



Planning Commission (PC) Worksession Minutes

Date: February 28, 2013

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Thomas McLeod, Chair; Louise Strander, Vice-Chair; Commissioners, Mike Hansen, Brooke Alford, Cassandra Hunter, Sharon Mann and Miguel Maestes

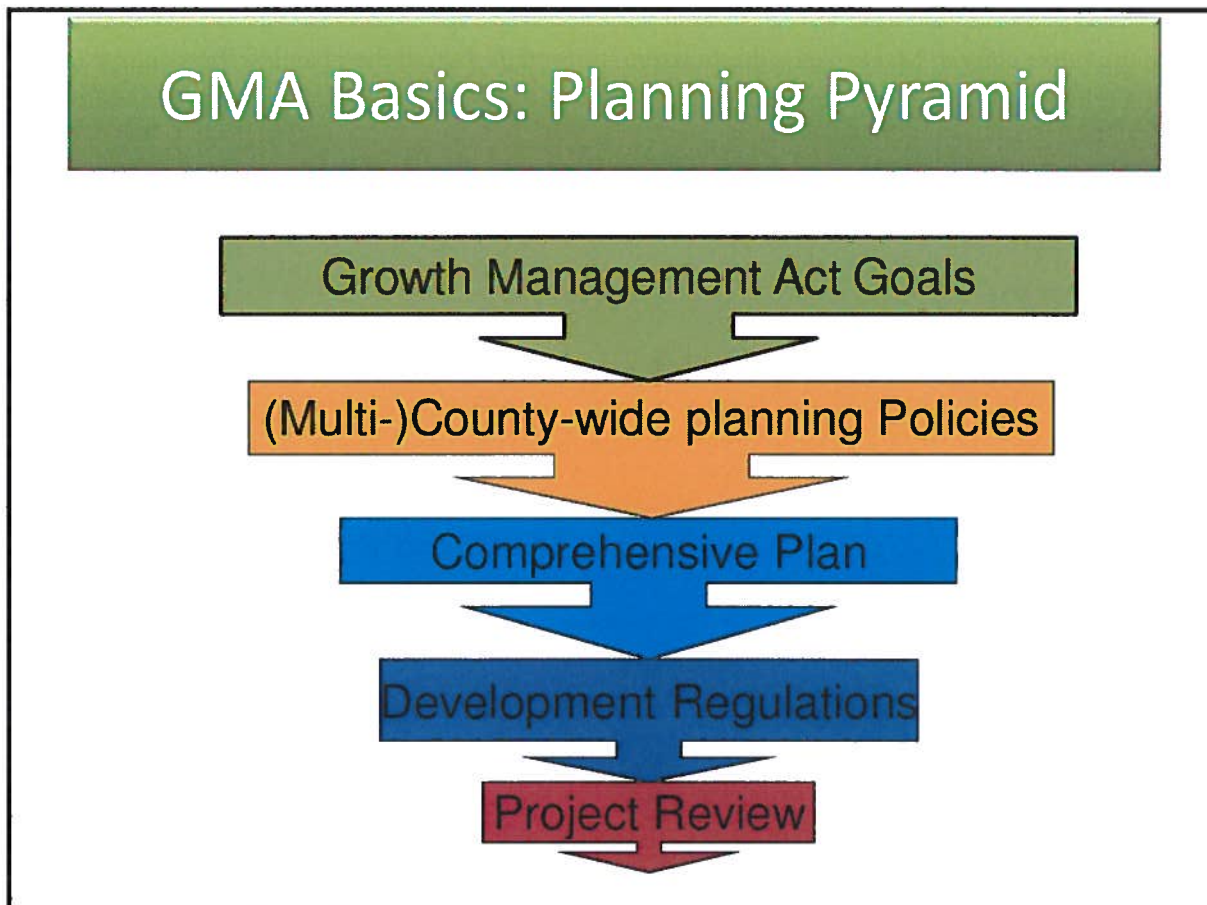
Staff: Nora Gierloff, Deputy DCD Director and Rebecca Fox, Senior Planner

Chair McLeod opened the worksession at 6:35 PM.

Minutes:

A welcome was extended to Miguel Maestes, the new PC Member.

Staff introduced guest speaker Anne Fritzel from the Growth Management Services section of the Department of Commerce. She gave a presentation about the relationship between the history of the Growth Management Act (GMA), the requirements of the multi-county planning policies and the goals and policies in local comprehensive plans. She also spoke about consistency between local development regulations and the comprehensive plan and how the goals were achieved through review of individual projects.



Ms. Fox summarized the work plan for the GMA-required 2015 comprehensive plan update that had been presented to CAP on 2/25/13. She discussed the elements proposed for review as 2013 annual amendments: Shoreline narrative, Utilities, Transportation, Capital Facilities, Natural Environment and possibly Community Image. The focus of these updates will be changes needed to meet new state requirements, correction of out of date information, and incorporation of direction from the Strategic Plan as well as editing and formatting for greater readability and ease of use online. In 2013, public participation will be provided through open houses, hearings, mailings and information provided through the web site and articles in the Hazelnut and Tukwila Reporter. The remaining elements will be reviewed in 2014, with work completed prior to the June 30, 2015 deadline.

There was discussion about the need for additional work sessions for briefing on the comprehensive plan elements and staff agreed to propose dates and determine the one that worked for the greatest number of commissioners.

Chair McLeod asked if there was interest in changing the standard meeting time from 6:30 to either 6 or 7 PM. There was not a consensus on a different time so the meeting start will remain at 6:30.

Ms. Gierloff gave a presentation about the regional Growing Transit Communities project. It is a planning effort aimed at making the best use of the current investments in transit infrastructure and is funded by a \$5 million dollar grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The emphasis is on making sure that the transportation benefits are shared equitably and that intensified, transit oriented development is promoted within a half mile radius of stations.

Staff provided an update on the environmental review of the Southcenter Plan which includes analysis of a higher intensity option in the Regional Center and TOD districts for Council review.

Action Items:

- Staff to provide a copy of Ms. Fritzel's presentation, information about the planning short course in Fife, link to the MRSC web site, and a link to the comprehensive plan memo and schedule presented to CAP.
- Staff will provide possible work session dates and schedule one that works for the greatest number of commissioners.

Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Submitted By: Nora Gierloff, Deputy DCD Director