

Working Group Meeting Notes – February 19, 2025

2035 Ketchikan Gateway Borough Comprehensive Plan Update

Wednesday, February 19; 2-3:00 PM at Planning Department Conference Room and via Zoom.

For questions about this meeting, contact: Talya Stek, Ketchikan Gateway Borough Associate Planner, (907) 228-6618 | talyas@kgbak.us

Discussion

1. Community Open House Debrief and Survey Outreach

- About 30 people attended the open house on Feb.18; the Kayhi Commons was a good location for the meeting; Would be good to repeat the open house further along in the process.
- For survey outreach, Meg will talk with Kim Simpson at the city about the possibility of adding outreach to utility bills. It has been done before but is likely to be expensive.
- Ginger is helping with outreach in Saxman area.
- Meg will connect with Misha Chernick, Communications Director at KIC.
- Talya will be on KRBD talking about the comprehensive plan and survey; They will also run a PSA.
- Meg will forward a survey flyer to Working Group members when ready.
- Talya and Frank are visiting the high school to talk with students on Friday, Feb. 21.

2. Focus groups and Interviews

- Additional stakeholders were added to the matrix of organizations to contact for specific focus groups and interviews (see below.) Working Group members are welcome to forward any additional thoughts and ideas about focus groups/interview participants to the project team.

3. Environmental stewardship, Hazard mitigation

- Discussion about whether to combine or separate “environmental stewardship” and “hazard mitigation” topics in comprehensive plan. They will likely be separated into different chapters in the plan, but cross over with each other and other topics, like land use.

4. Additional Discussion

- Ginger would like questions about Land Use to bring up with Saxman council’s strategic planning session next week.
- Holly is working on a comment map tool for the community to comment on specific areas and land use issues.
- Next Working Group meeting is Friday, March 7th at 10 am with a focus on Housing and possibly Economic Development.

Participants Invited

Name	Organization & Title
Alma Parker	Filipina Community Representative
Diane Gubatayao	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Planning Commission
Ginger McCormick	City of Saxman, Clerk
Jaimie Palmer	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Assembly
Lacey Simpson	City of Ketchikan, Assistant Manager
Michael Martin	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Planning Commission Chair

Richard Harney	Ketchikan Indian Community, Tribal Planner
Rob Arnold	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Planning Commission
Sharli Arntzen	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Assembly
Kathy Bolling	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Assembly
Jaimie Palmer	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Assembly
Frank Maloney	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Planning Director
Talya Stek	Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Associate Planner
Meg Friedenauer	Agnew::Beck Consulting, Project Manager
Holly Smith	Agnew::Beck Consulting, Associate

Focus Area Small Group/Interview Suggestions

Working Draft updated 02-19-25 with Working Group

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Focus Area	Partners
<p><u>Land Use</u></p> <p>Includes: Landowners and managers</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders to interview and/or include in work sessions: Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, U.S. Forest Service, municipal and Tribal governments/organizations. USCG, SEAPA, UAS, private developers</p>
<p><u>Housing</u></p> <p>Includes: New home construction, rental market, housing preservation and repurpose</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: Realtors, lenders, KICHA, Tlingit Haida HA, Alaska Housing Finance Corp., Grow Ketchikan, Southern SE Builders Assoc., Chamber</p>
<p><u>Public Services</u></p> <p>Includes: Power, water, sewer, solid waste, internet</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: GCI, KPU, city and Borough, Petro Marine, propane suppliers, SEAPA, Alaska Waste for septic pump out (?)</p>
<p><u>Transportation</u></p> <p>Includes: Roads, marine, airport, transit, trails</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: Ketchikan International, KGB Transit, Alaska Marine Lines, Alaska Marine Highway System, Inter-Island Ferry, cab companies,</p>

	SAIL, Alaska Logistics (freight shipping), AKDOT, cities, KIC, float plane companies, other freight
<p><u>Economic Development</u></p> <p>Includes: Tourism, maritime, aquaculture, work force development, public support agencies, agriculture, fisheries</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: Allen Marine, Taquan Air, Ketchikan Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Ward Cove Group, Sealaska, Southeast Conference (including mariculture alliance), KIC, Saxman, Tlingit Haida, Vigor, SpruceRoot, UAS, lenders, Cape Fox Corp., KTBC,</p>
<p><u>Health, Wellness, Education</u></p> <p>Includes: Physical and Mental Health providers, food security</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: PeaceHealth (long term care/senior care) organizations of faith, KIC, Saxman, Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, Community Connections, WISH, RISE, Tlingit Haida, SEARHC, SAIL, KMA Love in Action, Salvation Army, True North, PATH, Pioneer Home, AARP</p>
<p><u>Environmental Resilience</u></p> <p>Includes: Hazard Mitigation, environmental stewardship organizations</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, FEMA, KIC, Saxman, Tlingit Haida, engineers, city, AK DEC</p>
<p><u>Quality of Life</u></p> <p>Includes: Education, Culture, Recreation</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: Tribal organizations, Arts Council, KGB public works, University of Alaska, Veterans, Nonprofit collaborative, arts council</p>
<p><u>Fiscal Considerations</u></p> <p>Includes: Municipal finance department</p>	<p>Partners/Stakeholders: City of Ketchikan, City of Saxman, Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assessor</p>