



City of Monroe Comprehensive Plan

CAC #3: Project Kickoff

February 29, 2024

7:00 – 9:00 PM

For Those Attending in Person

Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue Station 31's conference room
163 Village Ct

For Those Attending Virtually

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AGENDA

Meeting Objectives: Review and refine the revised Monroe 2044 Guiding Principles; Discuss the Introduction and Parks elements; Introduce the draft market analysis

7:00 pm	Public Comments
7:10 pm	Agenda, Project Updates and Last Meeting Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review agenda• Review CAC #2 Meeting Summary• Planning Commission/City Council Updates
7:15 pm	Discussion: Element Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule for Elements
7:20 pm	Discussion: Introduction and Parks Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review elements
7:50 pm	Discussion: Revised Draft Guiding Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Revised Draft Guiding Principles
8:20 pm	Presentation: Market Analysis
8:55 pm	Next Steps/Close

Public Comments

None

Agenda, Project Updates and Last Meeting Summary

- Review agenda
- Review CAC #2 Meeting Summary – No objections or comments.
- Planning Commission/City Council Updates – Several updates to committees since the last meeting.
 - The City has asked the committee members to provide edits/comments/feedback in the next two weeks on all three of the chapters presented tonight (02/29/2024).
 - The goal is to have a complete draft by August.

Discussion: Element Schedule

- Bringing chapters (elements) in pieces to the committee.

Discussion: Introduction and Parks Elements

- Review elements (see below for further details by element)

Chapter 1: Introduction

- Discussion of the larger pieces of *Chapter 1: Introduction*
- **Question:** Who is the intended audience of the Plan?
 - The community, businesses, decision-makers.
- *Chapter 1* outlines the direction the city is planning on going and the importance of the Plan as a guide towards the Imagine Monroe Vision for 2044, defines the regulatory framework and requirements for the update per Commerce and PSRC, and serves as a decision-making or supporting document for grants and additional funding.
 - New legislation requires cities to address housing affordability, racially disparate impacts, and community engagement is inclusive of everyone (driven by PSRC).

Chapter 7: Parks and Recreation

- Explanation of different update cycles for PROS plan and Comprehensive plan
- **Question:** How are we reconciling the new PROS plan and this update?
 - Our goal is to replace anything that is in the existing Comprehensive plan with policies and goals from the updated PROS plan (2022).
- **Question:** We aren't changing policies but what about changes that might have made sense in the PROS plan but not in the Comprehensive Plan?
 - We will have the opportunity to make changes or clarify.
- **Question:** Do we include a program or policies around **street trees** – where would it live? Parks, Transportation, Public Works?

- By 2029 the city is required to have a tree canopy analysis.
- Let's hold that – could lead to changing and updating street standards. *We will bring up at the next meeting.*
- **Question:** There have been observations of using pesticides at Parks – is this in the policies?
 - We can go back and take a look at maintenance for parks, but also look at shoreline and environment policies – let's think about it when we bring those elements back.

Discussion: Revised Draft Guiding Principles

- Review Revised Draft Guiding Principles
 1. Safe and Accessible - No comments.
 2. Connected and Active -
 - Second sentence is too long – too many “ands.”
 - What does, “walking and bicycling facilities” mean?
 - Sidewalks and bike lanes
 - This doesn't really address connectivity of neighborhoods to each other.
 - People being connected to each other through relationships and then people can be physically connected directly.
 - Connected has a double meaning and it doesn't show up here.
 - Inter-connected
 - Change “facilities” to “routes.”
 3. Local and Community Driven
 - Strike out “we imagine” or modify. It weakens the statement.
 - Remove “should” and make a declarative statement.
 - Last sentence feels tacked on:
 - Could swap the last two sentences.
 - Needs something about taking care of each other and being neighborly; to connect back to relationships.
 - Maybe incorporate it into the second sentence?
 - People support each other.
 - ...Strengthening our community relationships...
 - “We take advantage” appears to have a negative connotation.
 - “Appreciate”
 4. Affordable and Diverse Housing
 - A bit long; take the last sentence and move to the front as the first sentence.
 - Key statement up front
 - Reiteration; Very long

- Better than before at calling out specifics, but it also highlights the missing pieces.
 - Name 3-4 things and then say “others.”
 - What is a “household structure”? Needs to be refined/adjusted?
 - But it is nice because it means we don’t just mean the “standard” family. Families come in different sizes and makeups.
 - Household arrangement, household living situations, etc.
 - Housing for every stage of life.
5. Equity
- Third paragraph; a little formal, legalese, a little too professional.
 - It is a definition – PC is charged with it.
 - Whatever definition Council comes up with should be included here.
 - Like that the specifics are struck.
 - Like “shall” because it is a mandate – requirement – not just aspirational.
 - “Everything be accessible to everyone,” in particular historically marginalized and underrepresented people and communities.

Presentation: Market Analysis

- Asset-based economic development – Building on the existing resources.
- EDAB – City administrator is working with a planner to bring strategies to the committee.
 - SWOT Analysis – Will start at EDAB. Funneled through to Planning Commission and can come back to the committee.

Next Steps/Close

- Goal is to have land use and housing (maybe shorelines and natural environment)
- April for the SEIS
- Community engagement
 - Have you given feedback yet? Versus asking people to comment
 - “We value your opinion.”
 - Give committee members cards with QR for handing out to businesses.
 - Give goal committee members commit to (i.e., hand out 20 cards)
- Respond to guiding principles by March 8th.