



Bellevue Planning Commission

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PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

Guiding Principles Part II and Refresher of Standards and Practices

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POLICY ISSUES

Guiding Principles can't be used to direct action that is inconsistent with state and local laws and regulations and Council policy and direction. Guiding principles cannot be used to expand or change the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Commission. Guiding principles that direct the work program efforts of staff or affect the City's budget require Council's approval.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION



DIRECTION



INFORMATION ONLY



The Planning Commission will review the discussion notes put forth by Commissioner Morisseau, review the standards and practices agreed upon in 2016, determine if the current approved guiding principles should be amended and act, as needed.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Planning Commission began their discussion on this subject in September 2017 and on January 10, 2018 approved a set of guiding principles (Attachment A). Commissioner Morisseau had several discussion notes that she requested be brought forward as part of the Guiding Principles' agenda item during the November 8, 2017 Planning Commission retreat. The Guiding Principles agenda item was not heard that evening because of time constraints. Those discussion notes should have been brought forward to the January 10, 2018 meeting when the original guiding principles were up for discussion again. Due to an oversight, those discussion notes weren't included with the agenda packet for that evening. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission act on the existing guiding principles that evening and program a separate discussion (with possible amendments to the now approved guiding principles) for the January 24, 2018 meeting. That was subsequently continued to the February 14, 2018 meeting. Hence the reference in the agenda title to 'Part II'.

The 'Planning Commission Approved Guiding Principles' are shown in Attachment A. Attachment B is the "Guiding Principles Part II – Further Discussion Notes" as requested by Commissioner Morisseau. Attachment C is the Standards and Practices approved jointly by the Planning Commission, Council liaison and staff at the 2016 Planning Commission retreat (November 16, 2016).

Including the Standards and Practices into the discussion serves two purposes. One is to ensure that the guiding principles align with the standards and practices, and two, it provides a refresher for everyone.

OPTIONS

1. Make no changes to the approved guiding principles.
2. Amend the guiding principles, as needed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has recommended no one option.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- A. Planning Commission Approved Guiding Principles
- B. Guiding Principles Part II – Further Discussion Notes
- C. Planning Commission Standards & Practices