



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC)

Draft Board Meeting Summary

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Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">3/5/19 KRCC Board meeting summary		
Actions	Who?	Status
Follow up with the Affordable Housing Task Force on the homework assignment given at the March 21 meeting.	KRCC staff	Ongoing
Be in touch with members' respective lobbyist to receive updates on HB 1923 and other legislation.	KRCC Board members	Ongoing

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

KRCC Chair Becky Erickson welcomed participants to the meeting (see attachment A for KRCC Board members in attendance and Attachment B for members of the public in attendance).

2. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Meeting Schedule Updates. PlanPOL Committee meetings are moving to the third Tuesday from 1:30-3pm to accommodate the schedules of technical staff traveling from Regional Staff Committee meetings. The Executive Committee meetings are therefore moving earlier in day on the third Tuesday from 11am-1pm to accommodate PlanPOL's change.

3. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 3/5/2019 KRCC Board meeting summary. Commissioner Garrido moved to approve the 3/5/19 Board meeting summary. Councilmember Ashby seconded. Director Clauson abstained, as he was not present at the March 5 meeting. The motion carried without opposition.

4. FULL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report out from the Affordable Housing Task Force meeting on March 21. Chair Erickson reviewed the objectives of the meeting, which were to discuss affordable housing terminology for use by the task force, describe existing conditions related to affordable housing in Kitsap, discuss policy tools used by jurisdictions related to housing affordability, and to discuss the possibility of issuing a countywide state of emergency declaration regarding affordable housing. Councilmember Daus and Mayor Wheeler shared that the meeting was interesting in part due to having a homework assignment, which was to identify affordable housing policy tools that the respective jurisdictions could potentially implement. Chair Erickson announced that the next meeting will likely have a panel of affordable housing experts to provide recommendation to the Task Force. KRCC staff reminded the audience that the Task Force is intended to address affordable housing, not homelessness,



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although certainly related. KRCC staff will follow up with Task Force members on the homework assignments.

Status report on Countywide Planning Policies updates. LUTAC is holding an additional meeting on April 11 to discuss the Countywide Centers criteria.

Update on KRCC Board Retreat on July 30 from 10am-4pm at Island Lake Community Center logistics and purpose. The theme of the retreat will be planning for growth. This will likely entail outlining future decisions and determining processes for making those decisions, as well as utilizing modeling tools and visuals. The Executive Committee will continue planning the Board Retreat.

Update on growth related legislation: HB 1923. Eric Baker, Kitsap County, shared that HB 1923 has been amended multiple times, and that KRCC members may need to be in touch with their lobbyists to stay up to date on the legislation. His analysis was as follows:

- The legislation is the State's top down response to the housing crisis and lack of available units, which requires Cities of particular sizes to adopt regulatory reforms related to density around high capacity transit nodes.
- The original language was vague enough that ferries were considered high capacity transit.
- One of the amendments to the legislation has revised the regulatory language to recommendations.
- Another amendment has increased the population requirement of the cities that would be affected by the legislation from 10,000 residents to 20,000, essentially reducing the number of cities that would have to adhere to the regulations.
- By 2022, Cities with more than 20,000 residents would be required to take at least two actions related to density from a list of outlined options. Some of the options are related to a required number of units based on proximity to different types of transportation hubs and minimizing required residential parking.
- The legislation allows for relaxation of SEPA for certain project actions in order to facilitate fulfillment of the required actions.
- Ultimately, the legislation erodes the authority and expertise of local governments through its blanket approach.

Board members posed the following questions and comments.

- Councilmember Daug asked Mr. Baker if he had a sense of whether the legislation was moving towards requirement oriented language or recommendation oriented language.
 - Mr. Baker responded that although the language continues to change, there will likely be conversations between the committees to reconcile the differences in language since the legislation has evolved so drastically from its original form.
- Commissioner Gelder asked if the legislation specifies whether the density is intended to be solely around the transit node or all along the entire transit route, as density would look very different in Kitsap depending on that specification. He added that he takes issue with this particular legislation, as well as others, as they exemplify a theme of the State legislature taking a big brother approach and usurping jurisdictional governance.



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The intent may be good, but the approach is problematic. He encouraged the Board to be vigilant about expressing similar concerns.

