

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

12:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Andre' Baugh, Mike Houck, Gary Oxman, Michelle Rudd, Katherine Schultz, Howard Shapiro, Chris Smith, Teresa St Martin, Maggie Tallmadge (left at 3:10 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Karen Gray, Don Hanson

City Staff Presenting: Susan Anderson, Troy Doss, Eric Engstrom, Michael Armstrong, Michele Crim, Grant Moorehead (PBOT), Geraldene Moyle (PDC), Courtney Duke (PBOT)

Chair Baugh called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. and gave an overview of the agenda.

Items of Interest from Commissioners

- *Commissioner Houck* mentioned this year is the 11th Annual Policymaker's Ride. This year we are focusing on the Green Loop and some side trips; all PSC members should have received the invite for August 14. Mayor Hales will be speaking, and City staff will also be available to describe some of the Green Loop concepts.

Director's Report

- Video from the Portland TEDx Conference – the past and the future of Portland: <https://vimeo.com/127954097>.
- A few BPS items are heading to Council this month:
 - June 17: RICAP 7
 - June 24: Deconstruction pilot (hearing was last week at Council)
 - June 24: Climate Action Plan hearing
- There are 4 additional projects in the BPS budget for FY15-16:
 - CC2035 Plan
 - Single-family infill project
 - Mountain Bike Master Plan
 - New Beach on the Willamette (between Marquam and Hawthorne bridges on the east side of the river)

Commissioner Houck was surprised to see the mountain bike planning with BPS instead of PP&R. Is the focus solely on mountain biking? Also, Metro is looking at this on a regional scale; are you working with them?

- We are in conversations with Metro. The project is focused specifically on mountain bike trails, options and trade-offs.

Consent Agenda

- Consideration of minutes from the May 26, 2015 PSC meeting.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. *Commissioner Houck* seconded.

The Consent Agenda was approved with an aye vote.

(Y9 – Baugh, Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Tallmadge)

[Documents and presentations for today's meeting](#)

Climate Action Plan

Briefing: Michael Armstrong; Michele Crim

Michael reviewed the past efforts in Portland's climate planning. This plan is an update to the 2009 Plan – mostly updating the actions the City and County will take over the next 5 years.

Total emissions in Multnomah County as of 2013 were 14 percent below 1990 levels, even with all our population growth. We are down 35 percent per capita in that same time frame.

We also had about 20 percent more jobs in 2013 compared to 1990, so we've seen decent economic growth even with the continued carbon emission decline, which is encouraging. At the same time, we have a very long way to go to our 80 percent reduction goal by 2050. The trend is about right starting in 2000. We need to keep an eye on this long-term goal while doing very specific shorter-term actions to get to the overall goal.

Michele discussed the process to develop the updated plan, including the Steering Committee and Equity Working Group. We also relied on City and County staff as well as ad hoc advisory groups to help sort through some of the details as well as a number of plans including the Portland Plan, Comp Plan and Climate Change Preparation Strategy.

There is a strong relationship between working to address climate change as well as build a healthy, prosperous, resilient and equitable community. The 2015 Plan is much more comprehensive in this way than the 2009 Plan was. We also looked much more closely at impacts of consumption in the 2015 Plan – the carbon impact of things that are produced elsewhere that are consumed within Multnomah County.

The 2015 Plan includes a series of actions that we expect to have underway in the 8 categories.

- Buildings and energy
- Urban form and transportation
- Consumption and solid waste
- Food and agriculture
- Urban forest and natural systems
- Climate change preparation
- Government operations
- Engagement and outreach

The Plan was out for public review between March 1 and April 10 of this year and received about 450 comments via surveys, letters, email, open house events and meetings and in presentations. Based on community input, there are a number of changes from the public comment draft to this current version as highlighted on slides 27 and 28 of the presentation.

