



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 9, 2014

Motion 14221

Proposed No. 2014-0376.1

Sponsors Gossett, Dembowski, Upthegrove,
Dunn and Phillips

1 A MOTION relating to comprehensive planning;
2 requesting the King County executive to initiate a
3 comprehensive update of the West Hill Community Plan
4 for consideration as part of the proposed amendment to the
5 King County Comprehensive Plan in 2015.

6 WHEREAS, the West Hill community is an approximately three-square-mile
7 urban unincorporated area located between the cities of Seattle, Renton and Tukwila, and
8 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Bryn Mawr, Campbell Hill, Earlington, Hill Top,
9 Lakeridge, Panorama View, Skycrest and Skyway, and

10 WHEREAS, the West Hill Community Plan is a local land use plan drafted in
11 1991 and formally adopted in 1993, in Ordinance 11166, to provide for area-wide
12 planning and zoning, as well as prioritizing and pursuing capital improvements and
13 community development projects, and

14 WHEREAS, King County adopted the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan
15 ("KCCP") in Ordinance 11575 to meet the requirements of the Washington State Growth
16 Management Act and, as provided in K.C.C. 20.12.337, included the West Hill
17 Community Plan as an element of the KCCP, and

18 WHEREAS, the West Hill Community Plan continues to be included as an
19 element of the KCCP as updated in June 2014 by Ordinance 17842, but it has not been
20 substantially updated since its creation in 1991, and

21 WHEREAS, the West Hill community has historically faced challenges in
22 rebuilding its local economy, as well as experienced wide gaps in equity of infrastructure
23 investments and services, and

24 WHEREAS, local leaders and organizations in the West Hill community have
25 initiated a grassroots community planning effort to revitalize its neighborhoods, local
26 economy, and quality of life of its residents, and

27 WHEREAS, the community has created the West Hill-Skyway Community
28 Steering Group and Technical Advisory Group in an attempt to ensure community
29 stakeholders are engaged and guiding the planning process, as well as bringing together
30 organizations and agencies with specialized expertise to help inform the community
31 planning process, and

32 WHEREAS, this community planning effort provides the opportunity to build
33 collaborative relationships, establish multijurisdictional and public/private partnerships
34 and leverage resources to fund and operate community programs, services, infrastructure
35 and improvements, and

36 WHEREAS, this community planning effort is consistent with the King County
37 Strategic Plan, the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative and the KCCP,
38 specifically by furthering the county's goals for creating thriving and equitable
39 communities, facilitating healthy and active residents, supporting vibrant diverse

40 neighborhoods, promoting urban infill, providing fair and just services and supporting
41 multimodal transportation options, and

42 WHEREAS, King County is supportive of this community planning effort and has
43 been providing technical assistance to the local partners, and

44 WHEREAS, a comprehensive update to the West Hill Community Plan will be an
45 integral part of the West Hill community's planning effort, and

46 WHEREAS, any proposed amendments to the West Hill Community Plan must
47 be considered as part of an amendment to the KCCP, and

48 WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 20.18 establishes a process for amending the KCCP
49 on an annual cycle to address technical updates and corrections, and to consider
50 amendments that do not require substantive changes to policy language, changes to
51 priority areas map or changes to the urban growth boundary except under limited and
52 prescribed circumstances, and

53 WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 20.18 additionally allows for comprehensive updates
54 of subarea plans that are initiated by motion to also be considered in the annual cycle
55 update of the KCCP and, as defined in K.C.C. 20.08.060, subarea plans include
56 community plans, and

57 WHEREAS, the deadline for transmittal of the next annual cycle update to the
58 KCCP will be March 2, 2015;

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

60 A. The King County executive is requested undertake a comprehensive update to
61 the West Hill Community Plan.

62 B. The comprehensive update of the West Hill Community Plan should be
63 included in the executive's proposed amendments to the current King County
64 Comprehensive Plan and be transmitted to the council by March 2, 2015.

65 C. The executive has indicated that the resources needed to accomplish the work
66 will be technical assistance provided by one FTE from the department of permitting and
67 environmental review from July 10, 2014, through March 1, 2015, which is anticipated to
68 be achieved through existing resources.

69 D. The development of the comprehensive update of the West Hill Community

70 Plan should include outreach with the local community, including the West Hill-Skyway
71 Community Steering Group and Technical Advisory Group.
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Motion 14221 was introduced on 8/25/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/8/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert,
Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None