

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present

Chair Pam Sager
Vice Chair Julius Rwamashongye
Commissioner Janelle Callahan
Commissioner Andy Galuska
Commissioner Mei-shiou Lin
Commissioner Christopher Mosier

Staff Present

Rachel Markle, Planning Director
Steve Szafran, Senior Planner
Julie Ainsworth-Taylor, Assistant City Attorney
Carla Hoekzema, Planning Commission Clerk
Cameron Reed, Environmental Svcs. Program Mgr.
Nytasha Walters, Transportation Services Manager

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Leslie Brinson (excused)

Other:

Kendra Breiland, Fehr & Peers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sager called the regular meeting of the Shoreline Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hoekzema called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting; the July 21, 2022 meeting; and the August 4, 2022 retreat were accepted as presented.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no general public comments.

STUDY ITEM: BRIEFING ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Staff Presentation:

Environmental Services Program Manager Cameron Reed made a presentation regarding the Climate Action Plan Update. He reviewed:

- Climate impacts observed in Shoreline – increased heat, less snow, increased wildfire threat, public health impacts due to heat, increased heavy rain events, more frequent coastal flooding
- Summary of the Climate Impacts and Resiliency study done by the City
- Background on the Shoreline Climate Action Plan
- GHG Emissions 2009-2019 – Emissions have decreased 5% despite increased population growth; however, this is not on track to reach the science-based target of a 60% reduction by 2030 and a long-term goal of net zero by 2050.
- 2019 Emissions Inventory – Transportation (56%); Buildings (38%), Electricity (3%), and Solid Waste (2%)
- Shoreline Wedge Analysis/Emissions Forecast
- Climate Action Plan Update:
 - Identify high-impact actions to reduce emissions and meet targets
 - Increase carbon sequestration by trees and ecosystems
 - Increase community resilience to climate impacts
- Climate Action Plan Update Timeline

Focus Area Goals and Strategies

- Transportation and Land Use:
 - T-1: Reduce Community-wide driving – increase density and walkability; increase network connectivity; transit-oriented development; reduce parking; parking pricing; travel demand management
 - T-2: Accelerate Electric Vehicle Adoption – EV-Ready Ordinance
- Buildings & Energy:
 - B-3: Increase renewable energy generation and access – incentivize solar
 - B-4: Support affordable, green buildings that conserve water and protect habitat – Deep Green Incentive Program Expansion
- Ecosystems & Sequestration
 - S-1: Maintain and increase tree canopy and urban forest health, especially in areas with identified urban heat impacts and environmental health disparities – increase tree retention
 - S-2: Increase soil sequestration in natural and landscaped areas – increase compost usage
- Resilience & Preparedness
 - R-1: Ensure that new buildings, land use decisions, and public infrastructure improvements increase resilience to current and future climate impacts – climate impact tools, resilience best practices, resilience requirements, resilient standards

Questions and Comments:

Commissioner Mosier asked if the Plan addresses doing anything to help people who have heavily forested property to maintain or retain the existing trees. Mr. Reed replied that they are looking at what sort of resources and education the City can provide for private property owners since this is the bulk of the urban forest. He noted that not all strategies were listed in the presentation. He commented that the surface water utility has a rebate program for rain gardens and native landscaping with some amended soils.

Commissioner Galuska asked how they square the goals of tree retention with the need to urbanize the density. Mr. Reed acknowledged and discussed how staff addresses the tension between these goals.

Commissioner Callahan commended staff for the presentation and praised the focus on walkability in the Plan.

Commissioner Lin asked for clarification about the emission reductions goals. Mr. Reed explained that the target is a 60% reduction by 2030 from where they were at in 2019. Commissioner Lin commented on the magnitude of this goal. Mr. Reed agreed and discussed the expected impacts of existing policies on emission reductions. Commissioner Lin referred to the Wedge Analysis chart and asked if they are on track to where they want to be. Mr. Reed explained that 2019 is the last data they have. There is no data for the progress they have made since then.

The Planning Commission indicated they were generally in agreement with the goals and strategies of the Climate Action Plan.

STUDY ITEM: PRELIMINARY DRAFT TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT UPDATE

Transportation Services Manager Nytasha Walters provided an update of the Transportation Element (TE). She introduced Kendra Breiland from Fehr and Peers who was available to answer any questions.

Ms. Walters' presentation included the following:

- Project Timeline
- Key elements of the TE: Vision & Goals; Policies; Existing Conditions and Future Forecast; Modal Plans; Draft Priority Projects; Funding Analysis; and Financially Constrained Project List.
- Policies: climate resiliency, community vibrancy equity, safety, shared use mobility hubs, funding, concurrency and level of service, roadway system, pedestrian system, bicycle system, and transit system.
- Updated Prioritization Point Spread
- Process for Building a Draft Project List
- Sidewalk Prioritization Plan and TMP Prioritized List
- Creating a Financially Constrained Project List – estimate revenues, fund committed projects, pair revenues with committed and eligible high priority projects
- Next Steps – project estimates, refine preliminary draft TE Update, develop financially constrained project list, present to Council on September 12, and return to Planning Commission on September 15 for draft TE Public Hearing

Questions and Comments:

Commissioner Callahan commended staff for their work, especially incorporating the climate resiliency and the list of projects. She expressed support for using red light and speed enforcement cameras as a safety strategy, but not necessarily as a funding strategy. Ms. Walters indicated they could investigate that as an implementation strategy. Ms. Breiland commented that the cameras are expensive so they are not a huge revenue generator for cities.

Commissioner Galuska referred to public outreach comments regarding the Meridian Corridor Improvements. He expressed some concern that the multimodal elements (bicycle and pedestrian) are still tied to the vehicle structure of principle arterials and collector arterials. He wondered if they should consider other bicycle and pedestrian improvements on parallel roads that have lower traffic volumes where he has noticed people tend to walk. Ms. Walters acknowledged this is a balance they are trying to achieve - making improvements where people are actually walking and prioritizing limited funds (via the City's extensive Sidewalk Prioritization Plan). Ms. Breiland further commented on the prioritization process and the goal of creating a basic connected network to help people get between destinations.

Chair Sager thanked staff for the great work. She is very pleased to see that safety is a priority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Staff reviewed the agenda for the next meeting which is scheduled for September 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Pam Sager
Chair, Planning Commission



Carla Hoekzema
Clerk, Planning Commission