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## NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NPAC)

**Purpose of NPAC:** Community-based review and advisory role for Neighborhood Planning.

The NPAC will make recommendations and provide on-going guidance to the Executive and City Council on the development of the Neighborhood Plan Status Reports and Criteria for prioritization in the Neighborhood Plan Update Process.

### Neighborhood Plan Status Report

The Status Report will be a city-wide compilation of information on the status for each neighborhood plan, providing a snapshot of planning and growth in a citywide context.

The Status Report will include information about achievements made and emerging challenges of growth and development in urban villages and urban centers in Seattle since the adoption of the neighborhood plans. The status report is intended to provide a review of these issues in comparison with the current neighborhood plan and identify new areas of concern not addressed by the current neighborhood plan.

The NPAC will:

1. Review scope of neighborhood plan status reports and make recommendations on the elements to be included in the status reports.
2. Provide advice on the content and general format of the neighborhood plan status reports.
3. Per Section C3 of Attachment A to Council Bill 116319, co-host with the Planning Commission broad public outreach open houses regarding the neighborhood plan status report process.

### Neighborhood Plan Updates

The urgency of development in Southeast Seattle related to the completion of Light Rail Stations requires that those neighborhood plans adjoining the station areas be updated.

The NPAC will:

4. Provide advice on community outreach and the appropriate scope of Neighborhood Plan updates that will be occurring in 2008-2011.
5. Provide advice on the order of plan updates after the status reports are completed.
6. Provide advice on community involvement strategies as needed at the neighborhood level.
7. Make recommendations on how best to reach under-represented communities and identify ways in which neighborhoods can welcome and involve new people in the update process.

8. Propose ways in which neighborhoods can improve the consistency and usefulness of Neighborhood Plans while maintaining the ability to address issues that may be unique to each neighborhood.
9. Before plan updates begin-- beyond the initial three neighborhood plans that will be updated in 2009-- NPAC will recommend to the Executive and City Council whether to allow neighborhoods to use an outside city approved consultant to draft their plan updates.
10. Identify ways to ensure that Neighborhood Plan updates reflect a broad range of interests and concerns within the neighborhood and options for “validating” neighborhood plan updates.
11. Recommend ways in which the City can improve both implementation of Neighborhood Plans and communication about the City’s progress to implement them.
12. Recommend how neighborhoods can remain involved in and work with the City to implement Neighborhood Plans and identify options for outside resources and public/private partnerships.
13. Help identify criteria to prioritize possible Neighborhood Plan updates that may occur after 2011.

### Formation of the NPAC

City Council legislation passed on September 22, 2008 defines the composition of the NPAC:

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| 13        | District Council representatives                                       |
| 1         | Chair of the City Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Planning Committee |
| 2         | Members of the Seattle Planning Commission                             |
| 4         | Community members appointed by the Executive                           |
| 4         | Members appointed by the City Council                                  |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Total membership</b>  |

For the first committee selection, half of NPAC members will be selected to serve for one-year terms, and the other half of NPAC members will be selected to serve two year terms to stagger timing of new membership. After year one, all terms will be two-years.

NPAC members:

- either reside or work in Seattle
- are not employed by the City of Seattle

Note: NPAC members do not receive financial compensation.