WASHINGTON, BY AND BY

A COMMUNITY PLANNING GRAPHIC NOVEL

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It is summer. Teens from around the state are heading to Olympia, Washington, for a summer program about community planning and housing. As the program unfolds, Cricket, Jenna, Daniel and Ben are forced to confront the intersections of power, development and displacement in their lives and in the lives of the people around them.
WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

SOMEONE OFFERED TO BUY OUR LAND.
...WE'RE GOING TO SELL.

WE KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN.

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS TO ME?!

ELLENSBURG, WA

HEYYYYY, NICE DISCMAN - SO RETRO!

I'M JENNA.
YOU BEEN ON THIS BUS LONG?

ABOUT 10 SONGS, I GUESS.

WHERE'S HOME?

I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.

OKAY, WELL... I'M FROM YAKIMA.
OLYMPIA, WA

WE'RE HERE!

I GUESS SO.
I'M NIKKI VELASQUEZ...

WELCOME TO WALPERS - WASHINGTON LEADERS IN PLANNING. YOU'RE THE LEADERS!

HOPE WE'RE IN THE SAME GROUP!
WASHINGTON IS GROWING. IMAGINE 1 MILLION MORE PEOPLE BY 2030. HOW ARE WE GOING TO HOUSE EVERYONE? WHERE ARE PEOPLE GOING TO LIVE, WORK, LEARN AND PLAY? SO, WE GOTTA PLAN. YOU GOTTA PLAN. IT'S YOUR STATE. YOUR HOME.

THE CHALLENGE...

BALANCE GROWTH, NATURE, AGRICULTURE...

HOW TO GET YOUTH INVOLVED...

YOU'LL WORK IN TEAMS...

39 Counties + 281 Cities
traffic sprawl pollution
DANGER 2: wildlife, nature, water, PEOPLE!

out of control VS control
PLAN FOR THE LONG Haul
WOW, THAT TEAMBUILDER. AWKWARD!

I KIND OF LIKED IT.

I'M BEN.

YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?

WE MET ON THE BUS.
WHAT DO YOUR FOLKS DO?

WE'RE APPLE FARMERS.

MINE ARE PROPERTY MANAGERS IN CHELAN. FOR RICH FOLKS' SUMMER HOMES.

RICH LIKE ME? HAAA HA!!

WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A PLACE THERE.

THAT'S...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR THIS PROGRAM! I HOPE WE DO SMART CITY STUFF.

GREAT.
I'M DANIEL. MANDATED.

MANDATED? YOU HAVE TO BE HERE?

YEP.

WHY?

APPARENTLY, WALLS AND SPRAY PAINT AREN'T SUPPOSED TO GO TOGETHER.

OK WALPERS! DINNER!

WALP-ERS??

WASHINGTON LEADERS IN PLANNING...

YOU GUYS!!!
GMA Growth Management Act: 14 goals to manage:
- Reduce sprawl
- Regional transportation
- Housing transportation
- Affordable housing
- Economic development
- Property rights
- Open space

PLANNED at Community Level

Housing is a

TAAS
GREEN BUILDING
TECH & ENERGY

DADUS = DADU ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS
FOR: YOUNG PEOPLE
SINGLES
OLDER ADULTS

Cars vs. Suburbs!
I never realized everything is planned, even where my farm is allowed to be.

Is there a public process? They say so, but how does anyone ever hear about it?

It makes it impossible for anyone to build anything new!

Be realistic. People have to have someplace to live.

I wonder if a good algorithm could predict where to put affordable housing.

People know where it’s needed. Sounds like there’s not enough units.

Units. You sound like Nikki.

Really??

You’re such a nerd, Jenna.
MOM, PLEASE, WHY DO WE HAVE TO SELL?

BUT WHAT ABOUT ME? DOESN’T MY OPINION COUNT?

WE’VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS CHANCE.

WHAT’S THAT MEAN?

IF WE SELL NOW, WE’LL BE ABLE TO AFFORD A PLACE IN TOWN.

IT’S A GOOD INVESTMENT. WE’RE DOING IT FOR YOU.

I HATE TOWN.

I HAVE TO GO.

WAIT!

CAN YOU SEND PHOTOS OF OUR PLACE - AND THE CREEK? IT’S FOR AN ASSIGNMENT. WHO KNOWS IF I’LL EVER SEE THEM AGAIN.

