

Burien 2044 Advisory Committee Meeting #4: Meeting Summary

June 28, 2023, 5:30-7:30 pm | Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87991805335>

Workshop Objectives

- Illustrate revised land use alternatives for testing in the Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Impact Statement
- Share Draft Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Policy Review

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Staff and Consultants

- Susan McLain, City of Burien, Community Development Director
- Michele Barrera, City of Burien, Administrative Assistant
- Lisa Grueter, Principal, BERK
- Kamal Raslan, Associate, BERK
- Ben Silver, Senior Associate, BERK
- Rachel Miller, Senior Associate, MAKERS
- Katy Saunders, Associate, MAKERS

Advisory Committee Attendance

- Brittingham, Shelley, former Arts Commission member, Burien 2044 member
- Gould, David, Planning Commission
- Martin, Daniel, Human Services Commission
- Mouser-Guerra, Holly, Airport Committee
- Llanes, Diana, Community Connector
- Negeri, Alemtsehay, Community Connector

Not in Attendance

- Estevez, Sofia, Community Connector
- Garcia, Hugo, City Council
- Kassa, Mesti, Community Connector
- Khuc, Nha, Community Connector
- Trinh, Elly, Community Connector

Advisory Committee Membership

Susan McClain described the City Council action and resignation of Burien Planning Commission members as well some persons on other committees. There will be recruitment likely in October 2023. The Burien 2044 Advisory Committee will continue its work as an ad-hoc committee. Susan also described the City's prior and ongoing efforts to reach out to the Burien community on the Burien 2044 Comprehensive Plan. The Committee members did not ask questions.

Revised Land Use Alternatives

Rachel Miller presented slides on the updated Land Use Alternatives. Some questions to the group included whether some mixed use and high intensity and residential designations should extend west of 1st Avenue South, and Advisory Committee members found that concept appropriate to explore. The challenges with expanding east including major routes and other features was discussed. Likes and features of the alternatives were also shared.

Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Policy Review

Lisa Grueter, Ben Silver, and Kamal Raslan presented slides on the climate vulnerability assessment and policy review. Katy Saunders presented slides on Cool Corridors and potential code approaches. Advisory Committee questions and feedback included:

- Appreciate focus on health and wellbeing. People that are older or with underlying health conditions are more likely to have risks. Promote education about risks.
- Like resilience hubs – in addition to community center and library consider faith communities, City Hall, and more.
- Work with owners of older buildings on retrofits.
- There should be more than one cooling center.

Public Comment

There were comments about the agenda items including:

- Charles Schaefer: Love neighborhood centers ideas; it will cut down on car trips and greenhouse gas. Lack of housing is a contributor to greenhouse gas. Support street trees.
- Kay: Appreciate the presentation. Want more work on Downtown vision. See the Performing Arts Center come into fruition. They take transit, and it is hard to get there on west side. Take that into account. Concern that decreasing lot sizes would result in tree loss and change to quality of life and habitat. Question about emergency housing. Seems like a high number.
- Ginele Lee: Don't forget about flooding in Boulevard Park. It is a severe issue. There is undersized infrastructure in the area.

Summary and Next Steps, Conclude

Lisa shared the plan that early draft elements would be shared with the Advisory Committee in September 27, 2023. There would be a formal draft later in the fall and the Advisory Committee would provide recommendations in late January 2024.

Susan shared the future updates on the website with materials. Susan thanked the Advisory Committee members. The meeting concluded at about 7:25.

Meeting material links:

- [Agenda](#)
- [Meeting 3 Summary Notes](#)
- [Draft Burien Climate Vulnerability Memo](#)
- [Presentation Powerpoint](#)

In response to questions: Burien's emergency housing/shelter allocation is about 2.4% of the countywide need. Burien's allocation is similar to other south county communities and is in proportion to overall housing allocations.

- King County Countywide Planning Policies and link to materials attached: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/CPPs.aspx>
- Guidance from the Department of Commerce has been developing over time and is here: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/growth-management-topics/planning-for-housing/updating-gma-housing-elements/>