

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024 @ 7:30 PM**

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

Dwight Thompson, Chair
Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
David Dorrian
Chris Olson
Saad Qadri
Derek Wyckoff

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 Thompson at 7:30 PM. New Commissioners Dorrian and Olson were welcomed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 5, 2023, Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

4. VOTING OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Vanderlinde nominated Dwight Thompson for Chair. Commissioner Olson seconded. The vote was unanimously approved. As per Planning Commission rules this will be Chair Thompson's last term.

Comm. Qadri nominated Vice Chair Vanderlinde for another term of Vice Chair.

Comm. Banaszynski seconded. A second nomination for Comm. Wyckoff was made by Comm. Olson. Comm. Wyckoff declined the nomination. The vote for Vice Chair Vanderlinde was unanimously approved.

5. AGENDA

Public Hearing - Economic Development Element

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:58 PM.

Dan Troyan made a Public Comment.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:04 PM.

Questions/Comments:

There was much discussion on whether to leave specifics about certain properties in the document based on current City Council decisions. A motion was brought forth and then dropped.

It was also discussed that the current version of the Economic Development Approach is what is recognized by City Council and therefore we should not be changing the context. It was also noted that other sentences in the element are tied to the strategy.

MOTION: Commissioner Olson moved to forward the Economic Element to the City Council. Commissioner Banaszynski seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

At the February 6th Planning Commission meeting the Commission will decide on talking points to Council.

5. AGENDA Cont.

Draft Planning Commission Scope and Rules

Questions/Comments:

Discussion about whether to align more Council's ordinance regarding Public Comment and end times.

MOTION: Commissioner Olson moved to have all meetings end at 10 PM unless

voted on. Commissioner Qadri seconded the motion.
Discussion that it is currently 9:30 PM. Do we want to move it back?
The motion was then rescinded.

There was discussion about moving the Public Hearing to the first order of business after the consent agenda and sticking with three minutes for comments so that in the case of a longer Public Hearing the regular meeting agenda could be moved to the next meeting.

There was discussion about whether 2 minutes or 3 minutes was better for Public Comment. An informal poll was taken. 2 minutes received 1 vote and 3 minutes received 6.

The Rules of Decorum for the audience was discussed. Though you cannot enforce the use of some profanity, you can enforce clapping and other disruptions. A sheet should be put by the check in area before the meeting to remind the public of this.

It was mentioned how wonderful it is to be in an engaged community where many come out to make public comment.

The Clerk will draft verbiage to put in the rules on how people should sign up to make a virtual public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM

Shannon Tipple-Leen

Planning Commission

Approved by Planning Commission on: February 6, 2024