



MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Brett Lenart, Planning Manager

DATE: November 14, 2023

SUBJECT: **Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Appointment**

I recommend the appointment of the Steering Committee to support the Comprehensive Planning effort as follows:

Proposed Motion: *I move to appoint the following individuals to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:*

- *Rebecca Barrington*
- *Nolan Earl*
- *ChiTuyen Richmond*
- *Vanessa Punal*
- *Kiera Saltz*
- *Wendy Rampson-Gage*
- *Wendy Ann Woods*
- *Jaqualecyn (Jaz) Brennan*
- *Bea Kaskie*
- *Yasien Taher*
- *Mark Scerbo*
- *Ben Connor Barrie*
- *Commissioner Sadira Clarke*
- *Commissioner Sara Hammerschmidt*

Background

As previously discussed, a Steering Committee is intended for appointment by the Planning Commission to support the work of the Comprehensive Plan engagement, development, and completion. To identify this committee, City staff developed an open application, with the support of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The application was made available to the public from September 18th to October 16th.

Recommendation

To put together this recommendation for the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee, all applicants were evaluated. As potential committee members were identified, remaining applicants were identified by characteristics that would ideally bring various perspectives

and backgrounds to the work. For example, applicants were sorted by age to ensure that younger representatives were included, and an emphasis was placed on identifying an applicant from that category. Additionally, but not uniformly, I emphasized applicants that less frequently engage with the City on land use planning on a regular basis. My aspiration is that this will help guide us to a plan that is very accessible and understandable to our community.

City staff continues to identify one or more additional committee members from outside the application process. Committee representatives from Ward 2 in the City, as well as applicants who identify as Asian, or Asian-American are underrepresented in this group. Additional names may be put forward at the meeting if identified.

If there is any additional information I can provide, please contact me at blenart@a2gov.org.