



Bellevue Planning Commission

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PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT

2025 Annual Commission Retreat

STAFF CONTACTS

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PURPOSE

The Planning Commission's 2025 retreat will occur at the Mercer Slough Community Education Center and will include a virtual option. Participants will include attending commissioners, core commission staff, staff presenters and Deputy Mayor Mo Malakoutian, who is the City Council liaison to the commission. The purpose of the retreat includes:

- Time to gain collective insight on "bigger picture" issues outside the regular commission meetings;
- An opportunity for all participants to better understand each other's perspectives in a relaxed setting;
- Learn about the City's current development trends and activity;
- Gain a deeper understanding of Bellevue's changing demographics; and
- Dedicated time to invest in the well-being of the City Organization.

OVERVIEW

A buffet dinner will be provided to commissioners beginning at 5:00 p.m. The following retreat agenda starts at 6:30 p.m.

- Introduction, Public Comments and Overview of the Agenda
- Welcoming Remarks. Commission Chair Khanloo, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian and staff representatives will offer a welcome to the retreat and review of accomplishments from the past year.
- Appreciation for Commissioner Ferris's Service. Planning commissioners are welcomed to share remarks about Commissioner Ferris's service to the Commission.
- Ice Breaker. Staff will lead commissioners in a warm-up activity.

- Looking Forward – Development Trends and Strategic Initiatives. Staff will provide an overview of the current projects under review and development within the City as well as trends in development activity. Staff will also review some of the significant planning efforts to occur over the next few years and how they fit together. The Commission will have an opportunity to ask questions.
- Bellevue By the Numbers. The City's Chief Demographer will provide an overview of demographic trends and relate them to current planning initiatives.
- Summary of the Evening and Closing Remarks.

DOCUMENTATION

An audio recording and minutes for the retreat will be captured and made available on the City website per standard commission protocols.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Bellevue by the Numbers