



Bellevue Planning Commission

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PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

Plan Amendment Process Audit Check-in

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POLICY ISSUES

The annual plan amendment process includes two evaluation and review steps referred to, respectively, as Threshold Review and Final Review. Threshold Review evaluates whether applications should become proposed amendments. Final Review then reviews the merits of each proposal. Each uses Land Use Code decision criteria and involves a Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation. The City Council takes action for both steps.

The Planning Commission this year is conducting a real-time audit of the annual process. The intent going forward is to inform and suggest best practices around review and engagement processes, as well as the decision criteria used in each step.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION

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DIRECTION

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INFORMATION ONLY

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Tonight, the Commission will:

- Provide feedback on the completed 2018 Threshold Review process. What worked? Are there other tools to be used?
- Examine the remaining parts of 2018 Final Review process of: study session, public hearing, and action by resolution.

Staff will look to your feedback and direction, then bring back recommendations for 2019 before the end of the year.

REFERENCE (website)

[Part 20.30I](#) Amendment and Review of the Comprehensive Plan