



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

March 28, 2016

7:00 p.m.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | |
| 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | |
| 3. ROLL CALL | |
| 4. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COUNCIL | |
| a. E-Mail Dated March 10, 2016, from Phillip Smith with Response from Assistant Public Works Director Brian Roberts. | 3. |
| 5. PRESENTATIONS | |
| a. Presentation of 2015 Annual Report by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). | |
| b. Presentation of the 2015 Annual Report by Discover Burien. | |
| 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS | |
| a. Update on Economic Development Priorities. (40 mins) | 5. |
| b. Communications and Community Engagement Update. (20 mins) | 7. |
| c. Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule. (10 mins) | 9. |
| 7. COUNCIL REPORTS | |
| a. Meetings/Events Report – March 1-16, 2016 from Councilmember Tosta. | 17. |
| 8. ADJOURNMENT | |

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From: Brian Roberts
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 3:45 PM
To: 'phillip.smith.86@gmail.com'
Cc: Public Council Inbox; Kamuron Guroi; Maiya Andrews
Subject: RE: Street edge alternatives

Staff Follow up by
Brian Roberts,
Assistant Public Works
Director

Mr. Smith,

I have been assigned to respond to your message to the City Council.

CTTC: 4/4/16

Burien currently has a number of projects in its Transportation Improvement Plan to improve its pedestrian facilities. Out of the 50 or so projects listed, 15 are for pedestrian safety improvements and/or sidewalks. Another 22 projects involve road reconstruction that includes new sidewalks.

Unfortunately, we have limited capital funds with which to work. For the past several years, staff have been focusing on delivering projects involving pedestrian improvements along transit corridors (arterials and collectors) and walking routes to public schools or parks. While Low Impact Development (LID) can offset more expensive traditional storm water treatment costs, they can be much more expensive to maintain. Either way, the current funding climate is a real constraint.

Thank you for sharing the SEA Streets document. Public Works is anticipating incorporating similar LID features into its projects moving forward. As you are probably aware, King County is updating its storm water manual. Burien will be adopting the King County manual within the next 12 months or so, presuming the State Dept of Ecology accepts the manual by then. The new manual will mandate LID for nearly all projects, public and private. Knowing what types of LID projects other nearby jurisdictions are installing provides us with a greater range of options to evaluate for deployment in Burien.

Warmest Regards,

Brian H. Roberts, P.E.

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From: Phillip M. Smith [<mailto:phillip.smith.86@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:28 AM

To: Public Council Inbox <council@burienwa.gov>

Subject: Street edge alternatives

To Mayor Krakowiak and members of the City Council:

I moved to Burien at the beginning of this year, and now reside between Old Burien and the Gregory Heights neighborhood. My experience here over the past three months has been overwhelmingly positive. I greatly appreciate the sense of community, variety of activities, and proximity to nature available in our city.

However, I must admit to some disappointment with Burien's pedestrian infrastructure. Outside the core retail areas, sidewalks abruptly vanish. Often there is not even much of a shoulder present, which has caused me some anxiety when walking at night (especially with dogs). Moreover, I usually find myself the only pedestrian in sight, though I hope that will change with longer days and warm weather.

I realize that sidewalks can be very costly to build and maintain. Therefore, I wish to suggest exploring street edge alternatives such as Seattle's SEA Streets program, described further in the attached PDF. These designs can be around 25 percent less expensive than traditional sidewalks, due to use of "natural drainage"-infrastructure. Besides providing safer pedestrian routes, these plans reduce stormwater pollution and add visual appeal.

For a growing city aiming to build more inclusive and sustainable infrastructure, street edge alternatives could provide a beautiful and cost-effective transition between neighborhoods and the commercial center.

