

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

Dec. 5, 2023 Public Meeting

Manchester Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Ana Langone (Business), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Russ Higgins (Alaska Neighborhood), Amber Brown (At-Large), O Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library)

Excused Absence: Janelle Overton

Guests: Jim Stritzel, Darrel Allen, Jeannie Allen, Deb Knodel, Jim Brewer, Shawn Douty, Roland Arper, Gentry Brierly, Patrick Quain, Kim Kilpatrick, Maddy Feiste, Troy Violette, David Denniston, Rashmi Ballard, Bob Ballard

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:30 pm.

Guest Speakers:

Eric Baker, Acting County Administrator, provided insight into the county's Comprehensive Plan process. (The state requires counties to come up with an update to their plans every 10 years.)

There are 3 possible alternative scenarios, with several elements each:

- 1) *NO ACTION*
No change to zoning, codes, or policies. Without acknowledging the population growth already taking place, this will eventually make the county unaffordable to most.
- 2) *COMPACT GROWTH/URBAN CENTER FOCUS*
Meets population expectations by promoting development within urban areas (Kingston, Silverdale, Bremerton, and Port Orchard). Urban Growth Areas around these areas would see limited expansion. It is dependent on improved transit (bus lines and ferries).
- 3) *DISPERSED GROWTH/RURAL JOBS FOCUS*
Past single-family housing trends followed but will require more urban land, so UGA's may be considerably expanded. Some additional rural development of homes and businesses.

For Manchester specifically, this alternative proposes removing lot aggregation requirements.(This was the prerequisite, adopted in the 2002 Manchester Plan, that lots not meeting the minimum dimensional size, must be aggregated when in common ownership of 2 or more contiguous sites.) The removal of this would open a potential of 167 new buildable locations.

On Dec.15, the county will release its Draft Comprehensive Plan. Public comments will be available from that date until April 2024. For more information:
https://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/Pages/ComprehensivePlanUpdate_2024.aspx

Brian Nielson of the Kitsap Public Health District gave a presentation on disaster preparedness for individuals, and what citizens can expect from the county in the event of emergency.

I. Administrative Items

Approval of the minutes from the November 2023 meeting: Ray (motion), Carrilu (second); minutes approved with two abstentions.

II. Business Items

III. Announcements and Public Comments

A. The next meeting of the MCAC will be held January 2.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm: Sharon (motion), Amber (second); meeting adjourned.