



City and Borough of Sitka

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Planning and Community Development Department

Date: March 2, 2018

To: Planning Commission

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Re: Recommendation of City and Borough of Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030

Attachment B: Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030 Technical Plan

Attachment C: Public Comments received during the 30 day comment period

BACKGROUND/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In early 2016, the Planning Commission and the Assembly made motions tasking the Planning and Community Development Department to facilitate a revision of the Comprehensive Plan. Both bodies supported a staff facilitated, community oriented process.

Throughout the next two years staff facilitated the Planning Commission in reviewing information on Economic Development, Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Parks Trails and Recreation, Historic Cultural and Arts Resources, Borough Facilities, and Future Growth/Focus Area Maps.

The Planning Commission served as the steering committee. They were assisted by staff and by the organizations and individuals who attended meetings, offered comments, and provided information during plan development.

Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030 was developed through a citizen-centered process that encouraged the entire community to contribute to ideas for Sitka's future. Interactive public forums, workshops, open house events, portable "meetings in a box", community events, and commission meetings provided more than 40 opportunities for direct citizen interaction and unprecedented dialogue. Online surveys and regular email updates provided additional opportunity for public input and engagement.

In the Public Participation Review and Evaluation, staff was given 4.7 out of 5 for the amount of participation generated.

The Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030 summarizes key data and offers abbreviated versions of issues and challenges to address including all goals, objective, and priority actions, as well as Future Growth Maps and Focus Area narrative. The Comprehensive Plan will be the main document used by the Assembly, Planning Commission, and public, while the technical plan will become the source for context and a deeper understanding of the material.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission make a motion recommending approval of the Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030.

Recommended Motion:

- 1) I move to recommend approval of the Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030 to the Assembly.

-OR-

- 2) I move to recommend approval of the Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030 to the Assembly, with the following changes:
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