There are a few things we didn't include in the updates but heard from the public:

- Consumption-based inventory as the main inventory review (we will do this periodically).
- A more expansive inventory of things that pass through Portland.
- Comments urging the City to oppose all fossil fuel exports (the Plan seeks to establish a policy but not leap to it in this Plan).

Next steps:

- Today staff is seeking the PSC's input and a letter of support.
- The Council hearing is on June 24 at 2 p.m.

- The County Board hearing is on June 25.

Discussion

Commissioner Houck noted this is fabulous work. Words matter; so in terms of density and carbon impact, what we're really talking about is urban design and compact urban form. The term "density" is very loaded. We need to communicate to the public that it's not about density, per se but about compact urban form and urban design. I'm really pleased with the responses that staff has given to the input you received, particularly the link between the climate preparation strategy and climate action. Regarding the CAP and Pembina, I met with Angus Duncan recently, who is a highly respected expert in climate related issues. I think most people in the city think of our power source is hydro and don't realize how much coal is burned. Angus has advocated for pushing the utilities to reduce their use of coal and I agree. What specifically in the CAP would suggest how the city should proceed?

- There is an action in the Plan to push the utilities, but we might want to elaborate what we mean by "push". The concept is there, but implementation is still a question.

With some things in the Plan, we are at a point where the PSC's input could shape actions more explicitly.

Commissioner St Martin likes the consumption-based section but has a question about the graph on page 22.

- This chart identifies the categories of products to show that for some things, production generates the lion's share of the carbon emissions and using it generates very little emissions, while for other products, the reverse is true.
- We are still testing and learning how to communicate this.

Commissioner Oxman asked about the impact scale and the device of using up to 4 C's. What are the really big targets? I see we have to do a ton of things that add up. What should really be the focus? I didn't get a good sense of that.

- We wrestle with this. We need to do almost everything that has 4 C's, but to get to a list of the things that really matter, it depends on who you talk to. To move the needle, we need packages of things and a set of strategies, which creates somewhat of a laundry list of actions.

In terms of food choice and carbon impacts, the chart on page 101 doesn't show much about what the impact of processed foods. If we could make the change to people eating non-processed foods, that would help tremendously. But is that realistic?

- Staff will circle back. We are replacing this graphic that brings in a different set of data, though it may not help differentiate between fresh and processed foods.

Commissioner Rudd noted the public process. How did the business community comment and get involved?

- We had a handful of business people on the Steering Committee. We didn't do a business-specific outreach strategy. We did go to brief the Working Waterfront Coalition and PBA gave us direct feedback.

Have we looked at linking SDCs and benefits of specific design, for example? And when we talk about divesting of fossil fuels is it in consumption or investment portfolios?

- What's in their investment portfolios.

What do we know about how equitably the benefits of things like Clean Energy Works are being realized?

- Middle- to high-income households are setting the home improvements but lower income people are getting the jobs.

Commissioner Shapiro noted that people are what make the Plan work, and people have to be engaged. How will we engage Portlanders?

- This does come down to individual decisions. If we can equip people with information and making things easy, people will be more engaged. A large percentage of people are interested in the different components that all can add up even if their entry point isn't about carbon reduction. At least as much of our work focuses on these individual actions and engagement.

Commissioner Schultz noted that there are recent ads on TV about eating less beef and meat.

- We had a section in the 2009 Plan that tees up food choice as a primary way to reduce emissions, which we think is the only one in the country. For some people food choice is an easy option versus some of the other possible actions.

Portland is very much a voluntary, motivational place. Then we provide assistance and meet people where they are before making regulations.

Commissioner Schultz is pleased to see the action items around carbon pricing and fossil fuel exports. I support the language in the Plan. I'm hoping that upon adoption we quickly move into these two actions and not waste more time in creating policy. If we were to take every action, do we know where we'd get?

- We don't know for sure. Because some of the actions are not quite quantifiable or not having a very specific timeline for some work. If we did everything, we believe we can get to the 80 percent reduction by 2050.

