

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
June 6, 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
Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director in Public Works
Nina Rasmussen, Climate Action Plan Manager
Nicole Gutierrez, Cascadia Consulting Group (Joined over Zoom)
Lisa Grueter, Cascadia Consulting Group (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

Dakota Rash made comment and had concerns about PSE's clean energy credits, fossil fuel expansion and non-addition of renewable sources.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 16, 2023, Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan Update – Climate Action Element (CAE)

Public Hearing - Climate Action Element

There was a brief presentation by Nina Rasmussen to give background about the CAE in advance of the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:20 pm

Public Comment

Dakota Rash commented and raised several questions and concerns about the CAE.

The public hearing was closed at 7:26 pm.

Chair Thompson asked if the Commission wanted to review any changes made to the CAE since the last meeting. Staff noted there were no substantive changes, mostly reorganization of the implementation section and addressing questions from the last meeting. There were no additional comments/questions from the Commission.

It was noted that at the next Commission meeting there will be a staff response to public comments for Commission review.

Chair Thompson noted that the intention is for the Commission to make its final recommendation on the CAE at the next meeting. The Commission's recommendation will be presented to Council in the fall along with Commissioners' concerns and viewpoints.

Chair Thompson asked staff to highlight the words "reduce" and "eliminate" in the draft red and blue lined CAE document so that the Commissioners can easily find these words at the next meeting.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan Update - Utilities Element

Patrick Robinson of Puget Sound Energy (PSE) gave a presentation on PSE and addressed Commission comments and questions including: challenges of developing battery, solar and wind power; plans and timeline to transition to renewable/clean energy; equity concerns for overburdened populations; engagement with the tribes; and environmental concerns including impacts from hydro-power.

Staff noted that a revised draft Utilities Element including a first draft of goals, policies and objectives will be brought back for Commission consideration in July.

Other Items:

Motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde to cancel the July 4. Motion was seconded by Chair Thompson and unanimously passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM

Shannon Tipple-Leen, Planning Commission Clerk

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Approved by Planning Commission on: June 20, 2023