Sincerely,

Phillip M. Smith

**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

Agenda Subject: Update on Economic Development Priorities		Meeting Date: March 28, 2016
Department: City Manager	Attachments:	Fund Source: N/A Activity Cost: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A
Contact: Dan Trimble, Economic Development Manager		
Telephone: (206) 248-5528		
Adopted Work Plan Priority: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Work Plan Item Description: Economic Development Goals and Actions	
PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:		
<p>The purpose of this agenda item is for staff to provide an update to the City Council on the priority Economic Development Actions for 2015-2016.</p> <p>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion):</p> <p>The Council approved the Economic Development Goals and Actions at the November 18, 2014 Council Meeting with direction to staff to bring back the actions in January 2015 for prioritization.</p> <p>The Council prioritized five Actions for implementation starting in 2015 and authorized staff to proceed with recruiting the Economic Development Specialist. The top five are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a business retention and recruitment program. • Initiate a parking study identifying current on-and-off street parking supply and demand, core parking challenges, and strategies and tools to reduce parking barriers to revitalization. Explore options including a Parking and Business Improvement District and more public parking structures. • Develop a Burien Brand. • Assess impediments to development and remove or modify as needed. • Explore options for attracting hotels to Burien, including co-location with conference, training, or performing arts facility. Identify sites, constraints, opportunities, and needed resources. <p>Staff has initiated work on each of the priority Actions and will provide updates on each.</p>		
OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts): N/A		
Administrative Recommendation: None.		
Advisory Board Recommendation: None.		
Suggested Motion: None.		
Submitted by: Dan Trimble Administration _____ City Manager _____		
Today's Date: March 24, 2016		File Code: R:\CC\Agenda Bill 2016\032816cm-3 EconDevActions.docx

**CITY OF BURIEN
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Agenda Subject: Communications and Community Engagement Update		Meeting Date: March 28, 2016
Department: City Manager	Attachments:	Fund Source: n/a
Contact: Katie Whittier Trefry		Activity Cost: n/a
Telephone: 206-439-3167		Amount Budgeted: n/a Unencumbered Budget Authority: n/a
Adopted Initiative: N/A	Initiative Description:	
<p>PURPOSE/ REQUIRED ACTION:</p> <p>The purpose of the presentation is to report progress and provide an update on the Communications and Community Engagement work program.</p> <p>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion):</p> <p>In June 2015, Council received an overview of Communications and Community Engagement objectives to address in 2015-16. In January 2016, Council received an action plan to upgrade and redesign the City’s website (www.burienwa.gov) for which Council authorized up to \$75,000.</p> <p>Topics to be addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress since my June 2015 report to Council 2. <i>Burien Magazine</i> 3. The growth and reach of City social media platforms 4. Earned media in 2015 5. Video capacity improvements via TV21 and online streaming 6. The community engagement portions of the Branding Initiative 7. The website redesign process 8. How we’re building community engagement into more City endeavors 9. Where the next 18 to 24 months might take us <p>OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts): n/a</p>		
Administrative Recommendation: Receive Update		
Advisory Board Recommendation: n/a		
Suggested Motion: n/a		
<p>Submitted by: Katie Whittier Trefry Administration _____ City Manager _____</p>		
Today’s Date: March 23, 2016	File Code: R://CC/AgendaBills2016/032816cm-2 ComEngagmt	

**CITY OF BURIEN
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Agenda Subject: Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule		Meeting Date: March 28, 2016
Department: City Manager	Attachments: Proposed Agenda Schedule	Fund Source: N/A Activity Cost: N/A Amount Budgeted: N/A Unencumbered Budget Authority: N/A
Contact: Monica Lusk, City Clerk		
Telephone: (206) 248-5517		
Adopted Initiative: Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Initiative Description: N/A	
PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:		
The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to review the proposed City Council meeting schedule. New items or items that have been rescheduled are in bold.		
BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion):		
Per the City Council Meeting Guidelines, the proposed meeting schedule is reviewed at each meeting.		
OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the schedule and add, delete, or move items. 2. Review the schedule and make no modifications. 		
Administrative Recommendation: Review the schedule and provide direction to staff.		
Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A		
Suggested Motion: None required.		
Submitted by:		
Administration _____	City Manager _____	
Today's Date: March 23, 2016	File Code: <u>R:/CC/AgendaBills 2016/ 032816cm-1 rev agenda schedule</u>	

**CITY OF BURIEN
COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA SCHEDULE
2016**

April 4, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentations

Presentation from Southwest Youth and Family Services.
(City Manager)

Consent Agenda

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 635, Relating to False Alarms.
(Police – Council direction on 3/21)

Business Agenda

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 637, Relating to Abatement of Junk Vehicles on Private Property.
(Legal)

Motion to Authorize CARES Contract Amendment.
(City Manager)

Discussion on Human Services Supplemental Funding Recommendation.
(City Manager)

Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 370, Establishing the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket.
(Community Development)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.
(City Manager)

April 18, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentations

Presentation on the Evergreen Pool Update by Whitewater Aquatics Management President Bryan Hastings.
(City Manager)

Presentation on the Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Update by Port of Seattle Managing Airport Director Lance Lyttle, Environmental and Planning Director Elizabeth Leavitt and Public Affairs Manager Clare Gallagher.
(City Manager)

Business Agenda

Public Hearing on Potential CenturyLink Cable Franchise.
(Public Works)

Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 370, Establishing the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket.
(Community Development)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.
(City Manager)

April 25, 7 pm Study Session

Update on Strategic Planning.
(City Manager)

Update on Sound Transit. (Tentative)
(City Manager)

Update on Metro Long Range Plan. (Tentative)
(City Manager)

Animal Control Service Level and Standards.
(City Manager)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.
(City Manager)

May 2, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentations

Presentation on the Hi-Liners Youth Musical Theater by Board President Gerry Gilbert and Artist Director Kathleen Edwards.
(Parks)

May 2 cont'd.