On page 128, item 19M: I want to encourage that this knowledge is publicly-shared and easy to find so we encourage other companies to follow this lead.

Commissioner Smith also compliments staff. I want to echo the call that we emphasize the fossil fuel export policy in our letter to Council. Do we have a plan on how we are going to address this?

- We have two choices: we could establish committees, etc and have a big public process, develop options, then put that out. Or we could, using the best knowledge we have now, have an option in the next couple of months that we could then have the PSC and public review. We'd like to get the PSC's idea of what your choice would be after the Council adopts the Plan.

I'm really happy with the focus on equity, which is quite a change and improvement from the original Plan.

Commissioner Tallmadge appreciates the public input and staff's work on the process. Page 43 does a great job laying out the increasing diversity of Portland. Equity in the CAP should be better highlighted even more. In Table 6 on page 46, I like the clarity of the lack of investment in East Portland. Could we see a comparison between a component like park access in this area versus other areas of the city? On page 132 (climate equity commitments), could there be an explicit call for increased funding?

Commissioner Rudd asked about working with the school districts and community gardens on the food choice actions.

- We have worked with them in the past but will relook into where we are now.

Commissioner Houck, in response to Director Anderson's comments regarding regulatory versus non-regulatory strategies, noted that if it weren't for the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and Endangered Species Acts there would be little by way of environmental quality. We need regulations as a base from which incentives and volunteerism can work. There is a role of regulations and incentives.

Regarding *Commissioner Oxman's* comment on prioritization of actions, I think the strength of this plan is that it focuses on those actions that result in multiple benefits or co-benefits. Those actions that get multiple bang for the buck are ones that should be highest priority.

Chair Baugh also commended staff on the work of the Plan. We have lots to do, but there are many options for different people to help make the change we need to see. I applaud the inclusion of equity and the tie to public transit to reduction of carbon. The other tie is about density and carbon. In terms of the equity component, a concern I have is on 19M and the purchasing requirement. City Purchasing is putting this into contracts, and it's sometimes difficult for smaller firms and minority contractors to get funds for new equipment that fits these standards. You should work with the EPA to get in their grant cycle to help move us quickly in the contracting community and freight haulers to change out engines (for example). Lastly, is there a stronger way to link schools to build behavior in the actions?

The PSC will write a letter of support to Council recommending the 2015 Climate Action Plan. We've heard two main things today that we want to encourage Council to do in particular.

Staff will put together a draft of the letter. Please send input to Julie O if you have specific language to include.

Central City 2035 SE Quadrant Plan

Work Session / Recommendation: Troy Doss, Joe Zehnder, Grant Morehead, Geraldene Moyle

Today's session is a response to the PSC members' questions and comments from the May 26 hearing.

EOS Use Allowances

Should the EOS provisions allow 5,000 square feet of retail and 5,000 of traditional office? The current provisions allow for this.

The proposal that staff is standing by is:

- **Retail Sales and Services:** 5,000 square feet of Retail Sales and Service uses per site. Repeal conditional use allowance for more allowed by existing IG1 provisions. On sites larger than 40,000 square feet, up to 12.5 percent of site may have this use.
- **Traditional Office:** 5,000 square feet of Traditional Office per site. Repeal conditional use allowance for more allowed by existing IG1 and EOS provisions. On sites larger than 40,000 square feet, up to 12.5 percent of site may have this use.
- **Industrial Office:** 3:1 FAR maximum per site, or full rehabilitation of existing building shell. Repeal conditional use allowance for more allowed by existing EOS provisions.

We heard lots of support to this in public testimony.

Chair Baugh: Does the change increase the number of jobs and shift income levels?

- The SEQ Employment Summary memo shows where, by sector, the jobs are. Most of the industrial jobs are middle- to upper-level income. Most of the jobs that would be created are also in this range. We aren't seeing a displacement or loss of traditional industrial uses in the EOS.