YOU’LL SEE THEM AGAIN. WE WON’T MOVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

I CAN’T BELIEVE YOU GUYS! YOU’RE RUINING MY LIFE.

I’M SORRY YOU’RE ANGRY.
WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY'RE DEFINITELY SELLING. WE'RE MOVING.

MAN, THAT SUCKS.

MY MOM SAYS THEY CAN GET GOOD MONEY FOR IT. SOMEBODY WANTS TO DEVELOP.

IT'S LIKE GENTRIFICATION ...IN THE COUNTRY.

WAIT. ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT LAKE CHELAN?

OK WALPERS!

DON'T FORGET YOUR COMMUNITY PLANNING HOMEWORK THIS WEEKEND.

HEY, IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT. TEXT ME ALL WEEKEND. I'LL BE BACK EARLY SUNDAY.
Here are the pics Bug. I know change is hard. Call me.

Here's my home, the vacation homes my parents care for. My area has the lake - this land is hugely important for... I learned about watershed...
MOST PEOPLE DRIVE, BUT WE'VE GOT MAD BIKE LANES, GREEN BUILDINGS, STRIP MALLS, RECREATIONAL SPACES...
MY 3 POINTS ON COMMUNITY PLANNING:
1. PLAN FOR 7 GENERATIONS
2. CONFRONT CLIMATE CRISIS
3. LIVE WITH NATURE

Losing Home

As rising tides inundate their communities, Native Americans are facing displacement and erasure of their cultures and traditions. The Q'umran peoples are among those affected, struggling to maintain their way of life in the face of environmental challenges.

We had leisure time because we knew how to live with the land provided.

Planning does matter, it always has.
COMMUNITY PLANNING IN MY AREA IS ALL ABOUT AGRICULTURE - RESOURCE LANDS, WORKER HOUSING, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...
EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE

OK WALTHERS! LET'S TALK FIELD TRIP!

DOES SHE HAVE TO CALL US THAT?

WE ARRIVE AT KING STATION, WALK TO THE WING LUKE MUSEUM.

WE'LL GO TO THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SIT IN ON A COMMUNITY MEETING. THEN, FREE TIME.

COFFEE!!! SOOO MUCH GOOD COFFEE!

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO SEATTLE.

WAHT?!?!?

I ACTUALLY DON'T GO THERE MUCH.

WHY?

REDMOND HAS EVERYTHING. AND... I GUESS I NEVER REALLY FEEL SAFE IN THE BIG CITY.

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW IT. SEATTLE'S GREAT.
YEAH- GREAT AT SUCKING UP MONEY FROM THE REST OF THE STATE NEEDS.

TECHNICALLY, JENNA, KING COUNTY IS THE STATE'S ECONOMIC ENGINE.

HA! NOW WHO SOUNDS LIKE NIKKI?

IT'S SO INDUSTRIAL HERE.

HARD TO IMAGINE THIS ALL USED TO BE NATURE, HUH?

SO... SEATTLE'S COOL?
Why do they call it International District? It seems like Chinatown.

Look at this map. The people being pushed out now...

They passed a whole law to keep Native Americans out! No wonder it was a big deal when me and my mom lived in Seattle. I had no idea.

Are the same people who were discriminated against by redlining?

These rooms are really small. How could people live so cramped?

Don’t you have workers? Ever been to their houses?

Yeah. But they’re better than this. I think.
PLEASE BE CIVIL. PASSIONS CAN RUN HIGH. WE ARE SOLICITING INPUT ON A POLICY TO INCREASE SO-CALLED MOTHER-IN-LAW APARTMENTS, KNOWN AS ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN...

ADUS! WE TALKED ABOUT THAT!

SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPEAKERS WHO REGISTERED HAVE 2 MINUTES. IF YOU DID NOT REGISTER WRITE YOUR QUESTIONS AND WE’LL TRY TO GET TO IT.

YOU WILL NOT SANITIZE OUR QUESTIONS!

THAT DOESN’T SEEM FAIR.

WE’RE TAKING QUESTIONS.

I NEED MORE THAN 2 MINUTES!

WHY DON’T PEOPLE JUST TEXT THE QUESTIONS AND EVERYONE COULD SEE THEM?

WHY CAN’T EVERYONE HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK?
Now instead of one family living next door there could be three?! For what? An imagined, not-yet-here population.

People are biased against renters. What about people like me and my girlfriend? We're just trying to get a start.

