

PSC purpose, purview and lens

At the PSC's retreat last fall, Commissioners created 6 categories of the Vision of the Commission's role:

1. Creating the best city

Prosperous

PSC is a model for local government sustainability work

Education success indicators move away from deadlines to high quality skill proficiency

Integrated gray and green

Healthy

East Portland has sidewalks that facilitate 20 minute neighborhoods

World class region, world class city, world class neighborhoods

2. PSC deeply incorporates equity in its work

There is pervasive geographic equity (also budgetary equity) for planning in Portland

Social equity

Watching who pays and who benefits

Personal

3. Community

Excels in community engagement

4. Innovative

Innovative

Creative decision making

5. Proactive

Proactive to change

Meaningful role in shaping Portland Plan & Comp Plan

Implementers (action)

Influential

6. Effective

Strategic

Intentional

Taking long term view

Balanced, comprehensive approach

Connected

Integrative and multi-objective

Nimble to opportunity

Seizes opportunities

Finding connections

Advocates for reality

Integrated and smart

From Title 33:

The Planning and Sustainability Commission is empowered to perform all duties assigned to it by State law or City Title 33 on behalf of the City Council. (33.710.020)

The Planning and Sustainability Commission advises City Council on the City's long-range goals, policies, and programs for land use, planning, and sustainability. In making recommendations and decisions, it considers the economic, environmental, and social well-being of the city in an integrated fashion. The Commission has specific responsibility for the stewardship, development and maintenance of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan, and zoning code. The Commission is committed to effective public involvement and leadership in its work and in the decisions it considers. (33.710.040.A)

The Planning and Sustainability Commission has all of the powers and duties which are now or may in the future be imposed upon City planning commissions by State law, by this Title, by the City Council, or by the City Charter. The Commission's powers and duties include:

- 1. Holding hearings and making recommendations on all policy matters related to the Comprehensive Plan; the Climate Action Plan, the zoning code; significant transportation and sustainable development policies, projects, and issues; street vacations; sign regulations, and renaming city streets;*
- 2. Advising the City Council on plans and policies regarding such issues as land use, zoning, housing, energy, transportation, urban renewal, urban design, equity, economic development, public buildings, climate change, sustainable development, environmental protection, resource conservation, and other policies of City-wide interest;*
- 3. Articulating and guiding the City's long-range goals, policies, and programs for developing and achieving sustainable communities; and*
- 4. Developing opportunities for community members to learn about principles, policies, and programs that promote sustainable practices and development.*