



City Council

Acceptance of the Eastside Subarea Plan

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Land Use and Environment Committee recommends acceptance of the Eastside Subarea Plan.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to accept the Eastside Subarea Plan, as recommended by the Land Use and Environment Committee.

Report

Issue:

Whether to accept the Eastside Subarea Plan, as presented.

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Background and Analysis:

The City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan allows for and encourages a grassroots process where local residents, businesses and community organizations work together in partnership with the City to help shape how neighborhoods grow and develop. This process, known as subarea planning, gives neighborhoods the chance to collaborate with the City to help shape their future development in alignment with neighborhood priorities while remaining consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Eastside Subarea Plan

The Eastside Subarea Plan includes all of the residents and businesses within the Eastside Neighborhood. A subarea planning committee and core team consisting of eastside residents was established in July 2017. An Eastside Neighborhood Subarea Plan charter was accepted by the City

Council on August 15, 2017. The City Council sent a response letter dated August 15, 2017, recognizing the charter and set forth expectations for the planning process, plan elements and staff roles.

In cooperation with the Eastside Neighborhood Association Board, the subarea planning committee and core team have conducted significant public outreach in order to identify neighborhood priorities. As a result of outreach efforts and identification of neighborhood priorities, the core team have developed four action plans within the subarea plan that will direct future efforts of the Eastside Neighborhood Association (ENA).

The draft subarea plan was reviewed by City staff in August 2019 and presented to the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) on September 9, 2019. The draft plan was presented at an ENA board meeting on September 18, 2019 and was posted on the ENA website for public review. The draft subarea plan was then brought to the Planning Commission on October 7 and October 21, 2019. The subarea plan was presented to the Land Use and Environment Committee (LUEC) on October 14, 2019, and LUEC recommended that City Council accept the Eastside Subarea Plan.

Action Plans

The four action plans identify goals, objectives and actions to be carried out in cooperation with identified partners in the near, medium and long term. The action plans address the following subjects: housing, density, growth and neighborhood character; public works and infrastructure; crime prevention and safety enhancement; and community connections.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

In addition to interest from residents and businesses in the Eastside Neighborhood, other potential neighborhood subareas in the City may also be interested in this process and will benefit from the Eastside Neighborhood's experience.

Options:

1. Move to accept the Eastside Subarea Plan.
2. Move to accept the Eastside Subarea Plan with changes.
3. Table consideration of the Eastside Subarea Plan and provide Core Team and City staff direction for additional information needed.

Financial Impact:

None at this time. Staff time and miscellaneous expenses are covered in the Community Planning and Development Department's budget. Future budgets may be impacted depending on future projects and the level of City involvement.

Attachments:

Final Eastside Subarea Plan