
**GROWTH MANAGEMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
PUBLIC MEETING
AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Spokane Transit Authority Board Room, 2nd Floor

1230 West Boone Avenue

Spokane, WA 99206

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Wendy Van Orman, Mayor, Liberty Lake
- 2. Action on January 20, 2010 Minutes**
- 3. UGA Update Process ~ Doug Smith**
- 4. SEPA/GMA Integration ~ Steve Davenport**
- 5. Collaborative Planning ~ Susan Winchell**
- 6. Identify Regional Topics/Issues for Future Agendas**
- 7. Public Comments**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 10:00 am, STA Second Floor Board Room

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**MINUTES OF THE
GROWTH MANAGEMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

March 17, 2010

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendy Van Orman, Mayor, City of Liberty Lake, Chair
Bonnie Mager, Spokane County Commissioner, Vice Chair
Richard Rush, Council Member, City of Spokane
Patrick Rushing, Mayor, City of Airway Heights
Brenda Grassel, Council Member, City of Spokane Valley
Teresa Overhauser, Council Member, City of Cheney
Teresa Galvin, Mayor of Latah (Palouse Towns)
Amber Waldref, Council Member, City of Spokane
Dean Grafos, Council Member, City of Spokane Valley

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank L. Boyle, Commissioner, Liberty Lake Water and Sewer District
Sharon Colby, Commissioner, Fire District No. 3

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Todd Mielke, Spokane County Commissioner
Mark Richard, Spokane County Commissioner
Nancy McLaughlin, Council Member, City of Spokane
Robert Whisman, Mayor, City of Deer Park
Dan Mork, Mayor, City of Millwood
Brenda Redell, Council Member, City of Medical Lake

NON VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Robert Douthitt, Board Member, Spokane School District
Chris Bell, Citizen at Large

Staff and interested parties as shown on the attached copy of the sign-in sheet.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Wendy VanOrman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Action on Minutes of January 20, 2010

Motion

Moved by Mr. Rushing to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010 as submitted. **Second by Mr. Rush.**
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ten-Year Urban Growth Area Update Process

Doug Smith, Community Development Director, City of Liberty Lake, and Chair of the Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), described that the Urban Growth Area Update for the Metro Area is being handled by the PTAC. The first task in the Update is determining the population capacity of the existing Urban Growth Area and then developing alternatives based upon the results. This methodology is called the

Land Quantity Analysis and was adopted by the Steering Committee. The PTAC has reviewed the consistency of each jurisdiction's application of the adopted Land Quantity Analysis and under the direction of Mike Basinger has developed agreed upon assumptions. The Land Quantity Analysis is key to the next steps in the process and will be presented to the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

Mr. Smith also noted that the Non-Metro jurisdictions are not on the same schedule for the 10-year UGA Update, but will re-adopt their existing UGAs at the time that the Metro UGA Update is adopted, making the timelines consistent for future updates. He added that Substitute Senate Bill 6611 extends timelines for comprehensive plan updates, but does not affect the 10-year UGA update deadline of 2011 for Spokane County.

4. SEPA/GMA Integration

Steve Davenport, Senior Planner, Spokane County, explained that as a part of the 10-year UGA update process an environmental review of alternatives is conducted. He explained that the a scoping notice for an integrated GMA/SEPA was distributed to jurisdictions, service providers, and affected parties last week with comments due in April 7, 2010. Mr. Davenport explained that after reviewing comments received, the County Planning Director will make a Threshold Determination that would determine the level of environmental review required (i.e. Environmental Impact Statement, Addendum, Determination of Nonsignificance).

Mr. Davenport explained that there are two alternatives proposed in the Scoping Notice for the 10-year update: (1) to retain the existing urban growth area boundaries and accommodate growth within that area by increasing densities; or (2) to expand the Urban Growth Area boundary in one of the areas indicated on the map.

