

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.**

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
Nathan Loutsis (Joined over Zoom)
Saad Qadri
Derek Wyckoff

Staff

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
John Vincente, City Engineer
Alicia McIntire, Parametrix (Joined over Zoom)
Shannon Tipple-Leen, Planning Commission Clerk
Michelle Kang, Co Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21, 2023, meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent with one change noting the excused absence of Commissioner Banasyski.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation Element (continued)

John Vincente introduced and Alicia McIntire presented the changes made to the Transportation Element since the last presentation to the Commission on March 7th.

The commission reviewed the track change version of the draft transportation element. Staff addressed several questions from commissioners including those related to: traffic count data; how transportation projects address environmental and wildlife impacts; plans for including more electric vehicle charging stations; and measures to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles (SOVs).

A Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski, seconded by Commissioner Vanderlinde to add the following sentence to objectives under Goal 3, "Minimize and mitigate impacts from the transportation network to the environment, terrestrial animal habitat and aquatic habitats." Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Qadri, seconded by Commissioner Banaszynski To add the following to Policy T- 4.5.4. "Encourage the use of carpools as an alternative to SOVs and implement educational programs to expand awareness of available programs." Motion passed unanimously.

The topic of parking enforcement, towing fees and potential impact on low-income renters when parking availability is limited may be brought up at a future meeting.

It was the consensus of the commission that staff will make administrative corrections to the transportation element including punctuation and grammar.

There was consensus to forward the element to the City Council.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan Update: Utilities Element

Debbie Bent noted the memo in the agenda packet provided a response from PSE to previous commissioner questions. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) staff will address any additional questions at the May 16 meeting and then the draft utilities element will be brought back in June for review and discussion.

A commissioner noted that the PSE examples provided for fish enhancement are controversial, including fish hatcheries, as engineered solutions can be viewed as detrimental to salmon runs. This comment will be raised at the meeting with PSE.

A commissioner also asked about PSE's plans for addressing required changes for individual households to meet the goal of transitioning to renewable resources.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM

Shannon Tipple-Leen, Planning Commission Clerk

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Approved by Planning Commission on: April 18, 2023