The people against this are primarily white, seniors and homeowners.

No one is listening to each other.

ADUS help ensure we can have more housing for...
WHERE ARE PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO PARK?

OUR STUDIES SHOW THAT CAR OWNERSHIP DECREASES AS HOUSE SIZE GETS SMALLER.

THIS IS GOING TO CAUSE LAND SPECULATION, RAISE PROPERTY TAXES!

SPECULATORS ARE TEARING DOWN SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES....

YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

MIMI AND I WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF OUR GROUP.
I stand here today to acknowledge the stewards of Coast Salish land, the original and current caretakers; Duwamish, Suquamish, Tulalip and Muckleshoot.

We recognize this library is on indigenous land.

We are the future heads of households. We earn and spend money here. We want a long term plan.

We want diversity, places to gather, housing for all our families...

Especially for people who have it hard!!

We believe in Al-Ki, our hope for the future. The decisions you make now are our future.
Hey. Nice job!

Thanks.

People really listened to you.

We did our homework.

Hashtag Al-Ki?

And you really knew your stuff.

And we like, practiced 1,000 times.

Walpers, time to go!

Does she always pop in like that?!
There are so many unhoused people here.

Some have mental health issues; lots just can't afford a place to stay.

Seattle waterfront

Some meeting.

They were just all shouting at each other.

Well, if you have a home and suddenly there are all these new people how would you feel?

Yeah! Great question!

Sorry, that's not what I meant.

Story of my people. It's harder than you think to find housing.
HOW ABOUT THOSE TEENS? BRILLIANT! AND PROTECTING GREEN SPACE!!

WHERE IS STUFF SUPPOSED TO BE BUILT? IF I OWN PROPERTY I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO WHATEVER I WANT.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SO VEHEMENT ABOUT GREEN SPACE HERE?! YOU'RE BUILDING A SECOND HOME ON GREEN SPACE IN CHELAN.

WE'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE THAT COMMUNITY MEETING.

GUYS. I KNOW THIS IS ANNOYING - BUT I THINK THIS CONVERSATION IS GOING TO HELP OUR PROJECT.
I'M GLAD YOU CAME.

I THOUGHT I WOULD SLUM IT THIS WEEKEND.

WE NOW ENTER THE LOW DENSITY "SUBURBS" WHERE WE LOVE OUR CARS - AND OUR COFFEE. ANYONE NEED A TOP OFF BESIDES ME?

WHERE 3,000 SQUARE FEET HOUSE 3 PEOPLE - BUT COULD HOUSE 3 FAMILIES.

REALLY?

AW YOU GUYS! NIKKI WOULD BE SO PROUD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE PROGRAM'S ALMOST OVER!

WE REALLY Gotta WORK ON OUR PROJECT.

MY MOM WOULD LOVE IT HERE.

YEAH, LIGHT RAIL IS COMING.

CAMPING IS GOING TO BE FUN?

OH YEAH! PLUS BEN HAS GREAT GEAR.
SORRY I BLEW UP AT YOU AT IVAR'S. THAT WASN'T FAIR.

IT'S OK. YOU'RE KINDA RIGHT. I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE ROLE MY FAMILY'S PLAYING IN HOW THE CHELAN VALLEY IS CHANGING.

AT LEAST YOU THINK IT'S A GREAT PLACE. I DO TOO!
I’VE BEEN INSENSITIVE ABOUT CITY LIFE.

AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING, I SAW THE DEVELOPER’S OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE BIG. I DIDN’T THINK ABOUT ALL THE OTHER PARTS.

THAT’S JUST IT. EVERYONE JUST THINKS ABOUT THEMSELVES.

PROBABLY THINGS WILL CHANGE WHERE I LIVE TOO. I JUST NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE.

WE NEED A LONGER VIEW. WE NEED BALANCE FOR HOUSING, JOBS, NATURE... WHOEVER MAKES DECISIONS NEEDS TO REMEMBER THAT.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU OUGHT TO BE ONE OF THE PEOPLE MAKING THE DECISIONS.
I USED TO THINK TECH COULD SOLVE CITY DESIGN. THERE ARE SO MANY INTERCONNECTIONS.

DON’T FORGET TO INCLUDE LOW-INCOME HOUSING IN YOUR SMART CITY SO WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS!

GOOD POINT! MOST ALGORITHMS WOULDN’T ACCOUNT FOR US MEETING.

