEECH)
Jeff Paulsen, President | Washington State Federation of State Employees, Local 443

Action Focus Meetings

With assistance from consulting firm SCJ Alliance, staff reached out to nearly 50 organizations to create a pool of candidates to pull from for a series of three focus meetings. The goal was to ensure the focus group participants represented a diverse mix of ideologies, ages, ethnicity, gender, employers, occupations and geography.

Focus Group members spent a couple hours reviewing advance materials and then actively participated in a 4-hour facilitated discussion on either one or two of the five Action Areas: Community Services, Downtown, Economy, Environment, and Neighborhoods.

Members who participated were community-minded and able to see issues from a variety of perspectives, and respectfully shared their opinions and listened to others. Participants were also selected because they are or were leaders within their organization.

Action Plan Focus Group #1: Community Services

Olympia City Hall- Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 28, 2015 | 4:00- 7:30 pm

Attendees:

Ann Freeman-Manzanares- Intercity Transit (IT)
Chris Hawkins- Active Healthy Communities Coordinator
Dennis Mahar- Area Agency on Aging
George Sharp-Business consultant
Janae Huber- President Neighborhood Association, Olympians for People Oriented Places (OPOP)

Jennifer Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation
John Carmicahel- The Evergreen State College (TESC)
Lara Lathrop Anderson- Red Door Interiors
Robert Coit- Thurston County Food Banks
Amy Evans- Bon Lemon Boutique
Christy Peters- County Prosecuting Attorney
Schelli Slaughter- Family Support Center

Action Plan Focus Group #2: Downtown & Economy

Olympia City Hall- Council Chambers
Monday, May 27, 2015 | 1:00- 4:30 pm

Attendees:

Alayna Leibman- Olympians for People Oriented Places (OPOP)
Doug Mah- Capital Medical Center, Olympia Roundtable
Hillary Soens- YWCA
Jill Barnes- Washington Center
Lisa Denis-Perez- LOTT
Mark Rentfrow- Economic Development Council (EDC), Olympia Heritage Commission,
Neighborhood Association President
Myra Dowing- Olympia Yacht Club Commodore
Rozanne Garman- RHD Enterprises, MWOB
Tim Shute- Thurston First Bank
Vida Zvirzdays- Farler - Olympia Downtown Association

Action Plan Focus Group #3: Environment & Neighborhood

Olympia City Hall- Council Chambers
Monday, May 27, 2015 | 5:00- 8:30 pm

Attendees:

Reid Bates- Express Employment Services, Economic Development Council (EDC) Chair,
Thurston County Chamber of Commerce Past President
Amanda Reed- Capital Land Trust
Charles Shelan- Community Youth Services (CYS)
Clydia Cuykendall- Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA), Ward Lake Heights
Deb Nickerson- Black Hills Audubon
Forest Peaker- Downtown business owner, Olympians for People Oriented Places (OPOP)
Kris Goddard- Senior Community Activist, 2020
Carl See- Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA), Carlyon/North