

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
For Council Action Items**

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1. Name of Initiator Sandra Wood		2. Telephone No. 503-823-7949	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
4a. To be filed (date) August 4, 2010 Council date	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular Consent 4/5ths X <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to FPD Budget Analyst: July 21, 2010

1) Legislation Title:

Create Planning and Sustainability Commission; dissolve Planning Commission and Sustainable Development Commission.

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

The new commission will replace both the Portland Planning Commission and the Multnomah County/Portland Sustainable Development Commission, combining their functions and continuing the efforts and strong traditions of both commissions.

While Portland has been a leader in creative planning and sustainability programs, the City must address increasingly complex and significant challenges that threaten our quality of life. In response, City Council merged Portland's renowned Bureau of Planning with the innovative Office of Sustainable Development into the new Bureau of Planning and Sustainability in early 2009. The new bureau makes Portland distinct from other cities and helps ensure that sustainability is an integral part of all planning and management of the City.

The newly merged commission will follow suit and reflect the formally integrated structure of planning and sustainability under one bureau. The goal is to more explicitly integrate concepts of sustainability into land use planning and development, as well as in program and policy implementation. In the near-term, the Planning and Sustainability Commission will guide the development and implementation of the Portland Plan, as well as monitor the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

3) Revenue:

Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If new revenue is generated please identify the source.

This legislation will not have any effect on revenue coming to the City.

4) Expense: What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense?

There will be no increase in expense as a result of this legislation. We expect expenses to be slightly reduced because we will no longer be staffing the Sustainable Development Commission, and our Director will not have to attend their meetings. Overall, we expect a reduction of approximately 0.1 FTE (The savings is \$7313, which we plan on using for other salary needs).

Staffing Requirements:

5) Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation?

No positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation. We expect staffing to be slightly reduced because we will no longer be staffing the Sustainable Development Commission, and our Director will not have to attend their meetings. Overall, we expect a reduction of approximately 0.1 FTE.

6) Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?

No positions will be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation.

Complete the following section if you are accepting and appropriating a grant via ordinance. This section should only be completed if you are adjusting total appropriations, which currently only applies to grant ordinances.

7) Change in Appropriations None.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Sam Adams
From: Susan Anderson, Director
Date: July 21, 2010

1. **Ordinance Title:**
Create Planning and Sustainability Commission; dissolve Planning Commission and Sustainable Development Commission (Ordinance; Amend Comprehensive Plan, Titles 3, 17, and 33)
2. **Contact Name, Department, & Phone Number:**
Sandra Wood, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, x3-7949
3. **Requested Council Date:** August 4, 2010, 3:30 Time Certain. This is the first of two ordinances sharing the same time certain.

Consent Agenda Item: _____ or Regular Agenda Item: X

Emergency Item (answer below): _____ or Non- Emergency Item: X

If emergency, why does this need to take effect immediately:

4. **History of Agenda Item/Background:** The Portland Planning Commission was created in 1918; the first precursor to the Sustainable Development Commission was created in 1979.

In January 2009, City Council merged the Bureau of Planning and the Office of Sustainable Development, recognizing that sustainability is an integral part of all planning, and should be part of management of the City. Creating a new Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) will continue the efforts and strong traditions of both the Portland Planning Commission and the Portland/Multnomah County Sustainable Development Commission.

Notice of the hearings for the proposed code language was sent to 130 individuals, neighborhood associations, and business associations.
5. **Purpose of Agenda Item:** To create a Planning and Sustainability Commission to replace both the Planning Commission and the Sustainable Development Commission, while continuing the efforts and strong traditions of both Commissions.

The goal is to more explicitly integrate concepts of sustainability into land use planning and development, as well as in program and policy implementation. In the near-term, the PSC will guide the development and implementation of the Portland Plan, as well as monitor the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Portland leads the nation in creative planning and sustainability programs and projects today, but there is much work to be done. In response, City Council adopted a new approach with the creation of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. This makes Portland distinct from other cities and helps ensure that sustainability is an integral part of all planning and management of the City.

6. Legal Issues

None.

7. What individuals or groups are or would be opposed to this ordinance? Supportive?

Support: Only one person testified at the Planning Commission hearing. Curt Schneider both wrote a letter and spoke in support.

Oppose: None.

8. How Does This Relate to Current City Policies? Combining these commissions will focus more directly on City goals to explicitly integrate concepts of sustainability into land use planning and development, as well as in program and policy implementation. There will also be economies of scale and improved communication as a result of the merger.**9. Community Participation:** A letter from the Mayor announcing the intent to merge the Commissions was sent to several hundred individuals. The Mayor discussed the potential merger with both the Planning Commission and the Sustainable Development Commission at public meetings. Notice of the Planning Commission hearing for the proposed code language was sent to more than 500 individuals, neighborhood associations, and business associations by mail; the same notice was emailed to more than 800 people. Notice of the City Council hearing for the recommended Code language was sent to 130 individuals, neighborhood associations, and business associations.

Members of the public had the opportunity to testify at Planning Commission. One letter was received from a person who also testified; there was no other comment on the proposal.

10. Other Government Participation: The Sustainable Development Commission is a joint Multnomah County/City of Portland commission. Therefore, BPS staff worked closely with Multnomah County staff on the proposal to dissolve the Sustainable Development Commission. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will adopt this change after Portland City Council's decision.

Staff also worked collaboratively with the Bureau of Development Services and briefed the Historic Landmarks Commission and the Design Commission on the proposal.

11. Financial Impact: Implementation of these changes will be incorporated into day-to-day activities of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. In general, this change is anticipated to result in no significant change in revenue or expense.



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July 19, 2010

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Dear Mayor Adams and Members of Portland City Council:

On July 13, 2010, the Portland Planning Commission held a hearing on the proposal to create a Planning and Sustainability Commission. We received a letter and testimony in support from one Portland resident.

We appreciate the detailed work done by staff. We also appreciate the Mayor's briefing us at our April 27, 2010 meeting.

Under the proposal outlined in the *Recommended Draft*, the new commission will replace both the Portland Planning Commission and the Multnomah County/Portland Sustainable Development Commission, combining our functions and continuing the efforts and strong traditions of both commissions.

The merger of the two commissions will help Portland maintain leadership in both planning and sustainability, and it will give us a better opportunity to address the questions and issues that will challenge the city. We welcome the opportunity to broaden our charge and to continue working with the staff of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

The Planning Commission enthusiastically—and unanimously—recommends that City Council create the new Commission by adopting the *Recommended Draft* and amending the Zoning Code as shown in the *Recommended Draft*.

Thank you for considering our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Don Hanson, President
Portland Planning Commission

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