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2018 Year in Review

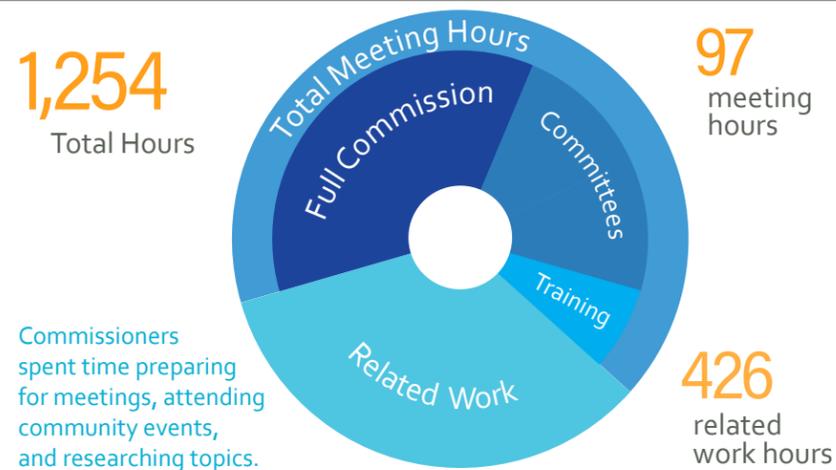
About the Commission

The Seattle Planning Commission advises the Mayor, City Council and City departments on broad planning goals, policies and plans for the physical development of the City. The Commission's work is framed by the Comprehensive Plan and its vision for Seattle in the 21st Century, and by a commitment to engaging citizens in the work of planning for and working to reach these goals.

The Seattle Planning Commission is an independent, 16-member advisory body appointed by the Mayor, City Council, and the Commission itself. The members of the Commission are residents of Seattle who volunteer their time, and bring a wide array of expertise and a diversity of perspectives to these roles.

Planning Commission Highlights

In 2018, the Planning Commissioners provided letters to Council and City departments, attended community meetings, and published a data driven report on housing in Seattle.



Top Projects of 2018

Sound Transit 3, West Seattle Ballard Link Extensions
11 Full Commission Meetings
10 Committee Meetings

Accessory Dwelling Units
4 Full Commission Meetings
1 Committee Meeting
1 Letter

Comprehensive Plan Amendments
3 Full Commission Meetings
1 City Council Presentation
1 Letter

Mandatory Housing Affordability
2 Full Commission Meetings
3 Committee Meetings

Equitable Development Monitoring Program
2 Full Commission Meetings
1 Committee Meeting

One Center City / Imagine Greater Downtown
1 Full Commission Meeting
1 Committee Meeting

Selected 2018 Comments

On Sound Transit 3, West Seattle Ballard Link Extensions:

"We strongly urge Seattle elected officials to ensure... tradeoffs are not made at the expense of an equitable, connected, and well-integrated system that benefits all communities, especially those who have and continue to experience historic and current inequities."

On The Environmental Impact Statement for Accessory Dwelling Units:

"The Planning Commission strongly supports proposals that would incentivize production of ADUs as we continue our work to provide greater diversity and supply of housing options in neighborhoods currently zoned Single-family throughout the city."

On 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments:

"The Commission has been and will continue to be consistent in our recommendations against removing industrial lands from the Manufacturing Industrial Centers."

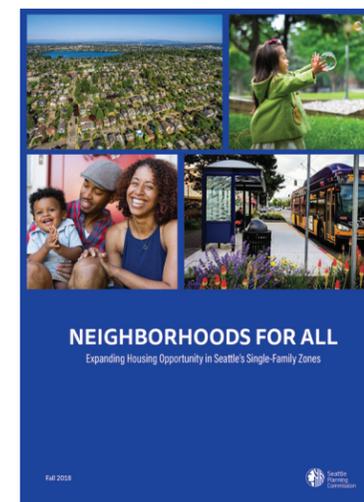
From the Commission's Neighborhoods For All Report:

"Seattle's strategy of directing growth and development to urban villages served by transit was put in place 25 years ago. The rapid changes in population and land values since then- and especially this decade- have created a need to rethink the role of single-family zones in the growth strategy."

What's next?

Projects in 2019 that the Commission will review and comment on, include:

- Sound Transit 3, West Seattle Ballard Link Extensions
- Accessory Dwelling Units Legislation
- Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Equitable Development Monitoring
- Office of Housing Initiatives
- Housing Choice Strategies



NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL

Neighborhoods for All is an independent report published by the Planning Commission in December of 2018.

The fundamental goal of the report is to increase housing choices by returning to the mix of housing and development patterns found in many of Seattle's older and most walkable neighborhoods.

The strategies in this report are a combination of short-term and long-term policy opportunities for elected officials and City staff to explore further with community involvement.

To download the report, or get more information about the Planning Commission, please visit our website: www.seattle.gov/planningcommission