City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
January 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
Nathan Loutsis
Dwight Thompson
Christiana Matthews
Mariel Mehdipour
Derek Wycoff

Consultants & Staff

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Rita Moreno, Recreation Coordinator/ Admin. Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Vanderlinde at 7 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Vanderlinde and Commissioner Thompson were nominated to be Planning Commission chair. Vice Chair Vanderlinde declined the nomination. Commissioner Thompson was elected chair.

Vice Chair Vanderlinde and Commissioner Banaszynski were nominated to be Planning Commission vice chair. In a roll call vote, Vice Chair Vanderlinde was elected vice chair.

4. DISSCUSSION OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski, seconded by Commissioner Mehdipour, for more information to be brought back at the next Planning Commission meeting for discussion.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Valenzuela, shared a comment welcoming the new planning Commissioners.

Janet, shared a comment thanking new Commissioners for joining the Planning Commission.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 7, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - A motion to approve by unanimous consent was made by Vice Chair Vanderlinde. The motion passed 7-0.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

- Housing Element: Additional Policy Questions

Staff presented 4 questions raised by the public and the City Council on the Housing Element. Staff is seeking guidance on the topics to help make changes to the Housing Element. The Commissioners discussed the proposed staff recommendations for item 1 and a motion was made by Vice Chair Vanderlinde and seconded by Commissioner Wycoff to accept staff recommendations for item 1. Motion was approved by the commissioners. Commissioners discussed item 2 from the staff memo and a motion was made by Commissioner Mehdipour and was seconded by Commissioner Wycoff to accept the staff recommendation for item 2 from the staff memo. The motioned failed 5-2. There was further discussion on missing middle housing and the plat implementation. Staff was asked to consider the Commissions concerns when making new recommendations. Commissioners discussed item 3 from the memo and did not wish to pursue the topic through the Housing Element. The commissioners discussed item 4 from the staff memo and did not want to move forward with staff recommendations. The Commissioners recommendation to staff was to investigate streamlining and more research into what could be done to improve the process and should not be included in the Housing Element.

- Land Use Element: TOD and Commercial Development Changes

Staff is preparing amendments to the Land Use Element to address the policy directions for the Commissioner's consideration on January 18. Commissioners discussed the staff memo and will continue to review the Land Use Element for the January 18 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

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Planning Commission
Approved by Planning Commission on: _____