



Meeting Minutes

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, May 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Dani Madrone, Committee member Clark Gilman and Committee member Yến Huỳnh

2.A OTHERS PRESENT

Community Planning and Development Staff:
Director Leonard Bauer
Strategic Projects Manager Amy Buckler
Home Fund Manager Cary Retlin
Program Specialist Christa Lensen

Olympia Planning Commission Chair Candi Millar

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Judy Bardin, Charlotte Persons, Elisa Lyles and Bob Jacobs.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A [21-0546](#) Approval of Approval of April 15, 2021 Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.A [21-0531](#) Olympia Housing Action Plan Update

Committee members discussed the draft Housing Action Plan and asked questions

related to the State Environmental Policy Act, recent tax increment financing legislation, workforce housing and other aspects of the Plan. Planning Commission Chair Millar provided an overview of public comments received at the Planning Commission's public hearing.

The information was received.

6.B [21-0533](#) Scope of Housing Feasibility Study

Mr. Retlin and Ms. Buckler shared information regarding the potential scope of a study on the feasibility of changes to current City tools to promote affordable housing in the City's high-density neighborhoods.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [21-0532](#) Approach to Rental Housing Outreach

Mr. Retlin and Ms. Lenssen shared a Powerpoint presentation regarding the approach to rental housing outreach.

The discussion was completed.

6.D [21-0523](#) Future Development Agreements Process

Mr. Bauer provided information regarding the process around future development agreements.

Chair Madrone requested consideration of tenant relocation assistance, climate action goals and the Housing Action Plan.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mr. Bauer provided a summarization of the June Land Use and Environment Committee agenda items, noting the addition of the Planning Commission's recommendation on the short-term rental ordinance.

Chair Madrone provided an update on Urban Agriculture work group.

The Committee discussed a past referral from Council regarding the old City fire station building at State Avenue and Capitol Way.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.