

City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Planning Commission Members – In Attendance (the meeting was held onsite and virtually using the Zoom online platform)

Tracy Banaszynski, Chair
Dwight Thompson, Vice Chair
David Dorrian
Kara Macias

Excused:

Mike Vanderlinde
Chris Olson
Edouard Lasalle

Staff

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Todd Hall, Principal Planner
Shannon Tipple-Leen, Planning Commission Clerk
Michelle Kang, Co-Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Banaszynski at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Olson, Vanderlinde and Lasalle were excused from the meeting.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement was read.

4. FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was done.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was made by:

Patrick O'Brien
Stacey Valenzuela

6. CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025 and June 17, 2025 were approved. Commissioners Olson, Lasalle and Vanderlinde were formally excused. The consent agenda was accepted with unanimous consent.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Beckwith continued presentation on the updates to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

Questions/Comments:

Chair Banaszynski: Had a hard time tracking dates and when the data was from. What was the most recent. For people looking at this without a presentation, would like it to be clearer.

Consultant response: 2022 survey

Chair Banaszynski: I see something labelled 2006.

Consultant response: That was an error. Should be 2022.

Consultant response: Will put in memorandum form.

Vice Chair Thompson: Need to be transparent on the source of data.

Commissioner Machias: Previous PROS plan is the data comparable? How do address Bastyr ballfields.

Consultant response: You need to be more strategic in this one because of the challenges of downtown, Bastyr and connecting the waterfront to downtown.

Chair Banaszynski: Were the numbers on the graph we are seeing statewide?

Consultant response: Participation by region, numbers statewide. Context will be in the document.

Chair Banaszynski: Participation differ between east of west of mountains, how does the data change if looking at only west of mountains or only King County?

Consultant response: Participation rates vary by region, using Seattle-King as the comparison for Kenmore. Difference is geography and the difference in rural v urban culture.

Chair Banaszynski: Tell us more about the process? I know our job is to make a recommendation. What is our job from here? Do you have a process you can tell us about.

Consultant response: In the summer we will have the Open House, another survey. Then we will bring forth some drafts to choose from. We will also create the chapter that will be in your Comprehensive Plan. You will have your own hearing and put together your own recommendations.

Vice Chair Thompson: Will you be able to give us feedback on who participated in the survey.

Consultant response: We don't usually ask specific demographic questions.

Commissioner Dorrian: One thing that has stood out is the access to the waterfront. Not sure if there is a way for us to dig into that now. I would be very interested in seeing how residents feel about the improvements that have been done and see if the strong need still is there after those improvements.

Consultant response: Online survey can use graphics to show physical improvements, what proposed and what has occurred.

Chair Banaszynski: I am interested in exploring what people think what we mean when we ask about access to the waterfront. There is certainly waterfront activity but also how do residents get to the water from their home. Also how do we address people in wheelchairs etc and how they get to the water and how do they do the activity once they get there.

Consultant response: Walkability analysis, surveys/graphics can help with access. Needs to be site specific to be able to quantify but also abstract goals such as access to water wherever we can. How to move from general to specific, both need to be in the plan.

Vice Chair Thompson: Maintaining trails costs money per year, purchasing and developing facilities how to get to cost.

Consultant response: Financial strategies wholistic, admin, operations and management, repair and replacement and new projects not only capital but also maintenance. Need to have strategies in place, including maintaining what we have.

Commissioner Dorrian: Last presentation showed reviewing draft elements tonight. What is the purpose of the open house?

Consultant response: Updating the current plan, what being brought forward are amendments. Open house in July is to show data collected so far and also presenting data to date.

Discussion on additional dates for meetings.

Commissioner Machias: Facility requirements will that be available at the open

house? the survey is still ongoing? When will staff be at the farmers market and what will be presented?

Tom: survey will be available thru the draft plan.

Chair Banaszynski: Planning Commission needs multiple meetings to get thru an element, need more than Aug 5.

Chair Banaszynski: How will the hybrid open house work, what info hoping to get?

Tom: July open house is an open forum not a hybrid, informational, drop in. Info on existing parks and trails. Later open houses Aug/Sept more structure with a PowerPoint, chat available for online participation. More people participate virtual. Meeting recorded. Appendices have a lot of technical detail.

Vice Chair Thompson: How do deal with Bastyr and PROS plan?

Consultant response: Include strategies.

Staff response: Planning Commission cannot talk about potential purchase of Bastyr property or with anyone wanting to purchase.

Commissioner Dorrian: PROS plan needs more than a light touch.

Vice Chair Thompson: The Lodge does it have a lease with state parks?

Commissioner Dorrian: Timing of Bastyr.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Banaszynski adjourned the meeting at 8:31PM.

Shannon Tipple-Leen

Planning Commission Clerk

Approved by Planning Commission on: __July 29, 2025