



City of Olympia Planning Commission

February 25, 2021

General Government Committee

RE: Olympia Planning Commission, 2021-2022 Work Plan

Dear Councilmembers,

The Olympia Planning Commission is pleased to present its 2021-2022 Work Plan recommendation. In making this recommendation, the OPC has carefully considered the 2021 City Council Priorities, the 3-Tier Approach for Advisory Committee Work Plans issued by the General Government Committee in 2020, and the Community Planning and Development department's 2021 Work Plan. The OPC Work Plan is divided into 4 sections: Section 1: *Policy Issues*; Section 2: *Optional Program Implementation*; Section 3: *Administrative Activities*; and Section 4: *Informational Briefings*. Each item in a section was evaluated in light of Council Priorities and the 3-Tier Approach mentioned above, and for its inherent value to the community.

The OPC places high value on those items that directly or indirectly advance the City Council priorities. In Section 1, 2, and 3 these include items that support **COVID Recovery & Re-Opening**:

- Short Term Rental Code Amendments
- Neighborhood Center Code Amendments and Zone Changes
- Downtown Zoning Code Updates

Racial and Social Justice is advanced through these items in the same sections:

- Review of Subarea/Neighborhood Plans
- Meeting with the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

Very important to the work performed by the OPC are those items related to **Housing/Homelessness** in Sections 1 – 3:

- Capital Facility Plan Review
- Various Zoning Map and Development Code Text Amendments

While some of the items in these Sections do not directly address specific Council Priorities, the OPC feels they impact certain aspects of **all Council Priorities**:

- Recommendations on Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Review of Thurston County Joint Plan for consistency with City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan
- Content to be discussed during the OPC's Organizational Retreat
- Preparation of the 2022 Work Plan

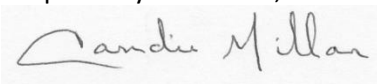
Items listed under Section 4: *Informational Briefings*, are recommended because they advance specific Council Priorities or educate the Commission on subjects related to those listed in Sections 1 – 3. These items include:

- Economic Development
- Buildable Lands Report
- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Regional Housing Action Plan
- Martin Way Corridor Study
- Downtown Strategy
- Park Projects
- West Side/Mall High Density Focus Area
- Gridded Streets
- City Wide Parking Requirements Overview
- Downtown Parking Structure Design Options

The OPC also recognizes the need to monitor the impact of all projects on equity and social justice and climate change. To this end, it is recommended that all staff reports include brief sections on the implication of the project on equity and social justice and climate change.

The OPC appreciates the City Council for providing thoughtful and meaningful guidance for the preparation of the 2021-2022 Work Plan. With the approval of this Work Plan, the Commission can continue to respectfully serve the residents and businesses of the City of Olympia.

Respectfully submitted,

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Candis Millar, AICP
Olympia Planning Commission Chair