Commissioner Houck is supportive, but we've had such conversations about loss of industrial lands, and we're now talking about shifting jobs. I fear we may be setting ourselves up for a battle over industrial lands.

- We have data on the existing EOS, which has created 1,000 jobs since the recession. We aren't seeing displacement of jobs in our experience in this district.

In this case, we are seeing and are looking to allow for redeveloping existing buildings to rehab for small-scale manufacturing and industrial office.

Commissioner Oxman commented that it's a challenge to try to grow the jobs that are accessible to those without advanced education. Do we have any information about this in the EOS?

- The EOS has grown lots of jobs, but without displacement of existing jobs, so we are seeing a compatibility and an increase in the diversity of types of jobs. We aren't seeing a shift from one type of job to another.

Commissioner Smith noted the greater threat to existing industrial is in places that are on the edge and in EX zones. We heard there aren't new freight-dependent businesses in the area, but we are still providing accessibility for those businesses that are freight-oriented. I don't think the EOS choice will trigger anything we're afraid of.

- *Chair Baugh* is concerned about the pressure from the EOS that could cause displacement of industry, even though we don't see it today. But, I am supportive of the staff proposal.

PSC members confirmed the staff proposal about the proposed EOS Use Allowances.

EOS Expansion

The Plan proposed the middle map on slide 4, but during the hearing, we heard overwhelming support for district-wide EOS expansion. Staff would recommend considering EOS to all IG1 properties, which would take care of the "islands" that are in the current proposed plan.

Commissioner Oxman asked about retail square footage.

- It is 5,000 square feet max per site. Today you can get a conditional use permit for up to 20,000 square feet, which we'd take away with this proposal.

Commissioner Schultz proposed to shift the Recommended Plan to the revised EOS expansion map. *Commissioner Shapiro* seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Tallmadge, N1 – Baugh)

PSC members confirmed the staff proposal with *Commissioner Schultz*' amendment about the proposed EOS Expansion.

Housing at OMSI Station Area

Staff still recommends this area be zoned EX with no housing at the OMSI station area. But if the PSC wants housing in the area, staff proposes a version of conditional use that gets folded into the OMSI master Plan.

Commissioner Oxman supports staff's recommendation for this. *Commissioner Houck* confirmed.

Commissioner Shapiro noted staff's compromise, but he still thinks housing should be allowed in this area. We know priorities change, and I don't want to close the door to allow housing here.

Single-occupancy vehicles are more likely with housing than with business. This isn't a huge deal-breaker, but it would generate more trips to the area.

Commissioner Tallmadge asked if there would be increased transportation capacity in the future.

- We are doing significant multi-modal improvements in this area to try to get people out of single-occupancy cars in particular. When we look at transportation constraints, it is the regional trips that may cause problems, not necessarily the district growth.

Commissioner St Martin supports staff's recommendation.

Chair Baugh supports retaining the conditional use for housing at the OMSI station. You're going to need all the players to participate, and OMSI is a big component to this, so we shouldn't "poke them in the eye". Leaving the housing option open keeps them at the table to talk about solutions.

Commissioner Houck moved to adopt the staff recommendation to not allow housing at the OMSI Station Area. *Commissioner St Marin* seconded.

Commissioner Houck stated he was voting no because he thinks anything that negatively affects jobs and industrial land in the SE Quadrant is inappropriate.

(Y4 – Houck, Oxman, Smith, St Martin; N5 – Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Tallmadge, Baugh)

The motion failed.

Commissioner Shapiro moved to allow housing at the OMSI Station Area via a conditional use. *Commissioner Rudd* seconded.

Commissioner Schultz amended *Commissioner Shapiro's* motion to allow conditional use in concert with the OMSI Master Plan. *Commissioner Rudd* seconded.

(Y9 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Tallmadge, Baugh)

Commissioners Schultz' amendment passed.

