



**Steering Committee -
Winslow Subarea Plan Update &
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review
October 09, 2025
3:30 – 5:00 PM
City Council Conference Room, 280 Madison Ave N
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110**

Meeting of the Steering Committee Overseeing the
Winslow Subarea Plan Update and the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review

October 9, 2025

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<https://bainbridgewa.zoom.us/j/85074579238>

This meeting will be recorded

AGENDA

Welcome

Steering Committee Roles and Meeting Ground Rules

Continued discussion per City Council Motion for the Steering Committee (July 22, 2025) :

ACTION: *Directed that the Steering Committee be authorized to have an ongoing agenda item that is simply an open conversation between the representatives from the two bodies sitting on that body to discuss the status of the Comprehensive Plan and explore opportunities for cooperation between the bodies.*

Public Comment

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September 11, 2025, Steering Committee Notes

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

Present: Patricia Charnas, Jennifer Sutton, Peter Best, Peter Schaab, Jon Quitslund, Leslie Schneider. Absent: Sarah Blossom, Sean Sullivan and Kirsten Hytopoulos

Dept. of Commerce/Growth Management Board

Director Charnas spoke about Dept of Commerce re: impact of Growth Management Board discussions and the impact of 1220. Questions about financing plan for additional sewer plant and impact to housing/capital facilities plan. Questions about how to meet the GMA plan and what our duty is.

Recommendation was to not assume that all religious owned properties would be appropriate but to use reasonable assumptions when making determinations on housing.

Capital Facilities Plan would need to include infrastructure to support the land use plan (re: upzoning/density).

Further information provided by Peter Best - The Periodic Update is not done until a Critical Area Ordinance is done. Patty: Possibility of adopting interim ordinance. The county's Critical Area Ordinance won across the board.

There is a legislative update that was provided at the director's conference. There are many new legislative bills that we have to be accountable for, including the Housing Accountability Act.

Leslie Schneider: When will we have a brainstorming session on all that? Maybe City Council has a role to play due to the financing and city properties. We need to get ahead of the messaging. There is a great deal of misinformation on social media.

Jon Quitslund talked about "Moral Panic" especially on social media. Discussion/caution about posting on social media and the PRR process and how to combat the misinformation appearing in social media.

Peter Schaab: social media has devolved but we have to improve our communication.

Leslie Schneider: Maybe we need to add a section to the agenda to address public comments after they have all been voiced and address them to clear up and state facts.

Patty Charnas: a lot of work to do: policy update, overdue comprehensive plan, identifying transportation funding



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Transportation Funding:

Leslie: what are the benefits / drawbacks of being a participant?

Peter Best: We're looking at options and criteria. Winslow already qualifies as a county growth center. We meet the minimum requirement with 10; we are at 23.

Leslie Scheider – maybe City Council can take this up.

Patty Charnas: bringing it to City Council on September 16th.

Peter Best – there will be no big mandate other than what we have already planned for

What will the designation be? Leslie to talk to PSRC about it with Kirsten Hytopoulos. It's a county issue, not PSRC.

Jon Quitslund: the information is on the website. It's up to the county through their CCP's about the growth centers, the center's framework.

DEIS:

Jennifer Sutton: The alternatives in the DEIS were not designed to meet the center criteria. Didn't even check to see if they met the criteria until after they were finalized. We weren't trying to make it fit.

Adjourned at 4:28 PM