

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
April 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Consultants & Staff

Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Rita Moreno, Recreation Coordinator/ Admin. Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson at 7:01 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elizabeth Mooney – PERK will be passing out flyers on clean air at Town Square, expressed wanting meetings back in person and possibly at local business.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The March 15, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- April 5, 2022. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes were

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- “Missing Middle” Zoning Code Amendments, continued

Staff gave an overview of the minor changes made to the draft “missing Middle” housing regulations. Commissioners had questions and discussion on

- Landscaping Standards – Maintenance requirements and enforcement, native vs nonnative plants. Would like to see language including invasive species list.
- Clarification on 18.24.040-
- Wings allowance – Commissioners discussed the allowance and decided to not include the wings allowance as it does not align with the goal of the commission.

Staff reported on the presentation that was presented to the DEI taskforce at the April 7, 2022, meeting. The taskforce agreed on the incremental measures the Planning Commission was taking and had 3 things to share with the Planning Commission.

- They wished that there were more housing types than just duplexes and triplexes being considered. Small houses on small lots, cottage housing.
- They wished that the area where these uses were allowed was larger and farther away from transportation corridors.
- They wished that these changes to allow more missing middle housing could occur more rapidly.

The following concerns and questions were raised by the group:

- Docket issues, workload issues
- Can we maintain the tool of Single-Family Zoning and have it not be racially excluding?
- How best can we use the incremental approach?
- How can we make sure we are not unintendedly repeating mistakes that are going to further marginalize individuals and communities from calling Kenmore home?
- What is the solution for affordable housing? How do we tackle that since its not on Planning Commissions agenda?
- What tools does Kenmore have to address affordable housing?
- Concerns on secluding pockets of missing middle away from infrastructure
- Balancing the access to infrastructure and access to city services with integration to single-family neighborhoods.

- Revised Zoning Map

Staff presented the 3 changes to the zoning map. Public works zoning change, park designations, and R12 medium density zoning. Commissioners had no questions on changes.

Staff also discussed the May 17 public hearing. Public outreach efforts for the meeting included a city-wide postcard, quarterly article, and a prehearing meeting for Spanish speakers facilitated by PRR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde and seconded by Chair Thompson to cancel the May 3, Planning Commission meeting. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Approved by Planning Commission on: _____