BE SURE WHAT’S PROTECTED NOW STAYS PROTECTED. EVEN IF I CAN’T LIVE ON THE CREEK I STILL WANT TO BE ABLE TO GO THERE.
THIS ISN'T JUST A PROJECT. THIS IS US.

THE WHOLE STATE IS GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER.

YEAH. AND WE'D DO IT BETTER THAN IT IS NOW.

I'VE GOT SOME NOTES FOR OUR PRESENTATION. I THINK DANIEL SHOULD PRESENT.

AGREED!!
FOR TEENS, "BY AND BY" IS NOW. WASHINGTON NOW. WASHINGTON, FOR ALL, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

DANIEL, THAT WAS AWESOME!!

HEY, I'M CONNECTING WITH TEENS FROM THE COMMUNITY MEETING. WANT TO COME?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GET BACK?

FIRST THING - GOING TO THE NEXT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING!

WE'RE DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR, RIGHT?

YOU BET WE ARE!
1. Pay Attention

Get & Stay Informed:
- Observe your surroundings
- Notice changes
- Know your officials
- Dig deeper for the histories
- Sign up for news updates
- Follow issues you care about

2. Get Involved

Connect with the Community:
- Join a youth council
- Find community groups
- Volunteer!
- Be a helper
- Follow on social media
- Show up for events/meetings

3. Speak Out

Pro Tips for Speaking Your Mind:
- Prepare your thoughts
- Write it down!
- Practice in the mirror or with friends
- Just go! Showing up is 95% of it
- Speak your truth to everyone
- Share your voice in creative ways (writing, video, music, art)

4. Pursue Passion

Path to Becoming a Professional Planner:
- Learn more about planning
- Research classes, camps, programs
- Get an internship in planning
- Check out the APA website: www.planning.org

Washington By and By

A Community Planning Graphic Novel
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www.washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning
#WashingtonByandBy
Washington, By and By, follows the adventures of four teens from around Washington brought together by “WALPers” (Washington Leaders in Planning), a two-week summer program in Olympia about planning and youth involvement.

**Cricket**, the daughter of property caretakers near Chelan, is an avid nature lover. The morning she departs for camp, Cricket learns devastating news: her family is selling their home. The mobile home they live in isn’t worth much, but the property, set on land near a beautiful lake, has taken on new value as the area becomes ripe for development.

**Daniel**, a city-loving Tukwila resident with strong ties to his Quinault tribal community, is a keen observer, artist, and skeptic. He believes acknowledging the state’s past is critical but it’s not until he argues with his new friends does he realize his voice could help shape the future.

**Jenna** is a 5th generation apple farmer from the Yakima Valley. She has an economist’s eye on housing and development issues and is an avid note-taker. When she realizes some of the issues the team is debating might also be happening on her own family’s farm she is forced to reconsider what “home” means.

Technophile **Ben** opens his heart and home in Redmond to his new friends. When he realizes Cricket’s dilemma might have been created, in part, by his own family’s activities, he’s forced to ask himself what his values might mean for other people’s lives - and how he can put his skills to use.

Over the course of the story we learn about the places the characters are from through their eyes. The teens get to know Olympia, take the train to Seattle, visit the Wing Luke Museum, sit in on a community meeting, encounter teen activists, and hike and camp in the mountains. As the team works to help Cricket reconcile with the changes happening in her life, they also come to realize that “Washington, by and by,” really means “Washington, now. The Washington WE want.”
Questions to Consider

1. On page 12 Jenna says, “I never realized everything is planned. Even where my farm is allowed to be.” Daniel comments, “Is there a public process? They say so, but how does anyone ever hear about it?”
   Why does planning matter?

2. Cricket is upset about having to move away from her childhood home in Chelan (pages 13-14). Development in the area has put increasing pressure on landowners to sell their property. Chelan is changing, and Cricket feels like she is losing a part of herself. Daniel says on page 14, “It’s like gentrification...in the country.”
   What does Daniel mean? Have you or your family experienced displacement? Or do you know someone who had to move because of new development in their area? What happened?

3. Over the weekend the team is given a homework assignment to gather pictures of where they live and explain how planning is a factor (pages 15-18). Professional planners work to make neighborhoods, cities, regions and states livable by developing regulations for how land is used and creating long range plans for transportation, water use, housing, environment, preservation and sustainability.
   Look carefully at each of the pictures on pages 15-18. How are they similar? What things are different? How might planning have shaped what you see?

