

PSC Retreat Agenda: Sustainability Focus

Date/Time: Thursday, March 4, 2021 || 1:00-4:00 PM

Moderator: Kat Schultz

Purpose: To explore whether the PSC should play a greater role in advancing the City's sustainability/climate goals.

1. Welcome and Introductions (Commissioner Kat Schultz) 1:00-1:10 (10 min)
2. Greetings from Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Rubio's Teams 1:10-1:20 (10 min)
3. Looking back (Kat) – *see handout* 1:20-1:25 (5 min)
Review list of sustainability/climate policies and programs that the PSC has reviewed.
4. Looking forward 1:25-2:00 (35 min)
 - Briefing on the evolving nature of BPS's climate work (Andria Jacob)
 - 3-Year Strategic Plan for BPS's Sustainability Program (Andrea Durbin, Donnie Oliveira and Andria Jacob) – *see handout*
 - Upcoming Projects – *see handout* (Sandra Wood)
5. Explore the PSC's role in advancing the City's "sustainability" work 2:00-3:45 (Kat Schultz)
 - *See scenarios and discussion questions on the next page.*
6. Conclusion and Next Steps 3:45-4:00 (15 min)

Explore the PSC's role in advancing the City's "sustainability" work

Scenarios

1. Planning Commission (status quo)
 - Commission focuses on land use and transportation planning.

2. (Sustainable) Planning Commission
 - Commission focuses on land use and transportation planning
 - AND brings a stronger sustainability/climate lens to land use and transportation planning work.

3. Planning & Sustainability Commission
 - Commission focuses on land use and transportation planning
 - AND brings a stronger sustainability/climate lens to land use and transportation planning work
 - PLUS is an ongoing advisory body for sustainability/climate policies and programs.

4. Two Commissions: Planning Commission and Sustainability/Climate Commission
 - A Planning Commission:
 - Focuses on land use and transportation planning
 - AND brings a stronger sustainability/climate lens to land use and transportation planning work.

 - A Sustainability/Climate Commission:
 - Is an ongoing advisory body for sustainability/climate policies and programs.

Discussion questions:

- Is it sustainability work that the PSC is interested in, or is it climate work? If sustainability, what does that mean to you?
- Would the City's sustainability/climate policies and programs benefit from review by an ongoing advisory body?
- How would these scenarios interact with community-led processes, especially as BPS shifts its work to be community-centered and community-driven?
- Which scenario serves the public best?
- What are the pros and cons of the scenarios?

Scenarios 3 and 4 raise additional questions, such as:

- Charge / Role / Powers and Duties
- Relationship to other Commissions, staff, other City bureaus and the public
- Capacity/Bandwidth issues:
 - Are there ways to accommodate more work through subcommittees?
 - If there's isn't sufficient bandwidth on the Commission and filtering becomes necessary, who does that filtering (Staff/PSC)? How/when does it happen?