City of Kenmore
Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

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

Dwight Thompson, Chair (Virtual)
Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
David Dorrian
Saad Qadri
Chris Olson
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 7:00 PM.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEGDEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement was read.

3. FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was done.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhys Dorrian gave a public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes from April 2nd were unanimously approved.
There were no Commissioner excusals.

- **MOTION:** Commissioner Dorrian moved to accept the consent agenda. Commissioner Banasyznski seconded the motion.
VOTE: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

6. AGENDA

Todd Hall and Debbie Bent gave a presentation on the Natural Environment Element

Questions/Comments:

- How old is the map used? Can we see if there is an updated layer on critical areas and boundary changes.
Staff answer: it is from 2019 but for guidance only. Unless some large event has happened, these maps are for guidance only. Critical areas are kept on a separate, specific layer. This map is high level, not detailed.

- Can additional changes be made to the document after this update?
Staff answer: It is a living document so if new developments come up it can be changed. We will probably look at it again when we update the Shoreline Element.

Are there any surprises coming in the document?
Staff answer: Shouldn't be anything glaring. This is a chance for wording shifts etc.

- Leading with a stronger purpose statement about the built environment being in balance with the natural environment.

- Have wording up front at what policies are in the document.

- What is "best available science"?
Staff answer: Current scientific information derived from a valid scientific process including that used in the process to designate, protect or restore critical areas as defined by the state.

There was high level discussion on the Natural Environment Element including:

-Tree canopies and mitigation.

- Water quality and treatment.

- Air quality and the changes that might come with climate change. The industry in our area and its effect on it.

- Auto emissions and density and mitigating the effects. Looking through a more forward-looking lens in the document.

- Sedimentation ponds and dredging.

- Sewage treatment and septic systems.

- Grammatical changes and individual suggestions should be sent directly to Todd for updating.

- The Commissioners were complimentary to staff on their work on the Element.

At 9pm Todd suggested adjourning the meeting and revisiting the Natural Environment Element at a future meeting.

Todd and Debbie gave closing comments.

Upcoming Planning Commission meetings:
May 22 – Middle Housing Open House, 6-8pm
June 4 – Housing and Land Use Elements, Middle Housing (2nd review), 7pm
June 18 – Surface Water, Capital Facilities Plan, Natural Environment, 7pm

- **MOTION:** Chair Thompson moved to cancel the May 21st meeting due to the Middle Housing Open House on May 22nd. Vice Chair Vanderlinde seconded the motion.
VOTE: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

There will be a potential quorum for the Middle Housing Open House on May 22nd.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM.

Shannon Tipple-Leen
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Planning Commission
Approved by Planning Commission on: June 4, 2024