



Bellevue Development Committee

April 17, 2024 Meeting Notes

Networking and Welcome – Rebecca Horner

Permit timelines and development update – Jake Hesselgesser

- Jake provided an overview of current development activity, permit timelines and performance indicators as outlined in the presentation.
- Jake and Reilly Pittman provided a summary of information presented at previous meetings regarding the city's response to Senate Bill 5290 and the upcoming scheduling, including a Council Study Session in June.

Items from previous meetings

- City staff provided an update on the progress of numerous process improvement initiatives that have been informed by stakeholder feedback through customer experience surveys, major project debriefs, and the Bellevue Development Committee. The update includes items that have been completed, those that are in progress, and items which are in the planning stages.
- In addition, process improvements specific to feedback received through working meetings with the BDC Permitting and Inspection sub-teams were reviewed by Nate Tilson and Gregg Schrader.
- Staff also shared how they are coordinating with other departments across the city and jurisdictions across the state. Examples of regional forums have included MyBuildingPermit.com committees and the SB 5290 statewide digital permitting committee.

Code and policy update – Nick Whipple

- Staff shared updates, answered questions, and received feedback on code and policy initiatives including:
 - Noise control code amendments
 - Next Right Work – Downtown IOC
 - Tree code amendments
 - Wilburton code amendments

City feedback – Rebecca Horner

- Rebecca shared the new vision for Development Services and explained how the Development Services leadership team developed the vision. She provided an overview of the strategic planning process Development Services is undertaking and recognized the magnitude of process improvements being worked on.
- Rebecca provided an update on staff recruitments and noted that a number of positions have been filled since the last quarterly meeting.
- Nate Tilson provided an overview of a recent panel discussion for the AIA Seattle code committee focused on code alternates. Nate noted this was a good educational opportunity for the development community and jurisdictions. Nate also asked the development community to reach out to city staff in the future when educational opportunities like this come up.

Development community feedback – Facilitator

- Development community feedback included appreciation for the BDC meetings and suggested topics to cover at future meetings such as future code & policy work and code vesting.

Closing and next meeting – Facilitator

- The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 10, 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
- Veronic Shakotko, Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties

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