Business Agenda

Discussion on Ordinance Relating to CenturyLink Cable Franchise.

(Public Works)

Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Ordinance No. xxx, Relating to Shoreline Master Program. (Tentative)

(Community Development)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

May 16, 7 pm Regular Meeting

7:05 pm – 7:35 pm – Reception Honoring Citizen of the Year, Advisory Board Members and Volunteers

Presentations

Presentation of the Annual Police Report.

(Police)

Business Agenda

Motion to Adopt Ordinance Relating to Century Link Cable Franchise.

(Public Works)

Discussion on Amendments to BMC Regarding Airport Noise Reduction.

(Community Development)

Discussion on 2015 International Codes, Burien Building and Property Maintenance, and 2014 National Electrical Code.

(Community Development)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

May 23, 7 pm Study Session

Discussion on the Strategic Plan.

(City Manager)

Discussion on Mandatory Garbage Services.

(Public Works)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

SUMMER SCHEDULE (JUN – AUG)

June 6, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentations

Presentation by the Environmental Science Center.

(City Manager)

Business Agenda

Public Hearing and Discussion on the 2017 through 2022 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

(Public Works)

Motion to Adopt Amendments to BMC Regarding Airport Noise Reduction.

(Community Development)

Motion to Adopt 2015 International Codes, Burien Building and Property Maintenance, and 2014 National Electrical Code.

(Community Development)

Potential Action on the Strategic Plan.

(City Manager)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

June 20, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentation of the Six-Year Financial Forecast.

(Finance)

Motion to Approve Resolution No. xxx, Adopting the 2017 through 2022 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

(Public Works)

Discussion on Multifamily Tax Exemption for Town Square Parcel 4.

(Community Development - Staff on 12/29/15)

Discussion on Multifamily Tax Exemption for Town Square Parcel 5.

(Community Development - Staff on 12/29/15)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

July 4, Regular Meeting CANCELED – 4th of July Holiday

July 18, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Motion to Adopt Multifamily Tax Exemption for Town Square Parcel 4.

(Community Development - Staff on 12/29/15)

Motion to Adopt Multifamily Tax Exemption for Town Square Parcel 5.

(Community Development - Staff on 12/29/15)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

August 1, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

August, 15, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentation on the Financial Policies and General Budget Discussion.

(Finance)

First Public Hearing on the Revenue Sources/Expenditures.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

September 5, Regular Meeting CANCELED – Labor Day Holiday

September 19, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentation on the Preliminary Operating Budget.

(Finance)

Discussion on the Property Tax Levy.

(Finance)

Discussion on Proposed Surface Water Management (SWM) Rates.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

September 26, 7 pm Study Session

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

October 3, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Presentation on Human Services Funding.

(Finance)

Presentation on the Preliminary Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

October 17, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Second Public Hearing on Revenue Sources/Expenditures.

(Finance)

Discussion on the Preliminary Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Follow-Up.

(Finance)

Discussion on the Financial Policies.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

October 24, 7 pm Study Session

Discussion on the Preliminary Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Follow-Up.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

November 7, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Discussion on the 2017-2018 Budget Ordinance.

(Finance)

Discussion on the Property Tax Levy.

(Finance)

Discussion on the Proposed Surface Water Management (SWM) Rates.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

November 21, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. xxx, Setting the 2017 Property Tax Levy.

(Finance)

Motion to Adopt the Financial Policies.

(Finance)

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. xxx, Adopting the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget.

(Finance)

Motion to Approve Ordinance No. xxx, Adopting the Surface Water Management (SWM) Rates.

(Finance)

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

November 28, 7 pm Study Session

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

December 5, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

December 19, 7 pm Regular Meeting

Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule.