Commissioner Smith worries about having housing in isolation at this site.

Commissioner Oxman asked about the conditional use.

- The heart of the criteria is on page 5 of the memo.

Commissioner Houck asked about houseboats and moorages. I don't want to see them included as housing options here.

Commissioner Rudd asked about the river zoning adjacent to OMSI.

- It is EG.

Commissioner Smith noted this proposal is just for OMSI, not for all of EG in the area. Does this fall into spot zoning?

- The OMSI site is a large one. The Plan currently proposes no housing at OMSI and at the properties between Woodward and Powell. As a reminder, the final zoning and code changes don't happen until the full CC2035 Plan goes to Council and is adopted next year.

Does the motion on the table affect both areas (OMSI and Woodward-Powell) or just OMSI?

- *Commissioner Shapiro's* motions is specifically about the EG component of the OMSI property.

Commissioner Schultz proposed an amendment to include all EG properties. There was no second for this proposal.

Commissioner Oxman: Is there an issue of similarly-situated properties being treated differently?

- Spot zoning is not the issue, but equitable treatment could be an issue if the other EG

property owners raise it. Anything that has EG today that can do a conditional use should probably be looked at.

The Master Plan criteria is being looked at in the station areas, much like we are doing at the Post Office and Blanchard sites in other areas of the Central City. We'd want to tailor a Master Plan to the conditions here in the CES instead of adopting the old language that we currently have.

You could set which parts of the Central City that are eligible for Master Planning. Flexibility on large sites can produce a better outcome with certain parameters about how much and what you can put on the sites.

We did get letters from ODOT after the hearing that requested not allowing for housing between Woodward and Powell because of its function as an exchange between state routes.

The segment of Woodward is under ODOT jurisdiction, so they would have a review role. Powell is a state facility, so they have the ability to not allow the City to go through with a zoning change if it affects the state highway. It's both Powell and portions of Woodward.

The motion is to allow housing on OMSI property with the conditions of the Master Plan for conditional use that will be developed by staff.

Commissioner Rudd moved to amend the motion to include "Master Plan sites within the OMSI Station Area." *Commissioner Shapiro* seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, St Martin, Tallmadge, Baugh; N1 – Smith)

Commissioners Rudd's amendment passed.

Chair Baugh stated the proposal with both amendments: Housing should be allowed as conditional use with the conditions of the Master Plan sites within the OMSI Station Area.

(Y5 – Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Tallmadge, Baugh; N4 - Houck, Oxman, Smith, St Martin)

The Housing at OMSI Station Area proposal passed as amended.

Transportation Strategies

Staff thinks between parking, signalization and active transportation improvement and transit, it will be able to handle the growth.

PSC members confirmed the updated staff proposal about the proposed Transportation Strategies.

Parking

The proposed Plan states parking capacity does not need to be increased. Parking supply, mode splits, transportation enhancements and district parking at the ODOT blocks all support this. We will be doing a pilot project to test whether we can do accessory commercial parking to legally be used among different users.

Chair Baugh noted the Consent item #43 as the language that would be used.

- Yes. We have been looking at 1-2 year period to do accessory commercial parking to get us a sense of where the demand is and make sure we can phase the parking out over time. We don't want to have surface parking lots that dis-incent development later.

Commissioner Schultz commented on vertical development and shared parking, which is not currently allowed by code, so we currently have to build more parking, not less. I'd like to see something that if someone is building vertically, it has to be grandfathered in.

- The issue we're addressing would only be applied to existing parking lots. We appreciate this input.

Commissioner Smith clarified that the code would not allow someone to drive in, park their car in the district, then walk or take transit into downtown.

- Correct.

PSC members confirmed the staff proposal about Parking Strategies.

Commissioner Schultz moved to add an action item for shared parking in vertical structures. *Commissioner Smith* seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Tallmadge, Baugh)

The motion to add an action item for shared parking in vertical structures passed.