4. When the team goes to the Wing Luke Museum in Seattle they visit exhibits on redlining and historic hotel rooms used by early Chinese immigrants (page 22). Jenna remarks, “These rooms are really small.” When Daniel responds, “Don’t YOU have workers? Ever been to their houses?” he is suggesting that the housing conditions for immigrant Chinese workers in the early 20th century are connected to housing for workers on Jenna’s apple farm.
   Do you think this is a fair question? Housing comes up throughout the story. Why is housing such a big issue?

5. Community planning is an approach intended to ensure all members of a community are involved and represented in decision-making processes. At the community planning meeting at the public library (page 24), Cricket comments, “No one is listening to each other.”
   Why are people upset in this meeting? What are some of the different viewpoints? What do the teen presenters want planners to consider? Do you think community planning is important? How could this meeting have been run differently to ensure all voices were heard?

6. After the community meeting the team discusses what they heard while walking along the Seattle waterfront (page 27-28). When Ben expresses support for the call to protect green space Cricket responds, “I don’t understand why you’re so vehement about green space HERE?! You’re building a second home on green space in Chelan.”
   Why is Ben’s comment so upsetting to Cricket? How would you feel if you were Ben? How would you feel if you were Cricket?

7. On page 35, Daniel closes the team’s final presentation with the statement, “For teens, ‘By and By’ is NOW. Washington NOW. Washington, for all, now and in the future.”
   How should people balance issues now with issues that will come up in the future? What is the role and responsibility of youth in shaping where they live - and where they might live in the future?

8. At the end of the story (page 35) Ben asks, “We’re doing this again next year, right?”
   Do you think the group will stay in touch? How do you think Jenna, Ben, Daniel and Cricket were changed by their experiences in WALP’ers?
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“We believe youth provide unique and fresh ideas to the dialogue on creating great places.”

The Youth in Planning Taskforce aims to raise youth awareness of the importance of their voice in forming our future. We work to provide resources for teachers, planners, and public officials to engage youth in planning processes that generate lasting value and provide meaningful opportunities for youth to engage in making their local communities better places for all. The Taskforce is one of the standing committees of the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association serving planners across Washington state.

Learn more about the Youth in Planning Taskforce of the APA-WA: www.washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning

About the Washington, By and By Toolkit:

Washington, By and By is accompanied by a free online toolkit available at https://www.washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning.

The toolkit includes a set of resources to help planners, teachers and librarians use Washington, By and By as a jumping off point for fostering youth involvement in planning.
How to Get Involved

Contact your city or county Planning Department

Join or start a Youth Council

Resources

American Planning Association
In Your Community:
www.planning.org/communityoutreach/

Teaching Young People about Planning:
www.planning.org/educators/

Video: “The Future Belongs to Those Who Prepare For It”:
www.bit.ly/2GC2Wzb

American Planning Association-Washington Chapter
www.washington-apa.org/ (general website)
www.washington-apa.org/youth-in-planning (youth in planning webpage)

WA State Department of Commerce – Growth Management
www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/

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Young people! They are the foundation of our future.

How can we attract and empower them to understand the civic process and become engaged in shaping their communities in ways that will make our world better? How can we reach out to a diverse generation that is coming of age and show them that planning is interesting and tangible? As a planner, I’ve wondered about these questions for a long time. I’m grateful to have been part of this project that provides an innovative approach to engaging teens (along with the “young at heart”).

Washington, By and By will help readers make sense of community planning — not as a set of statistics and maps, but as a well-illustrated story to which people can relate and see where they fit in. This graphic novel encourages readers to examine some critical questions about growth management: How does planning happen? Why does it matter? What is the role and responsibility of youth in shaping where they live — now and in the future?

While some of the novel’s themes relate specifically to Washington’s growth management framework, most parts of the process would apply to community planning that happens in every state. Understanding the public planning process — along with the issues at hand — is fundamental for anyone to be engaged effectively. I also think the graphic novel approach to exploring planning issues will be useful for people of all ages, including those for whom English is not their first language.

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The APA-WA Youth in Planning Taskforce’s goal is to have the graphic novel used by teachers in civic courses that will be taught in our state at the high school level and to encourage other youth-oriented organizations to use it as well.

I’m excited to see how this project unfolds. I hope it helps to inspire many other communities and planning organizations to achieve meaningful public engagement and successful planning outcomes.

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