



City-County Planning Coordination Meeting

City of Vancouver
Vancouver, Washington

Meeting Notes

Friday, June 9, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

City Staff: Bryan Snodgrass – City of Vancouver; Jeff Niten – City of Ridgefield; Mitch Kneipp – City of Washougal, and Sam Crummett – City of Battle Ground.

County Staff: Oliver Orjiako, Gordy Euler, Gary Albrecht, Jose Alvarez, and Sharon Lumbantobing

Meeting Notes by: Sharon Lumbantobing

Welcome & Introductions:

- ☐ Oliver welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- ☐ March meeting notes accepted.

Discussion of SB 5254 – Ensuring adequacy of buildable lands and zoning in UGAs and providing funding for low-income housing and homelessness program:

- ☐ The bill is in the Senate ways and means committee. Next step moves the bill to the House.
- ☐ The bill would request that population growth forecasts not be mandatory caps. Bill still being modified and could be tailored to only be applicable to multi-county areas, so it would not include Clark County.

Discussion of Remand Amendments following the GMHB 3/23/2017 ruling:

- ☐ There was a BOCC Work Session on June 7 to prepare for a BOCC hearing on June 20. Powerpoint slides are on the Councilor's Grid for June 7. By Sept 19, the county must appeal or come into compliance with the GMHB ruling (which is 180 days from March 23). On Nov 7, the county will attend a compliance hearing with the GMHB. The various appeals will be consolidated into one. It is not yet known if the appeals will be heard by the Superior Court or the Court of Appeals.

SMP Updates:

- ☐ Department of Ecology has released proposed Guidelines for updating SMPs with a checklist, analogous to the Comp Plan update. SMP Updates need to be done every eight years and for Clark County these are done four years apart from the Comp Plan updates. For Clark County, the SMP Update will focus on shoreline permits and developments that have occurred to see if there is 'no net loss of shoreline ecological function'.

Community Framework Plan meeting and update:

- ☐ City planners have not yet had a chance to check with their councils on their interest in updating the Framework Plan. Oliver requested a letter from each county be submitted to him

by July 12 expressing willingness and/or concerns about the scope of the update and time commitment. BOCC will hold a Work Session on July 12 to discuss the purpose of the Framework Plan, describe how it was put together and assess what the Board wants to do about the update.

Roundtable:

- Vancouver: Waterfront development continues. Annexation going forward. Council Work Session held on ADUs last week. Council is interested in removing on-site parking and owner occupancy requirements. Looking at limits on domestic animals (dogs, cats and rabbits).
- Ridgefield: Gee Creek trail alignment. Clark County Community Development has been invited to attend this, but has not replied yet. 715 new lots have been approved in the past six months; looking like 1000 new lots will be created this year. Creation of outdoor recreation complex (like Luke Jensen sports complex) is ongoing and it will be linked to an adjacent middle school campus. Vancouver Clinic working on site plan. Clark College campus is working on site plan development and securing funding. Regional headquarters for Flow Serve and WDFW are ready to open; the latter is creating 180 well-paying jobs.
- Battle Ground: Council decided to rezone 95 acres from office campus to residential in the northern part of the city, which removes about one third of the capacity for jobs. Held workshop to help council understand the community vision. Council requested staff to prepare an RFP to hire consultant to lead a community visioning process. Cedars Golf Course area will upsize the pump station to allow 300 new homes and open up capacity for more housing.
- County: Upcoming BOCC Work Session on Agriculture Strategies on June 14 (see powerpoint on the councilor's grid). Strategies will focus on the role of Clark County in supporting agriculture on smaller agricultural acreage and not about zoning. Strategies include TDR, meaningful Urban Reserves, establishing an Agricultural Advisory Board or Task Force, Agricultural Protection Overlay on lands that are in agricultural production but that are not zoned Ag.

Old/New Business:

- Upcoming BOCC Work Sessions on:
 - Community Framework Plan and urban holding on July 12.
 - Innovative housing and Hwy 99 Sub-Area Plan on Aug 9.

Action Item: Please submit agenda items. At the next meeting, we will discuss the Southwest Washington APA Chapter, which has been having low participation rates among planners.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2017, 10:00 – 12:00, Washougal.