- Mr. Baker clarified that the legislation indicates a larger corridor type of density is intended, through its language specifying “one or more nodes.”
- Councilmember Tirman noted that a number of local Kitsap representatives are sponsoring the legislation and invited pressure on their state officials.
- Chair Erickson noted that the legislation unintentionally pits transit agencies against local jurisdictions by making jurisdictions shy away from transit investments in order to protect a desired level of density.
 - Director Clauson concurred with Chair Erickson in that the legislation does in some cases pit transit agencies against local jurisdictions however, he does support the legislation’s incentivizing of development around transit infrastructure. He also emphasized the importance of building affordable housing near transit options.
- Commissioner Wolfe asked why Counties are not required to meet the proposed requirements.
 - Mr. Baker responded that most residences reside in Cities and that Cities are ultimately where growth is expected to occur.
- Councilmember Daus expressed strong interest in sending a letter to the legislature on behalf of KRCC regarding preemption of local control.
 - Chair Erickson responded that the KRCC Board could do so if that was the will of the Board.
 - Councilmember Stern, Mayor Putaansuu, and Mayor Wheeler concurred that the letter should respond specifically to preemption by the State legislature and how Kitsap and other local jurisdictions are better equipped to handle the housing crisis.
- Mayor Medina shared that he doesn’t have a lot of negative energy around the legislation since actions that cities are already taking will count toward the required actions and that fulfilling just two of the actions may not prove to be difficult. In fact, having the backing of the legislature to implement desired density ordinances may be helpful in cases where there is resistance to those ordinances.
 - Mr. Baker clarified that any actions taken since 2012 that are in line with the required actions will count toward those requirements.

Goals of a potential KRCC Communications Strategy. The proposed KRCC Communications Strategy would likely be an amendment to KRCC’s Policies and Procedures manual and define what KRCC wants to communicate to its audiences, how it communicates to its audiences, and who its audiences are. The Executive Committee will continue to discuss a Communications Strategy for the Board’s review.



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5. KRCC MEMBER ROUND ROBIN

Report out on new and upcoming jurisdiction policies of interest. Board members shared the following updates:

- Mayor Medina shared that Bainbridge Island City Council is discussing a draft subdivision ordinance, which would require subdivisions to use cluster development and set aside a large portion of the property for a natural area. The Council will need to decide the level of flexibility this ordinance has.
- Mayor Wheeler shared that the City of Bremerton:
 - Has permitted a 300 unit residential development within a 5 minute walk from the Kitsap Transit Center
 - Is conducting a study on the development of the East Side Employment Center
 - Is working with Kitsap Public Utility District to create an incentive pilot program for fiber optic installation
 - Is developing a program to alleviate congestion and support downtown businesses by providing vouchers for alternative transportation options to downtown patrons.
- Commissioner Wolfe shared that the Central Kitsap Community Council is meeting on Wednesday to address the issue of homelessness. He congratulated Chair Erickson on the award from Kitsap Economic Development Alliance. Commissioner Wolfe also announced that the County has a new DCD Director, Jeff Rimack.
- Commissioner Garrido shared that the Harper Community is conducting restoration work on the estuary, park and trails. Additionally, the Kitsap Aerospace and Defense Alliance plans to discuss the importance of cargo in Puget Sound.
- Commissioner Gelder shared that Kitsap County is developing short term rental regulations. The drone ordinance is continuing to be refined in partnership with the Navy. Work on the plastic bag ordinance has halted while there is movement in the legislature on a state wide plastic bag ban. He thanked the City of Bremerton for input on the zoning for sexual offender housing. The work plan for the interim zoning will go through the Planning Commission in May and be finalized and adopted by July.
- Director John Clauson shared that Kitsap Transit:
 - Has begun increased service frequency in the Wheaton Corridor and the corridor connecting Silverdale to Bremerton. The next phase of increased services will be in North Kitsap. A new route connecting Poulsbo to Kingston is currently only operating during peak hours but is expected to increase service.
 - Has closed a deal on the property in East Bremerton to a developer.
 - Appreciates the support of Bainbridge Island who approved the increase of car tab fees, which dedicates a portion of the fee to marketing transit on the island.
 - Is working to become the lead agency of the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization and will be reaching out to jurisdictions regarding an updated Interlocal Agreement to designate Kitsap Transit as the lead agency.
- Commissioner Strakeljahn shared that the Port is updating its strategic business plan and updating its economic impact review. The Port has hired an architectural firm to renovate the



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airport diner and expects designs ready in the fall. Additionally, PSRC was instrumental in obtaining a \$1.5 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to evaluate airport and aerospace capacity in Washington. The study will provide a foundation for future decisions on where airports will be.

- Mayor Putaansuu shared that the roundabouts in Tremont are in place, landscaping work is underway, and that final paving will be complete this summer. The City of Port Orchard also opened McCormick Village Park. Rockwell Park is under construction on the waterfront. Similarly to other jurisdictions, the City has paused discussions on a plastic bag ban while there is activity in the legislature. The City Council has passed form based code to incentivize a diversity of housing and affordability options.
- Councilmember Ashby shared that Port Orchard has begun the interview process for a new Police Chief, as their current Chief prepares for retirement.
- Councilmember Stern shared that the Poulsbo City Council is working to understand the relationship between commercial and residential units in downtown Poulsbo, recognizing a shift in consumer patterns. The City is considering converting commercial spaces into street level residential unit, which could be as simple as a zoning change. The residential units would be required to be built to commercial standards so that they could potentially be converted back to commercial use in the future.
- Chair Erickson asked Board members to support the Small Business Development Center, which supports the growth of small businesses. The Poulsbo Police Force has begun use of drones, which are intended to respond to emergencies, particularly over the bay and in wilderness areas. The Poulsbo Mental Health Team has been presenting its successful Behavioral Health Outreach Program to various police departments around the region.
- Jay Mills shared that there are 74 families waiting for housing in Suquamish, that the Casino is hiring for a range of positions, and that the parking lot at Kiana Lodge has been paved and lighted.