(City Manager)

December 26, Study Session CANCELLED – Christmas Holiday

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (identified by Council)

Medium Priorities (1/24 Council Retreat)

- a. Discussion on Managing Community Assets (White Center Library & Downtown Fire Station) *(Council direction on 7/25/15)*
- b. Discussion on Community Recreation Center *(Council direction on 12/1/14)*
- c. Discussion on Burien 2025 *(Council direction on 6/15/15)*
- d. Discussion on Banning Plastic Bags *(Council direction on 1/24)*
- e. Consider "State of the City" Report (Spring 2016) *(Council direction on 10/26/15)*

Low Priorities (1/24 Council Retreat)

- f. Discussion on Wi-Fi Service in Common Areas *(Council direction on 9/15/14)*
- g. Discussion on Establishing Multiple Rates Within the Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax According to Different Sizes or Types of Businesses *(Council direction on 11/17/14)*
- h. **Discussion on Potential Letter to the State and the Port of Seattle with cc to PSRC Regarding Aircraft Emissions and Health Effects** *(Council direction on 5/18/15)*

2016 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (identified by Staff)

- a. Significant Tree Protection Ordinance revisions *(Staff on 11/25/15)*
- b. BMC Revisions Regarding Right-of-Way *(Staff on 10/14/14)*
- c. Public Works Fee Schedule Modifications *(Staff on 1/9/15)*
- d. Establishing Development Fee Implementation Dates *(Staff on 1/9/15)*
- e. Downtown Center Planning Effort (Consolidation of Downtown Vision, Policies and Actions with Outside Planning Assistance, incorporating issues such as Hotel/Entertainment/Arts District, Parking, Traffic Flow and Street Network, Pedestrian Way Finding, Sidewalk Art and Park Space with Participation by all City Departments, Downtown focused Organizations and Businesses) *(Staff on 1/9/15)*
- f. Valley View Sewer Easement *(Staff on 9/15/15)*
- g. Discussion on and Potential Action on Adopting Permit Technology Fees *(Staff on 3/8/16)*
- h. Discussion on Business License Code Update *(Staff on 3/8/16)*

2017 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (identified by Staff)

- a. **2016 Title 17 Subdivision Code Major Revision** *(Staff on 1/9/15 – Rescheduled from 2016)*
- b. **Uninhabitable Buildings** *(Staff on 8/18/15 – Rescheduled from 2016)*
- c. **Discussion Regarding Utility Franchises** *(Staff on 11/23/15 – Rescheduled from 2016)*
- d. **Discussion Regarding Permit Tracking System Modification/Replacement** *(Staff on 1/9/15 – Rescheduled from 2016)*
- e. **Discussion on and Potential Action on Adopting a Credit Card Convenience Fee** *(Staff on 1/19/16 – Rescheduled from 2016)*
- f. **Sign Code Update** *(Staff on 3/22/16)*

Council Member Nancy Tosta Meetings/Events Report – March 1-16, 2016

- **Saturday March 5 – Wednesday March 9, 2016 – National League of Cities 2016 Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC** - I attended this annual event on behalf of Burien. It is convened by the National League of Cities as an opportunity for cities (as a group), as well as individually, to meet with elected representatives in DC. The House was not in session, but the Senate was, and meetings were arranged by the Association of WA Cities with Senators Cantwell and Murray. I also attended a number of excellent educational sessions. A few notes on these activities are provided below. I have many more notes and am happy to discuss ideas and insights with other Council or community members
- The National League of Cities *Community and Economic Development Committee* (I'm on this) met on Sunday afternoon and discussed:
 - Federal priorities including: closing the online sales tax loophole, protecting tax exemptions on muni bonds, reforming criminal justice (sentencing guidelines and support for re-entry for released prisoners), and re-authorization of EPA's brownfields regulations.
 - NLC interests in labor, fair housing, and the environment that Obama may try to pass.
 - Sierra Vista, Arizona (pop 47,000) gave an interesting presentation on their economic dev efforts. They've developed a "Plan for Prosperity;" have rebuilt their website to help businesses; looked at ways to repurpose vacant buildings, including incentives, fines, and grants; and have Councilmembers visit and introduce a new business a month at Council meetings.
 - Other discussions focused on ways to leverage HUD CDBG and HOME funds to help ensure housing stays reachable by all residents – whether it's called affordable, workforce, fair housing, etc.
- Other observations from sessions I attended:
 - Phoenix, AZ recognizes that a community has to do three basic things to succeed: have a vision, and invest in infrastructure and education. The city owns and manages the town's Sheraton Hotel.
 - Disaster recovery dollars are getting harder to secure from federal gov't so cities should pay more attention to resiliency
 - There is work being done on legislation to help set professional standards on group homes/sober homes to weed out homes in communities that are not legitimate.
 - Dubuque, Iowa's vision is to make the city a livable, viable, and equitable community. IBM recently located there because the city has an educated workforce, strong partnerships among levels of government, and sustainability is a core value. They recognize that where you put transportation and infrastructure determines who thrives and who suffers. They've invested in youth who aren't academically inclined by giving them opportunities to learn a trade and then supporting them to build community projects such as rehabbing housing ("Youth Build" program).
 - About two dozen federal agencies participated in roundtable discussions. I met with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA) on

