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Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 09:11:32 AM PDT

Subject: Re: Who is responsible for ensuring oversight?

Good morning Oliver,

I've reread the particular section of the RCW, and it is not a mandatory element of the GMA.

What is inconsistent with the GMA is not lending recognition to the policies set down by the elected officials. This diminishes and stifles the ability to advance local discretion, which is clearly recognized in the GMA and upheld in the Courts time and again.

There is no oversight to ensure that the policies set forth by the County Councilors, is indeed upheld and implemented by the planning staff, county attorneys, and the planning commission.

Who is responsible for ensuring the oversight and the integrity of the process?

Thank you,
Susan Rasmussen for CCCU,Inc

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Orjiako, Oliver](#)

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 8:36 AM

To: [susan.rasmussen](#), [Carol Levanen](#), [Euler, Gordon](#), [Alvarez, Jose](#), [Anderson, Colete](#)

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Good morning Susan:

Thank you for your email and concerns expressed. We are following directives from the Board of County Councilors. I will review the work sessions you mentioned. I will stress that it is staff responsibility to make sure that the councilors are made aware of the requirements of GMA. Our role include making sure that our update include recent amendments to the GMA.

I provided the sections below to Carol following a brief discussion with her on September 17, 2015 at the PC deliberation. I am including it here in my reply to you. It is important to note that deference

to local governments does not mean developing a growth management plan that is inconsistent with the Growth Management Act.

At the PC deliberation meeting we briefly talk about some language in the RCW 36.70A (GMA) and other new related changes. As you read RCW 36.70A.070 (1), you will find the following: "...Wherever possible, the land use element should consider utilizing urban planning approaches that promote physical activity".

Section RCW 36.70A.070 (6)(a)(vii) says "Pedestrian and bicycle component to include collaborative efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for pedestrian and bicycle facilities and corridors that address and encourage enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles".

Feel free to review ESSB 5186 and 2SHB 1565. If you have questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

Oliver

From: susan rasmussen [<mailto:sprazz@outlook.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:03 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Carol Levanen
Cc: Stewart, Jeanne; Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; McCauley, Mark; DONALD MCISAAC
Subject: Re: Ignoring directives from the Councilors

Dear Oliver and Carol,

We are at odds over interpretation of the GMA here. Without doubt, the GMA is distinctly clear that local discretion should be advanced, and the policies set down by the policy makers, (the elected officials) need to be recognized, honored and implemented. In this case, staff has been disregarding what the policy makers have clearly stated.

Please be so kind as to recall the work session with the Clark County Board of Councilors and the

planning staff held mid July. Oliver, you weren't in attendance but you still should access the recording of the minutes to listen to the tone of this particular work session. Gordy Euler presented the two reports. One was the Growing Healthier Report, and the other was the report on aging. His obvious intent was to include them in the 2016 comprehensive plan update.

However, the Board of County Councilors had a different opinion on these reports and unanimously agreed for them to be excluded from this comprehensive plan update.

Despite the clear directives from the policy makers, the Clark County Board of Councilors, the reports remain listed on the Community Development site as "Resource Documents" for the 2016 update. Most disturbing is the fact that planning staff have disregarded the directives of the Councilors. This is the prime issue of concern.

Thank you for your attention,

Susan Rasmussen for

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From: [Carol Levanen](#)

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 8:55 PM

To: [Orjiako, Oliver](#)

Hello Oliver, Thanks for the info. What I was concerned about was the healthy food language that is proposed for the Comprehensive Plan. I don't believe it is a mandate of the GMA and I don't believe it should be used as a means to lock up rural and resource lands into large lot zoning. I did find a WAC that I think we did discuss, but it simply says may consider, and there is no directive to that passage. We are very alarmed that the Health Department has been incorporated into the comp plan in such a way as to attempt to accomplish an environmental and no growth agenda. This is not planning, it is social engineering. Please try not to do that in the 2016 update of the Plan. Thanks!

Best Regards, Carol Levanen, Ex. Secretary, CCCU, Inc.

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