Role of the URA in CES

Questions about the URA included:

- Can TIF be used to support businesses?
- Can TIF be used to help provide workforce and affordable housing?
- Can TIF be used to provide structured district parking?

The response to all is yes.

Chair Baugh asked about how we are applying these in an aggressive manner to give businesses the right tools.

Geraldene talked about the Storefront Improvement Grants (up to \$32,000) that are being heavily used in the CES; there are 76 grants in this category in the area right now. DOS is a matching grant of \$25,000. Loans for tenant improvements and others for working capital and equipment.

Chair Baugh: It seems like there are some businesses in the area that are struggling to find technical assistance to help them grow.

- Lots of inquiries have been from legacy industrial businesses. We've had staff walk the neighborhood during slower times to share information. PDC staff works closely with the CEIC, but our best asset is word of mouth. For businesses that are growing and lacking space, we've found it's difficult to expand over 10,000 square feet in the CES unless the footprint is already there. We want businesses that want to be in the CES to be able to be there.

PSC members confirmed the staff proposal about the role of the URA in the SE Quadrant.

Affordable Housing Targets

We don't need additional shadow language in the SE Quadrant about affordable because targets are covered in the other components of the overall CC2035 Plan.

Commissioner Oxman asked about the role of the arts and culture in the SE Quadrant Plan. There is remarkably little said about arts and culture in other plans, so I don't know if this plan is where we should include it.

- *Commissioner Shapiro* commented about Washington High School becoming a popular cultural center. Arts and culture is doing its own integrating.

- *Commissioner St Martin* noted she thought an arts and culture comment could be done through the Comp Plan so it covers the city overall, not just the CES.

There is a concept in the CC2035 Concept Plan about arts and culture. We can make sure it references the Central Eastside specifically. The Portland Plan has the most elaboration about arts and culture as a reference.

Consent List

Commissioner St Martin moved to approve the consent agenda. *Commissioner Smith* seconded.

Commissioner Smith elaborated on items 42 (clarifies that the Green Loop should complement existing facilities) and 45 (emphasizes the need to support adopted bikeway facilities in the district). Also for items 43 and 44: “Provide” a pedestrian bike bridge (versus “consider”).

Commissioner Houck pointed out that the Green Loop is one of the big ideas in the Comp Plan. It’s about urban design, not about cycling. The word “complement” is critical in this amendment. *Commissioner Houck* also noted he is ok with staff’s responses to his other amendments.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[The motion to approve the Consent List passed.](#)

Vote

Commissioner Houck moved to accept staff proposal as amended with today’s amendments as noted above. *Commissioner Shapiro* seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[The CC2035 SE Quadrant Proposed Plan as amended in today’s discussion passed.](#)

The Plan will be heard at City Council at 2 p.m. Time Certain on July 1. Staff will get a draft letter to PSC members tomorrow for review so we can include it in the Council filing packet that we file this Friday.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Work Session: Eric Engstrom, Courtney Duke

Eric noted today’s session is fairly brief and is easing us into the amendments process. We ask you to refer to the Draft Recommended Plan, which provides specific language we’ll be reviewing. If staff has done our job, what’s on the table reflects the direction PSC members have given over the past few months.

For the June 23 work session, please submit your amendments in the template form by June 19. Items up for amendments are map designations, policies, narratives, goals and project list items.

Commissioner Oxman noted that in some sections the updated language is really helpful. Some areas of the new language are complex, and I don’t know how to manage those observations.

- You can decide to live with them, you can propose an amendment, or you can make casual observations. The plan is in your hands. We can take informal recommendations that we can update before forwarding the Plan to Council.

Amendment 1: Commissioner Smith

Policy 3.64 Design. Use design options such as distinctive street design, landscaping, tree plantings, scenic views, and other appropriate design options, to create City Greenways that extend the experience of open spaces and nature into neighborhoods, while improving stormwater management and calming traffic.

