



Bellevue Planning Commission

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SUBJECT

2020 Annual Commission Retreat

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PURPOSE

The Planning Commission's 2020 retreat will occur virtually via Zoom, in order to comply with the Governor's Emergency Order concerning the Open Public Meetings Act, which prohibits in-person meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will include attending commissioners, core commission staff, and council liaison Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale. The three-fold purpose of the retreat is to provide:

- 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; and
- Dedicated time to invest in the well-being of the City organization.

OVERVIEW

The retreat agenda starts at 6:30 p.m. with:

- Welcoming Remarks/ Accomplishments: Commission Chair Moolgavkar, Councilmember Barksdale and staff representatives
- Overview of the Agenda: Staff will provide an overview of the retreat's events
- Zoom Virtual Challenge/ Team Building Activity: Staff will facilitate an interactive set of activities for the Commission to share thoughts and perspectives and also provide an opportunity for interaction with each other.
- Approaches to Equity in Planning: Staff will provide an overview of the City's diversity initiatives and efforts to incorporate equity within various planning initiatives and also provide a forum for discussion and feedback from the Commission.
- Planning Commission Role and Guiding Principles: Staff will provide an overview of the role of the Planning Commission within the framework of legislative recommendations on policy initiatives that are the purview of the Commission and also review commission operating guidelines developed in previous years including historical context. Commissioners can identify follow-up needed regarding these guidelines, and other ways to improve communication.

- Looking Forward – Strategic Initiatives will review some of the significant planning efforts to occur over the next few years and how they fit together.
- Employment Trends and Impacts from COVID: Staff will provide the Commission with data collected by staff and the regional information relating to how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted working patterns and development activity within the City.
- Summary of evening and closing remarks: Commission Chair Moolgavkar, Councilmember Barksdale and staff representative will summarize retreat 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.