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Hi Julie,

Thanks for sending this out! Could you forward the below message to the rest of the commissioners?

Hi all! I won't be able to make it to tomorrow's meeting - so I wanted to provide a bit of an explanation for some of these amendments. Erica is in alignment with them and will be proposing them at the meeting, but I thought it might be helpful to provide some more info before the meeting.

**Amendment 1:** This amendment proposes equity & climate lens language and proposes changes to our purpose purview. 1A states we have the responsibility for the City's Comprehensive Plan - intentionally leaving the language broad. 1B replaces the word "stewardship" with language that gives the PC a larger role in relation to the comp plan. I originally proposed the word "implementation", but staff and other commissioners felt that was too sweeping. Other language options are listed - I hope you all consider what role you think the PC should play in reference to the Comp Plan beyond title 33 and create some space for beneficial PC involvement.

For example - if other bureaus projects are totally out of line with the Comp Plan - should the PC weigh in? Should there be public hearings at the PC for large projects that are attempting to implement the Comp Plan? Or what about when other Bureaus specifically justify a decision by citing the Comp Plan? Maybe we shouldn't get involved - but I think the original language with "stewardship" suggests we should be involved.

**Amendment 2:** I think the addition of these provisions give the future PC a clearer idea of the direction we would like to go in - focusing on community involvement, accountability, and holistic recommendations in line with the Comp Plan. Provision 2 also references what I was describing above related to a broader purview beyond Title 33 - but leaves it at the discretion of other bureaus or City Council to call upon the PC rather than the other way around (arguably gutting some of the PCs ability to hold the city accountable to the comp plan - but fair if that's not the direction we want to go in).

**Amendment 6:** I think this is the most important addition - and I'm not sure I would feel comfortable supporting the package without some formal or legal statement showing support for the creation of a climate commission and accountability in the city's climate goals - since we are removing a lot of the sustainability language from our purview.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions - otherwise I'm confident Erica will do these amendments justice. Hope you all consider them and have a good discussion.

Thanks,  
Jessie

On Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 5:16 PM Ocken, Julie <[Julie.Ocken@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Julie.Ocken@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Hello, All,

Here is information to help prepare for next Tuesday's PSC meeting at 5-8 p.m. – see agenda attached.

First, an update! We are excited to share that Jessie's term extension passed at Council this week. We are excited (thank you!) you'll be continuing in the Youth Commissioner role through the PSC time.

Items for next Tuesday:

**(1) EV Code Ready letter** from the PSC to Council for your review and approval during Tuesday's Items of Interest. Please let us know if you have any final edits by EOB Monday.

**(2) Floodplain Resilience Project**

See memo attached. Staff will share a brief presentation to provide a high-level summary of the categories of proposed amendments along with language for the motion for a vote on the amendments and whole package. We will also plan to include time for to discuss the components of your letter of recommendation to Council.

**(3) PC Code Amendments Project**

Attached is the drafted amendment language for consideration. Similarly, we will vote on the amendments then the full package.

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I know Jessie will be unable to attend on Tuesday, and Oriana will have to step off for about an hour 6-7 p.m. ... but I believe everyone else is attending. Please let Steph and me know ASAP if otherwise.

Thanks – have a nice weekend.

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Julie Ocken

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