



Bellevue Planning Commission

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SUBJECT

2023 Annual Commission Retreat

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PURPOSE

The Planning Commission's 2023 retreat will occur at the Steve Balmer Building, Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) and will include a virtual or hybrid option. Participants will include attending commissioners, core commission staff, staff presenters and Councilmember Jennifer Robertson, who is the 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;
- Explore Bellevue's planning history and role it has had on shaping the City; 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 retreat agenda starts at 6:30 p.m. with:

- Welcoming Remarks/ Accomplishments: Commission Chair Bhargava, Councilmember Robertson and staff representatives will offer a welcome to the retreat and review of accomplishments from the past year.
- Recognition of Councilmember Robertson and Commission members: Opportunity to share appreciation for Councilmember Robertson's service to the City and the work of current Commission members.
- Overview of the Agenda: Staff will provide an overview of the retreat's events.
- Icebreaker: Councilmember Robertson, Commission members and staff will participate in a warm-up activity.
- Commission Perspectives: Commissioners will have an opportunity to discuss dynamics during Commission meetings and opportunities for improvements over the next year.
- Overview of planning milestones in Bellevue since the 1950s: Staff will provide the Commission with an overview of some of the key milestones in Bellevue's history and the planning efforts which have shaped the City.

- Looking Forward – Development Trends and Strategic Initiatives: Staff from Development Services 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.
- Summary of evening and closing remarks: Commission Chair Bhargava, Councilmember Robertson and staff representatives will summarize the retreat discussion and outcomes.

DOCUMENTATION

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