- opportunities for federal government support for Burien’s economic development. The Small Business Administration is offering support for cities who are interested in creating more small businesses. They are asking communities to take the “startup pledge” (see: <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-initiatives/startup-day>) to then gain access to resources and information that will help support small businesses. I also met with USDA and HUD to discuss urban agriculture/farmers markets and housing opportunities respectively.
- Henry Cisneros, Former Secretary of HUD and Mayor of San Antonio talked about equity and diversity, noting at least four kinds of equity we need to pay attention to – economic, geographic, equal opportunities, and generational.
 - New residents are flocking to urban centers (potential for Burien) – with both millennials and seniors looking for the same amenities. This is a unique combination of interests for communities to take advantage of at this point in time.
 - A panel of current Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries of various federal agencies spoke on many issues their agencies are trying to address, including the following:
 - Julian Castro, current Secretary of HUD noted that in the most parts of the country one cannot afford to buy a house unless they are making at least \$20/hr.
 - Jamie Fox, Secretary of Transportation noted that many mistakes were made in building the national highway system – that highways should not only help get people to jobs, but also improve neighborhoods and that DOT is now focused on these issues.
 - Karol Mason – Deputy Attorney General discussed ways to keep young adults out of the justice system, including considering impacts of seemingly small fines for littering or speeding that may compound and land poor people in the criminal justice system. Additionally, several discussions focused on how to better integrate individuals once they are released from prison to lower recidivism and reduce crime.
 - Jay Williams – Assistant Secretary at the Economic Development Authority (EDA) noted that when young people can get summer jobs, crime rates drop significantly so communities should figure out how to work with businesses to make this happen.
 - Gina McCarthy – EPA Administrator said that EPA would address Flint, MI issue by working across levels of government. About \$600B is needed to fix the infrastructure in the US. This is not a luxury expenditure, but a critical investment that will support future economic development of the US.
 - Maria Contreras-Sweet - Administrator of the US Small Business Administration noted that people don’t go to small towns to visit big box stores, but to see the unique shops and restaurants, which is why small businesses are so critical for economic development in smaller communities. They are working to help cities build entrepreneurs. National Small Business Week is May 1-7 – this is something Burien could acknowledge to help support our small businesses. She cited examples of cities adding “express lanes” for businesses that need fewer permits, generally smaller businesses to help them get going faster.

- Jerry Abramson – White House Intergovernmental Affairs Officer and Deputy Assistant to the President noted that Obama has put \$20M into helping to create a summer job program
- Bruce Katz, Brookings Institution said that we need to be more innovative in financing at the local level (e.g., can local gov't own/manage private resources). Not all funding will come from feds. Medium-size philanthropies have more discretion in funding than federal agencies do. The fed gov't is large, but not in charge. Congress may think it runs the country, but it doesn't – cities do.
- I attended a session on innovative, affordable, and fair housing with several speakers from the Urban Land Institute. The following data/ideas were presented. These presentations are worth following up on by Burien staff for their relevance to our community.
 - Home ownership is at a 50-year low. 67% of new housing for next two decades will be in rentals. Federal housing policy favors the most affluent. Cities can address this by creating housing trust funds as dedicated revenue sources – many small cities are doing this. Cities can create zoning incentives (e.g., inclusionary housing, requirements for affordable housing when zoning changes are requested, marry incentives with permits), waive fees, minimize/eliminate parking requirements, remove regulatory burdens (this is biggest driver in housing prices), leverage land assets owned by the city or other major institutions, engage businesses more proactively (example of Charlotte, NC and American Airlines – need for housing for employees)
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program is at only 22% of historic levels, but grants being used in very creative ways in communities to address housing issues. Approximately \$2.9B is available in 2016 (see AWC priorities later in this report)
 - Communities have to think very proactively to ensure that housing will remain affordable for most residents, including community engagement to site developments to achieve community goals, artists housing, working wage housing, creating land trusts, setting long term vision. Gentrification is an outcome not a cause. By the time it's visible, it's usually too late to do anything about it.
- I attended another session on creative transportation opportunities for cities of all sizes.
 - In thinking about cities of the future, the National League of Cities survey shows that many cities are considering the impacts of driverless cars, road diets, and use of Uber and Lyft.
 - Sign observed on side of bus: "Riding is the new driving"
 - Millennials and GenXers are increasing in the workforce and they want walkable and livable
 - Driverless technology will expand to taxies, buses, fleets in not-too-distant future – could change the need for parking
 - It's about more than mobility, but about the function and cadence of cities – and it's all connected to the future of work (see NLC Report online – Future of Work)

