



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

**Steering Committee -
Winslow Subarea Plan Update &
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review
November 9, 2023
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

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

This meeting will be recorded

AGENDA

Welcome/Discussion of October Meeting Notes

Meeting Topics:

- Brief Follow Up on Placemaking Concepts for both projects
- Housing Action Plan – applying ‘low hanging fruit’ actions in the development of both plans
 - Actions local government can take
- Review Updated Work Plans
 - Community engagement events
- Next Meeting Agenda

Note: A Planning Commission-hosted In Person Open House on the Winslow Subarea Plan Alternatives will be held next door at 6PM in City Council Chambers.

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Meeting Notes:

Meeting of the Steering Committee Overseeing the Winslow Subarea Plan Update and the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review
Thursday, October 12th, 2023
3:30 – 5:00 PM

Participants: Council members Kirsten Hytopoulos, Jon Quitslund, Leslie Schneider; Planning Commissioners Sarah Blossom, Sean Sullivan, Ashley Matthews; Planning Director Patty Charnas; Senior Planners Jennifer Sutton, and Peter Best; Facilitators Linda Paralez, and Matty Dunham; Winslow Subarea Plan consultant Adam Amrhein (LMN Architects, on Zoom); Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Manager Autumn Salamack, and Equity and Inclusion Manager, Anshu Wahi;

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and overview of the ground rules and role of the Steering Committee
- Group Discussion on Placemaking Opportunities with Both Planning Projects
- Discussion on Applying a Climate Lens and an Equity Lens to Both Planning Projects
 - Autumn Salamack, City of Bainbridge Island Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Manager
 - Anshu Wahi, City of Bainbridge Island Equity and Inclusion Manager
- Check-in on Outreach Events:
 - Winslow Subarea Plan Alternatives
 - Comprehensive Plan Kickoff online follow-up
- Next Meeting Agenda

Discussion on Placemaking Opportunities:

Steering Committee members discussed the presentation delivered by the Project for Public Spaces from the previous meeting. Committee members needed additional clarification regarding whether to include placemaking opportunities in the Winslow Subarea Plan process or the Comprehensive Plan. Concerns were mentioned related to the financial aspects of a public placemaking project.

Steering Committee members emphasized the importance of integrating placemaking concepts into the Winslow Subarea Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. The idea of needing advocates to gain a deeper understanding of placemaking was discussed. Steering Committee members suggested the enhancement of existing spaces to transform them into vibrant gathering places. Using placemaking as a potential strategy to address density concerns was discussed. Committee members wanted to see placemaking incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan through policy revisions and additions.

Climate Mitigation Lens:

Autumn Salamack, the City of Bainbridge Island Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Manager, delivered a presentation regarding the climate mitigation lens. (*To see presentation, select Steering Committee/October 12, 2023, meeting and select the TV icon to start the video.* Autumn's presentation begins at 31:50, followed by Anshu's: <https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/AgendaCenter>). The Climate Action Plan has three main goals: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preparing for climate impacts, and educating the community. Climate change raises concerns for various reasons, including economic, health, and safety impacts. An assessment conducted in 2019 predicts a one-foot sea level rise on the island by 2060. Climate change will manifest through extreme heat events, wetter winters, drier summers, floods, storm surges, and air quality issues, all of which will impact community members. Notably, over half of greenhouse gas emissions on Bainbridge Island originate from building energy use, followed by the transportation sector. Consequently, solutions should focus on reducing emissions from these two primary sources.

There are three main sections regarding community engagement with the climate mitigation lens. The first section addresses potential emission reduction solutions during community engagement. Solutions include facilitating remote attendance, promoting carpooling, walking, or biking to meetings, offering low-carbon meal options if food is served, and minimizing waste generated during meetings.

The second section involves targeted outreach to relevant city committees and organizations involved in climate change efforts.

- *City Committees:* The Climate Change Advisory Committee, Race Equity Advisory Committee, Utility Advisory Committee, and the Environmental Technical Advisory Committee.
- *Organizations:* Sustainable Bainbridge, Climate Action Bainbridge, Bainbridge Greenways, Bainbridge Island Watershed Council, Squeaky Wheels, Bainbridge Island Park Foundation, and Bainbridge Island Land Trust.

The third section focuses on educating community members about the sources of greenhouse gas emissions on the island, the impacts of climate change on the island, and current City plans and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to help create a baseline level of understanding about these issues when soliciting feedback during outreach events. Potential information to provide includes:

- Climate change impacts for Bainbridge Island.
- Overview of how climate change was integrated into the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update.
- 2020 Climate Action Plan.
- Current City actions to address climate change.



Equity Lens:

Anshu Wahi, the City of Bainbridge Island Equity and Inclusion Manager, delivered a presentation on the race equity lens, which included key definitions regarding racial equity, individual racism, institutional racism, and structural racism. The primary objective of the race equity lens is to institutionalize the consideration of racial equity into the culture and processes of the City of Bainbridge Island.

It is important to note that in the race equity lens, race is being explicitly considered but not exclusively. This lens takes an intersectional approach, recognizing that race intersects with other marginalized groups. The racial equity lens approach emphasizes the **targeted universalism** framework, a concept where universal goals are set, and specific targeted strategies are employed to achieve these goals. The goal is to ensure all individuals, regardless of race, have access to the resources needed to enhance their quality of life.

Several barriers to effective outreach events have been identified, including language differences, absence of childcare, transportation needs, and a lack of trust in governmental organizations. To increase attendance, solutions include offering childcare services during community outreach events, hosting events near bus stops, providing stipends for participants, and reaching out to specific groups to disseminate information regarding outreach events. Additionally, there is a strong focus on gathering data from community members of color during and after public outreach efforts, particularly to engage nonresident workers for input.

Discussion of Climate and Equity Lens:

Steering Committee members desired clarification regarding whether each lens will be documented as a tool and if assistance will be provided throughout the process. Committee members expressed a desire to incorporate tribal members into the conversation. Clarification regarding the interaction between the climate mitigation and race equity lens was requested. A potential outreach group of real estate professionals was proposed.

Committee members sought clarification on how the preferred alternatives for the Winslow Subarea Plan will impact climate change goals. Steering Committee members expressed a need to understand how to increase community engagement surrounding these lenses while remaining thoughtful in incorporating community members of all backgrounds.

Committee members emphasized the importance of hearing from nonresident workers and gathering data by asking the right questions. At the next Steering Committee meeting, there will be a summary of potential ways to gather this data.



Outreach Events:

Upcoming events include:

- October 25th: Coffee, Cake, and Comments on the expanded EIS Scoping.
- October 26th: Presentation to the school board with LMN Architects.
- October 29th: Expanded scoping public comment period closes at the end of the day
- November 2nd: Virtual open house on alternatives for the Winslow Subarea Plan.
- November 9th: In-person open house regarding the alternatives for the Winslow Subarea Plan.

The next steps for the Comprehensive Plan include processing the expanded scoping comments and developing complementary alternatives to the Winslow Subarea Plan alternatives.

A discussion regarding the Housing Action Plan will be included in the agenda for the upcoming Steering Committee meeting.

Upcoming Agenda Items <i>(Dates Tentative)</i>	
Steering Committee Meeting Date	Topics for Consideration
	Housing Action Plan Implementation – Relationship to Comprehensive Plan and Winslow Subarea Plan
	Equity Analysis Process and Opportunities
	Climate Lens Process and Opportunities
	Environmental Impact Statement Summary
	Comprehensive Plan General Discretionary Amendments
	Preferred Alternative for Winslow