

# PLANNING COMMISSION SURVEY 2024

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# COMMISSION & STAFF PERSPECTIVES



# 3 AREAS WHERE THE COMMISSION FUNCTIONS WELL

- Respect among commissioners and between staff and commissioners
- Appreciation for the hard work that fellow commissioners put in
- Value the different knowledge and perspectives that commissioners bring



# AREAS WHERE THE COMMISSION COULD FUNCTION BETTER

- More efficient conversations during the meeting
  - Better use of Roberts Rules
  - More focused questions
  - Structure conversation differently (share images, time limit, open conversation, limit repeat comments)
- Time to get to know each other outside of meeting times
- Focus discussions on where PC can have an impact



# AREAS WHERE STAFF SUPPORT CAN BE IMPROVED

- Better follow-up on commissioner questions
- Use of technology to improve communication and organization
- Reference successful projects, precedents, benchmarks from other jurisdictions
- Provide pro's and con's for staff rationale
- Balance topics to minimize additional meetings

# MANAGING INTERACTIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Encourage more diverse voices to speak at commission meetings
- Clarify to the community where the powers of the Planning Commission (compared to staff & Council)



# IMPROVEMENT IN THE OVERALL COMMISSION FUNCTION

- Make sure the scope and ask of the commission is clear to the Planning Commission at the outset of a discussion.
- Manage time and agenda items to ensure that meetings do not go over time
- Include more data, especially financial data, to help decision-making
- Requests of staff should be clearly articulated



# SUPPORT STAFF FEEDBACK

- Focus discussion on policy issues for relevant topic
- Larger policy implications that apply citywide on policy and code changes
- Ensure scope aligns with Council established scope and direction
- Washington state mandates LUCA's should be focused on compliance



# NEXT STEPS

- Providing written responses to questions raised
- Look for opportunities to provide benchmarks and comparisons
- Chair facilitate discussions to be more effective with time



# DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION



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