



2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Project Kickoff

Mercer Island Planning Commission

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Presentation Overview

1. Summary of the planned Comprehensive Plan element review process
2. Select members for the Economic Development and Housing Work Groups
3. Overview of the planned project schedule through the end of the year



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Background

- Resolution 1621 approved the scope, schedule and public participation plan for the Comp Plan update
- Res. 1621 online:
https://library.municode.com/WA/mercer_island/munidocs/munidocs?nodeId=471cd97b5ec20
- Comp Plan update is expected to run through April 2024
- Planning Commission will start reviewing Plan Elements in June



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Element Review Process

- Most elements will get minor, technical updates rather than a complete overhaul
- Focusing on technical updates should allow the Planning Commission to keep review to no more than 3 meetings per element
- Given the limited scope of amendments required, some elements may not require all 3 meetings



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Element Review Process

- **Meeting 1:** Staff Draft and initial Planning Commission input
- **Meeting 2:** Second Draft incorporating input, second round of revisions (if necessary).
- **Meeting 3:** Third Draft, Planning Commission agrees to Public Hearing Draft



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Element Review Process: Public Hearing Draft

- Public Hearing draft is NOT the final draft
- Planning Commission will be able to return to drafts for a 'tune up' after a community workshop
- Drafts can also be refined during deliberations after the public hearing, if needed



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Element Review Process: Economic Development and Housing Elements

- Two work groups will prepare the initial drafts of these two elements with staff support
- Drafts coming out of the work groups will have had
- Once these elements get to Planning Commission: three meeting process



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Economic Development and Housing Work Groups

- Work groups will prepare the initial drafts of the Economic Development and Housing elements.
- Work groups will meet several times throughout the summer and fall.
- Work group Meetings will be in addition to regular PC meetings.



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Economic Development and Housing Work Groups

- Work groups should wrap up their work by the end of 2022.
- The first meetings are planned for May.



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Economic Development and Housing Work Groups

- Selection of volunteers: 2 for Economic Development and 2 for Housing
- If more than 2 volunteers, the PC can select volunteers through a process like the election of officers (thumbs up/down vote).



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Project Schedule Through the End of 2022

- **May:** 1st work group meetings
- **June:** EDE public outreach and Technical Report briefings
- **July:** 2nd work group meetings Land Use and Transportation Elements
- **August:** Legislative recess
- **September:** 3rd work group meetings Land Use and Transportation
- **October:** Land Use, Transportation, and Housing elements (EDWG meeting if needed)
- **November:** Housing Element (EDWG meeting if needed)
- **December:** Housing Element
- **January 2023:** Economic Development Element



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Questions?

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