



Planning Commission

Recommendation on Updates to the Action Plan

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Title

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Recommended Action

Recommend to City Council for approval of draft updates to the Action Plan for 2017.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recommend to City Council approval of draft updates to the Action Plan.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

In 2014, the Olympia City Council adopted a new Comprehensive Plan with a vision for how our community will grow and develop over the next 20 years. The Action Plan is our community's "to do" list, with strategies and actions for how we'll achieve the vision and indicators for tracking and reporting on our progress (Attachment A).

Each year we'll update our Action Plan to include what we've accomplished and what actions we want to continue or start next. As the City commission responsible for advising the City Council on the long-range growth and development of Olympia, Planning Commissioners play a significant role in reviewing and recommending changes each year that move us closer to achieving the Comprehensive Plan vision.

2017 is the first full year of carrying out the Action Plan, and the first update cycle since the initial framework was recommended by the Commission and subsequently accepted by Council in June 2016 (see Attachment B for the Commission's recommendation letter).

As a result, staff is proposing a minimal list of changes for this year (Attachment C). Changes are

limited to only actions in the Plan, and include:

- 7 new actions;
- 7 removed actions; and
- 16 revised actions

Draft new actions are from the Downtown Strategy or the latest update to the Parks, Arts & Recreation Plan. Those actions proposed from both plans continue to meet the action criteria developed for the existing Action Plan (Attachment D).

Of those actions proposed for removal, six have been entirely completed and one has been integrated into another new action from the Downtown Strategy.

Reasons for proposed revisions to actions include:

- To change the status from “new” to “ongoing;”
- Clarify and/or correct language; or
- Align the action with an existing and/or new Plan (ex. Downtown Strategy)

In addition to supporting the Commission’s discussion on this year’s draft updates, staff will share the types of changes anticipated for the 2018 update cycle, as well as an informational overview of community member and stakeholder input on Council’s Plan priority areas for this year: emergency sheltering and early learning.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

As the framework for identifying short-term strategies and actions for implementing the Comprehensive Plan, the Action Plan has widespread community impacts.

Options:

- A) Recommend to City Council approval of the draft updates to the Action Plan as recommended by staff;
- B) Recommend to City Council approval of the draft updates to the Action Plan with modifications; or
- C) Recommend to City Council that no updates to the Action Plan be approved at this time.

Financial Impact:

None; the Action Plan is a budgeted work item, with all departments contributing to its annual update and ongoing implementation.