Add the phrase “motor vehicle diversion” between “street design” and “landscaping” because it’s important to highlight traffic calming as a tool that should be called out explicitly.

As amended: Use design options such as distinctive street design, [motor vehicle diversion](#), landscaping, tree plantings, scenic views, and other appropriate design options, to create City Greenways that extend the experience of open spaces and nature into neighborhoods, while improving stormwater management and calming traffic.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #1. *Commissioner St Martin* seconded.

Commissioner Smith explained his rationale for the amendment about designing greenways so that motor vehicle diversion is clearly part of the plan. We want to have through-traffic make another choice and go on another route entirely.

Commissioner Houck asked when submitting amendments, I’ve found it helpful to have a consent approach. Will there be staff responses?

- It will depend on the issue.
- PBOT is having internal conversation about diversions. The concern is that in some street classifications we aren’t allowed to divert from one local street to another local street. We need to change some of our classifications for this to move forward. Having it in the Comp Plan means we’ll have to make the changes.

Commissioner Schultz asked what we mean by “distinctive street design” and “motor vehicle diversion”.

- Street design came through the Urban Design Framework. We do have specific tools for motor vehicle diversion.

As you’re developing the distinctive street design, could this include diversion?

- Yes, this could be part of a toolkit.

Commissioner Schultz noted that when something is listed, there are certain people who think it needs to happen or be included. I struggle a little with this.

Chair Baugh: Could the diversion language be handled in Task 5 and not included here?

- With the PSC’s recommendation, yes. But Task 5 is to implement the Comp Plan.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[Amendment #1 passed.](#)

Amendment 2: Commissioner Smith

Central City – The Central City is the region’s high-density employment center. It is primarily an office district for professional and business services, finance, information, and government. It is also a key location for the entertainment, small industry, and education sectors.

Add the word “software” between “information” and “government”. This is an important cluster that should be called out explicitly.

As amended: The Central City is the region’s high-density employment center. It is primarily an office district for professional and business services, finance, information, [software](#), and

government. It is also a key location for the entertainment, small industry, and education sectors.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #2. *Commissioner Shapiro* seconded.

Commissioner Houck noted that software seems to be an overarching term. *Commissioner Smith* noted it is, but it's separate.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[Amendment #2 passed.](#)

Amendment 3: Commissioner Smith

Policy 4.23 Design for pedestrian and bicycle access. Provide accessible sidewalks, high-quality bicycle access, and frequent street connections and crossings in centers and corridors.

Add “and parking” after “high-quality bicycle access” to provide clarity about what it included in the word “access”.

As amended: Provide accessible sidewalks, high-quality bicycle access [and parking](#), and frequent street connections and crossings in centers and corridors.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #3. *Commissioner Shapiro* seconded.

Commissioner Rudd noted we don't define “access” to include “parking” in the Glossary.

(Y4 – Houck, Oxman, Schultz, Smith, N4 – Rudd, Shapiro, St Martin, Baugh)

[Amendment #3 failed.](#)

Commissioner Rudd: I can include an amendment to define access to include parking in the Glossary. I will send this in to staff to add to the next meeting's amendment list.

Amendment 4: Commissioner Smith

Policy 8.37 Interconnected network. Establish a connected rights-of-way system that equitably provides infrastructure services throughout the city.

Add “safe and” at the beginning of the policy to be consistent with the Chapter 9 safety policy and with Vision Zero.

As amended: Establish a [safe and](#) connected rights-of-way system that equitably provides infrastructure services throughout the city.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #4. *Commissioner Houck* seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[Amendment #4 passed.](#)

Amendment 5: Commissioner Smith

Policy 2.11 Open Data.

Add substitute language to convey stronger commitment to open data.