6. KRCC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next TransPOL meeting on April 18. The committee's first meeting of the year will include an update on the Rural Town Centers and Corridors Competition, which is administered by PSRC and has \$5 million in funds available.

Activities from TransTAC meeting on March 14. TransTAC discussed an approach to sharing information on their traffic modeling projects and heard from WSDOT on project delivery requirements.

Activities from PlanPOL meeting on February 21. PlanPOL's first meeting of the year focused on the amendments to the Kitsap CPPs.

Activities from LUTAC meeting on March 14. LUTAC will continue working on amendments to the CPPs at an added April 11 meeting. KRCC staff are working with technical staff to identify the discrepancies on Countywide Centers criteria to help frame the policy level discussion.



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7. PSRC BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board. No updates.

Growth Management Policy Board. Commissioner Wolfe shared that the upcoming meeting will address development patterns and a preferred alternative of the VISION 2050 Draft SEIS.

Transportation Policy Board. Chair Erickson shared that the March meeting was cancelled and that Seattle Councilmember Rob Johnson has resigned from Seattle City Council to work for the National Hockey League franchise, and therefore is no longer Chair of the Board. Executive Somers, PSRC's President, will make the decision on who the Chair of the Transportation Policy Board will be. Chair Erickson noted that Rob Johnson is an honorable, visionary man that made a positive impact on the region.

Economic Development District Board. Councilmember Stern shared that Chairman Leonard Forsman has been elected Chairman of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. He will be presenting to the Board on May 1. Amazon has become the newest member of the Board. The Board will also receive a report on the state of public broadband.

8. CORRIDOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

SR 16. Mayor Putaansuu shared that the committee is hoping to receive money from the legislature.

SR 305. Commissioner Gelder shared that the committee is hosting 3 open houses, kicking off on April 9.

SR 104. Commissioner Gelder shared that there is an active citizen group in Kitsap making trips to Olympia to provide testimony to the legislature. The committee will be providing an update to the Kingston Chamber of Commerce later this week.

9. STAFF REPORT

KRCC Revenue and Expense Report. KRCC is 18.27% through its budget at 17% of the budget year.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Gay, South Kitsap, posed whether Kitsap lobbyists have the same message to Kitsap legislators. He encouraged the Board to have a better understanding of how much money is being spent on affordable housing before resorting to an emergency declaration so that there is a stronger justification to make a request of tax payers.

11. KRCC BOARD QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gelder encouraged everyone to use the Testit app, which allows you to test the speed of your broadband at various locations. This data is collected to inform investments in broadband infrastructure.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM



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ATTACHMENT A – BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Board Member	Jurisdiction	In Attendance?
Ashby, Bek	City of Port Orchard	✓
Clauson, John	Kitsap Transit	✓
Erickson, Becky	City of Poulsbo	✓
Daug, Leslie	City of Bremerton	✓
Forsman, Leonard	Suquamish Tribe	
Garrido, Charlotte	Kitsap County	✓
Gelder, Robert	Kitsap County	✓
Goodnow, Michael	City of Bremerton	✓
Medina, Kol	City of Bainbridge Island	✓
Mills, Luther “Jay”	Suquamish Tribe	✓
Nystul, Gary	City of Poulsbo	
Placentia, Chris	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe	
Purser, Rob	Suquamish Tribe	
Putansuu, Rob	City of Port Orchard	✓
Schrader, Alan	Naval Base Kitsap	
Stern, Ed	City of Poulsbo	✓
Stokes, Larry	Port of Bremerton	
Strakeljahn, Axel	Port of Bremerton	✓
Sullivan, Jeromy	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe	
Tirman, Matthew	City of Bainbridge Island	✓
Wall, Lynn	Naval Base Kitsap	
Wheeler, Greg	City of Bremerton	✓
Wolfe, Ed	Kitsap County	✓



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ATTACHMENT B – NON-MEMBER PARTICIPANTS

Name	Affiliation
Non-Members	
Mark Gulbranson	Puget Sound Regional Council
Roger Gay	South Kitsap Taxpayer
David Forte	Kitsap County
Eric Baker	Kitsap County
Steffani Lillie	Kitsap Transit
JoAnne Schueler	WSDOT
KRCC Facilitation Team	
Sophie Glass	KRCC Transportation and Land Use Program Lead
Kizz Prusia	KRCC Land Use Coordinator
Mishu Pham Whipple	KRCC Coordination Lead