

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission – Role and Vision

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)

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The work of the PSC is to:

- Advise City Council and City bureaus on social, economic and environmental issues as well as long-range development in Portland.
- Advise City Council on the development and maintenance of the City's Comprehensive Plan and implementation measures.
- Ensure sustainability principles and practices are integrated into policy, planning and development decisions.
- Advise City Council, as well as City bureaus and other agencies, on projects and proposals that significantly affect the city.

At the first PSC retreat, commissioners compiled their ideas for the Vision of the PSC into 6 categories:

- Creating the best city
- Equity
- Community
- Innovative
- Proactive
- Effective, strategic, intentional action