Mr. Rushing asked how similar the UGA update process is in the State of Idaho. Mr. Davenport responded that Idaho does not have SEPA and that Washington's environmental policies are more rigorous.

Ms. Waldref asked if each study area was reviewed individually. Mr. Davenport stated that each area will be mapped showing critical areas, roads, and attributes and compiled into one report.

Ms. VanOrman asked if the 2010 Census would have any impact on the population projections. Mr. Davenport stated that the population allocation adopted by the Board could be amended and revised if necessary.

Ms. Waldref asked whether the land quantity analysis will provide a clear indication of how much additional capacity the current Urban Growth Area could support. Mr. Davenport stated that complete land quantity analyses will be done which will provide a clear indication of how much additional capacity could be accommodated within the existing UGA boundary.

Ms. Overhauser asked if a timeline had been submitted. Mr. Davenport stated that a work plan has been established and was submitted to the Steering Committee at a previous meeting. Chair VanOrman asked that the work plan be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

5. Collaborative Planning

Susan Winchell, Director of the Boundary Review Board, presented the Collaborative Planning report to the Committee and provided a brief history of the process for the benefit of new members. Ms. Winchell explained that urban development adjacent to cities was impacting the cities and that the cities and the County had different development regulations. Through a collaborative effort, development regulations have been streamlined. Ms. Winchell stated that four areas were needing immediate resolution: private roads, connectivity, urban design and communication between staff of jurisdictions in providing notices. Ms.

Winchell reported that a new road and connectivity ordinance was adopted by the County and now urban design guidelines extending to more land uses and communication procedures will be incorporated into County development review standards.

On-going tasks revolve around the fiscal sustainability of Spokane County and its ability to provide many regional services. Ms. Winchell noted that the consultant for the fiscal side of the collaborative planning will be meeting with Mayors, Council members and staff during the first week of April.

Ms. Mager stated that the County is looking at going to a full-cost recovery system to cover costs of the Juvenile Detention facility and courts. She further stated the County is working on interlocal agreements in order to keep regional services afloat. Ms. VanOrman asked if a utility tax has been considered by the County. Ms. Mager stated it has, but only for the unincorporated areas. Ms. Winchell noted that in addition to the Juvenile Detention facility and Juvenile Courts, Spokane County also provides Superior Court services for the entire county. Mr. Rush asked about the new jail proposal. Ms. Mager stated that the proposal will go before the voters next April in the form of a bond measure.

Ms. Winchell advised that a technical investigation of potential revenue and/or cost sharing will be done next and options will be developed. Ms. Mager stated that this study has helped trigger ideas, such as joint animal control and law enforcement services and the goal is to become more efficient and effective for all. Ms. Winchell advised that planning results to date include changes to development regulation, interlocal agreements on annexation and planning and the recognition by cities of the County's role as regional service provider. Ms. Winchell stated commitment from the cities is necessary to support long term financial solutions and cost effective ways to provide services.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

Chair VanOrman asked that the work plan be brought back for the April 21, 2010 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Approved: Wendy VanOrman
Chairman Wendy Van Orman

Date: 6-16-10

Vickie Merriott, Clerk

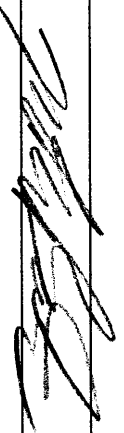

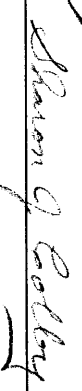
GMA STEERING COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

Meeting Date: Nov 17, 2010

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Waldref, Amber, Council Member	City of Spokane		
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Non-Voting Members

Meeting Date: _____

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Bell, Chris	Citizen at Large		
Boyle, Frank L.	Liberty Lake Water & Sewer District		
Colby, Sharon	Fire Dist. #3		
Douthitt, Robert	Spokane Public Schools		

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INTERESTED PARTIES

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MEETING OF March 17, 2010

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