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Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 11:00:20 AM PDT
Subject: Euler Gordon explains public input on GM update

FYI

From: "Mark McCauley" <Mark.McCauley@clark.wa.gov>
To: "tweetfamily@comcast.net" <tweetfamily@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 1:40:30 PM
Subject: FW: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

Margaret, Gordy Euler from Community Planning answered your questions, below in red. I apologize for the delay in getting these to you.

Regards,

Mark

From: Euler, Gordon
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 9:23 AM
To: McCauley, Mark
Cc: Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: FW: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

Mark:

I drafted responses to her questions below, in red.

Gordy

From: McCauley, Mark
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:46 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Euler, Gordon
Subject: RE: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

Can you please craft a draft reply to her for me addressing each of her questions? Thanks.

From: McCauley, Mark

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Euler, Gordon
Subject: FW: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

DSEIS comment period closed on 17 September.

Every other aspect of the comp plan is still open for comment, right?

From: Madore, David
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 2:18 PM
To: McCauley, Mark
Cc: tweetfamily@comcast.net
Subject: FW: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

Hi Mark, have you already sent a reply?

Anna for Councilor Madore

From: Cnty Board of County Councilors General Delivery
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; Stewart, Jeanne
Cc: McCauley, Mark
Subject: FW: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

From: Tweet [<mailto:tweetfamily@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:20 AM
To: Cnty Board of County Councilors General Delivery
Subject: What comments are citizens allowed to make at the hearing on the GM Plan today?

Last week I asked county staff about the hearing today.

On what topic are comments allowed? **The Growth Management Act requires early and continuous public involvement. Since the time we began the comp plan update**

(July 2013), we have welcomed comments. As part of the update, an environmental review process is required, under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). SEPA is a different statute with its own requirements and deadlines. During the environmental review (SEPA) process, we ask for comments on the SEPA document (in this case the draft SEIS). Commenting on that document had its own deadline (September 17). We are still welcoming any comments on the overall comp plan update, and comments can be submitted right up until the Board takes final action sometime next year.

It was explained that comments on Alternative 4 would not be included in the record. The only comments allowed would be on the overall GM plan. **All comments are part of the comp plan record.** As explained above, we are dealing with two different state laws. We keep track of comments made during the SEPA process to show we've satisfied SEPA requirements. Do citizens know these rules? These rules are not clear in the county information at all.

The information from the county includes 4 alternatives, and this is supposed to be an opportunity to provide input on the GM plan. **The SEPA process requires that alternatives be identified (in this case there are four) and studied, and that a preferred alternative be developed from those four that becomes the updated comp plan.** We had two joint hearings (September 3 and 10) with the Board and the Planning Commission at which testimony was given on the four alternatives. The Planning Commission held a hearing (September 17) to develop its recommendation to the Board on a preferred alternative. The Board hearing on October 20 was supposed to be to decide on the preferred alternative. So, there has been plenty of opportunity to ask questions about the process and give input about what the outcome should be.

If there is a certain way to comment that will be included in the record citizens should know that ahead of the hearing. **Every hearing notice contains language inviting people to attend, testify, and submit comments in a variety of ways.**

If input is given that one of the alternatives is favored, or some parts of alternatives, will that be considered? **All comments received during the SEPA process were given to the Planning Commission and to the Board.** It is up to the Board to decide on a path forward, and it is assumed that they are considering all comments and testimony submitted.

If there are certain comments that the county will not even allow to be considered, citizens should know that too. **See comment above.**

Will the county commissioners get all the input provided? Or will some comments already have been filtered out and ignored? **See comment above.**

Please clarify if there is any input that will not be allowed, or will be stricken from the record. **See comment above.**

Sincerely, Margaret Tweet

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/thegrid/>

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/2016update/alternatives.html>

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