



# Bellevue Development Committee

March 13, 2024

## Meeting Notes

### **Networking and Welcome** – Facilitator

Jennifer welcomed meeting attendees and reviewed the meeting agenda.

### **Senate Bill 5290**– Jake Hesselgesser

Jake Hesselgesser provided a summary of the city's implementation approach to SB 5290.

Feedback, comments, and discussion included:

- Looking for opportunities to broaden stakeholder representation in the BDC meetings.
- Looking at other states and regions with respect to streamlining permitting.
- Status of including short plats in the recommended shot clock modifications and discussion on how the development community may be helpful in the process of forming recommendations.

### **Code and Policy** – Nick Whipple, Caleb Miller, Molly Johnson, Justin Panganiban

Nick provided an informational update regarding the Tree Code Update and directed people to the initial strike-draft linked in the BDC meeting agenda. The upcoming March 27 Planning Commission meeting to review the draft code was also noted as well as the planned April 24 Planning Commission Public Hearing.

Molly Johnson, Caleb Miller, and Justin Panganiban provided information about the Wilburton Vision Implementation project, including the schedule for processing the Wilburton Comprehensive Plan policies and Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA). The team also shared the draft internal access concepts map for the Wilburton TOD.

Nick provided an update and information about the proposed Noise Control Code changes and referred people to the February 26 Council Study Session materials for more information.

### **Inspection Sub-Team**– Gregg Schrader

Gregg provided a brief update on the Inspection sub team. Construction & Fire code to council on March 4 and was approved.

Feedback, discussion, and comments included:

- Major project debriefs are a great idea.
- Discussion on the process for special inspections and the possibility of reducing redundancies between city inspections.
- Reminder that 2021 building and fire codes can be accessed online once General Code completes their contract work (same as 2018 codes online now).
- Field changes that require post issuance permit revision to be submitted for plan review take a lot of time and there is interest in clarity and discussion on what can be approved by the inspector in the field.
- Clear communication from contractors to field inspectors and supervisors when issues come up that require immediate attention.
- Discussion on implementing the state and national code development process.
- Discussion on bringing back the work of the permitting sub-team and the roll out of the combined plan set for single family permits. More to come in future meetings.

Jake – provided an update on a system issue being experienced across the United States with Bluebeam review, which is a software product the city and many industry professionals use around the world. This issue has impacted some city processes over the last week and the software vendor is expected to release an update this week to resolve the system issues.

Closing and Next Meeting– Facilitator and Jake Hesselgesser

- Next Regular BDC Meeting -April 17, 2024

**Bellevue Development Committee Agenda Committee Members:**

Patrick Bannon, Bellevue Downtown Association

Joe Fain, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Rebecca Horner, City of Bellevue

Patience Malaba, Housing Development Consortium Seattle-King County

Tim McKey, Sellen Construction

Veronica Shakotko, Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties

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