As amended: [Ensure planning and investment decisions are a collaboration among](#)

stakeholders, including those listed in Policy 2.1. The City works with the software development community, data providers, and other professionals with relevant expertise to advise on open data practices and priorities, ensure oversight, and to maximize the utility of City data sets. Data collected and generated by the City are:

- Publicized, accessible, and shared widely,
- Open by default, in the public domain, freely redistributable, and adhere to open standards. Exceptions may be made due to compelling concerns of privacy, security, liability or cost, and should only be granted in accordance with clearly defined criteria and oversight.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #5. *Commissioner St Martin* seconded.

Commissioner Oxman asked about aligning this better with Oregon Public Records law in terms of a clear criteria about the City being asked to develop new data and the cost to having this all accessible.

Commissioner Smith: This would include an oversight body to help weigh in on these decisions. This is Comp Plan policy – broad guidance – and we’d create a more operational policy.

The City Attorney has concern about the relationship to the larger complex web of laws that govern information. And about whether governance of data is subject to land use law.

Because this is in Chapter 2, it’s about how we provide the community information, not about a rule beyond the nature of a Comp Plan policy.

Commissioner Rudd: Does this show up in a zoning ordinance at some point?

- BPS would have to update Administrative Rules about how we release data.

(Y7 – Houck, Oxman, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh; N1 – Rudd)

[Amendment #5 passed.](#)

Amendment 6: Commissioner Smith
Technology and communications introduction.

Add: Relationship to growth and prosperity

As amended: Private utilities and companies provide technology and communication facilities and services to the general public. The City regulates limited aspects of these services, such as the siting of new facilities. The City also provides specific technology and communications services to support City and partner agency service delivery. The City promotes access to affordable and reliable technology and communications for all Portlanders.

The policies in this section embrace innovation to ensure all Portlanders are able to access and benefit from emerging technologies and systems that have the potential to make Portland a cleaner, safer, and more efficient, resilient and affordable city. This section acknowledges that information and technology services have become essential infrastructure, related to the City’s growth and future prosperity, and supports investments and partnerships to keep Portland competitive and build on the City’s tradition of open-source collaboration and innovation.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #6. *Commissioner Houck* seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[Amendment #6 passed.](#)

Amendment 7: Commissioner Smith
Policy 8.117, Equity, capacity, and reliability.

Add: Universal access

As amended: Encourage regulatory approaches and investments in technology and communication infrastructure, such as broadband, [to ensure universal access](#), reduce disparities in capacity, ~~access~~, and affordability, and provide high-performance reliable service for Portland’s residents and businesses.

Commissioner Smith moved Amendment #7. *Commissioner Shapiro* seconded.

Commissioner Smith: My concern with broadband is that the private market is only providing access in certain neighborhoods, and broadband is a key equity issue.

Chair Baugh noted a concern about defining “universal”. I don’t want “universal design principles” to be used for defining in this universal.

Commissioner Smith withdrew the motion.

Amendment 7A

Commissioner Smith modified the amendment to read: “ensure access in all areas of the city”.
Commissioner Houck seconded.

(Y8 – Houck, Oxman, Rudd, Schultz, Shapiro, Smith, St Martin, Baugh)

[Amendment 7A](#) passed.

For the next work session, staff will sort amendments by groups/chapters. If Commissioners are proposing new terms, please send the new definition with the new term to staff. Or if you’re relying on a Glossary term, note that it is already defined.

Commissioner Rudd asked about verbs. When I see “maintain” in a policy, it is not clear to me that we are currently where we want to be and that “maintain” is the correct term. If I flag those and send them to staff, can you help to clarify?

- Yes, for sure. Staff is available to respond to Commissioner questions to help determine if it warrants an amendment and/or discussion with the full Commission. Staff can also help with crafting amendment language.

If we get two amendments on the same policy, we can try to work them out ahead of time. But if the amendments are in conflict, we will flag those prior to the next work session so Commissioners are aware.

Commissioners should use the template to send in amendments by June 19.

Adjourn

Chair Baugh adjourned the meeting 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by Julie Ocken