- Americans spend 40 hours/year stuck in traffic – costs \$121B. 30% of traffic in business areas is looking for parking. The sharing economy is offering new options for first and last mile transit. New modes of travel include self-driving, automate trucks, connected cars.
- Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack spoke about the opioid epidemic. This was a topic that was brought up numerous times throughout the meeting by many presenters. He oversees the Food and Drug Administration – they are looking at heroin reversal drugs, increasing the number of entities who can provide medical assistance for detoxification, better data sharing with states, expanding recovery support, etc. April 30th is a “Take Back Drugs” Day – Walgreens will accept drugs. There is emphasis on creating Drug Courts.
- Meetings with Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell addressed the following:
 - AWC priorities were shared – close online sales tax loophole (Senate bill is now called “Remote Transaction Parity Act”) – Senate has essentially agreed that taxes will be levied at buyer location, but House wants it to occur at seller location; protect municipal bonds – resist efforts to limit or eliminate fed tax exemptions; support continued federal funding for safe cities; restore CDBG funding to \$4.5B, resist further reductions to HOME, maintain funding of Homeless Assistance Grant Program; invest in infrastructure.
 - Senator Murray noted that there will not be bipartisan agreement on taxes this year, hopefully something will be passed on the marketplace fairness (online loophole), Flint MI situation has re-ignited the conversation about infrastructure funding, bills are being introduced about mental health and opioid funding.
 - Senator Cantwell discussed dollars that may be available to address freight mobility (\$800M available this year), work is still underway on the municipal bonds – always comes up under tax reform, she agrees safer communities are important and supports the CDBG increase, there is a need for capitalization of infrastructure.
- There were briefings on Capitol Hill on infrastructure – noting that Congress is decreasing funding for infrastructure and this needs to change – cities have to tell Congress we need funds for roads, bridges, sewers, etc. The Transportation Infrastructure Committee is one of the most bipartisan. Accessibility and affordability are critical in cities – given that’s where millennials and seniors want to live.
- A White House briefing included Michael Botticelli – the National Drug Czar (Director of the National Drug Control Policy) who noted that 129 people are dying daily of drug overdoses with many of this being prescription drugs. The US has 5% of the world’s population and 85% of the consumption of pain killers. Cities can do several things, including recognizing it’s a disease talking about it, setting up treatment, providing disposal options, giving law enforcement drugs to reverse overdoses, etc. Other presenters talked about ways to encourage community engagement, especially among immigrant communities; the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015 – lower use of mandatory minimums, provide more judge discretion, better re-entry programs, help for juveniles. The President wants this, Senate has passed it, House is taking it on piecemeal. More cities are putting police data online – helping communities. Chris Lu, Deputy Secretary of Labor noted that

over the last 20 years, worker productivity has doubled, while wages have remained flat. There are fewer jobs available for kids when they graduate from high school, fewer jobs that offer pensions. Need more training, particularly in technology areas. President is placing emphasis on this, as well as looking at summer job programs to give kids a first job. In current political climate, changes in the minimum wage at federal level won't happen.

- **Friday, March 11, 2016 – Regional Food Policy Council, Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)**
 - Attended as a representative of King County cities and the Chair of the Economic Viability Subcommittee. Council discussed upcoming Economic Strategy being developed by PSRC and the potential opportunity to include food and agriculture as a component of that strategy. Kitsap County Councilmember Charlotte Garrido and I gave a presentation on the New York Times “Food for Tomorrow” meeting that we attended in October, 2015.

- **Wednesday, March 17, 2016 – King Conservation District Advisory Committee, Renton**
 - I attended as a representative of the Sound Cities Association
 - The Committee reviewed the 2015 Annual Report and offered several suggestions to KCD staff for how to make this document more useful to citizens and communities, including clarification on budget activities.
 - There will be a special meeting in April to discuss the 2016 Strategic Plan