**City of Kenmore**
**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**
**June 20, 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 (Joined over Zoom)
Derek Wyckoff

**Staff**

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director in Public Works
Nina Rasmussen, Climate Action Plan Manager
Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk
Brain Randall, 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 expressed concerns over the timeline for implementation of the (Climate Action Element of the Comprehensive Plan) CAE, and use of “when possible” and “if feasible”. Mr. Rash also noted a need to de-prioritize building and prioritize ecological uses of land.

Jon Culver called for tighter feedback cycles and more ambitious goals for the CAE.

Chris Olson gave support to Dakota Rash and to emphasize priorities on environmental zoning, mitigation and restoration including natural/wildlife connections. Mr. Olson also noted support for the City for what has been accomplished so far.

Stacey Valenzuela commented that greenhouse gas emissions from the concrete/asphalt plant are a significant contributor compared to emissions from transportation.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2023, meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

## 4. AGENDA ITEMS

**Comprehensive Plan Update – Climate Action Element (CAE) cont.**

Nina Rasmussen presented the Climate Action Element with blue and red line edits.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Planning Commission on topics such as emissions measurement data, when current emissions numbers could be expected and how often the numbers will be updated.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski to add a footnote that the data is from 2019 for Figure 1, Page 4 “Kenmore GHG Emissions Inventory Chart”. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski to delete the word “reduce” and replace with the word “eliminate” on Page 8 line 22 for Goal 2 as follows: Goal 2 Prioritize resilient and equitable land use planning to ~~reduce~~ eliminate GHG emissions from building and infrastructure development. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski to delete the word “reduce” and replace with the word “eliminate” on Page 9 line 26 for Goal 3 as follows: “Goal 3 ~~Reduce~~ eliminate GHG emissions from the transportation sector to mitigate the impact of climate change”. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski to delete the word “reduce” and replace with the word “eliminate” on Page 11 line 3 for Goal 4 as follows: “Goal 4 ~~Reduce~~ Eliminate GHG emissions from buildings through energy efficiency and electrification”. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski to delete the second use of the word “reduce” and replace with the word “eliminate” on Page 12 line 31 for Goal

6 as follows: “Goal 6 Eliminate or reduce negative environmental impacts and ~~reduce~~ eliminate GHG emissions associated with the consumption of goods, materials, and waste practices”. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson.

Motion was made by Commissioner Loutsis to change the wording of Goal 6 as follows: “Goal 6 Reduce current and eliminate future negative environmental impacts of GHG emissions associated with the consumption of goods, materials and waste practices”. Motion seconded by Commissioner Qadri. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Commissioner Loutsis to change wording on Goal 8, page 15, line 20 to read “Reduce current and eliminate future climate change impacts on the community.” Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion passed 5-0-1 (one abstention).

Motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski on Goal 7, Policy 7.1.3, line 13 in response to Public Comment to add the words “protect critical habitat and” for the policy to read as follows “Where appropriate, purchase structures located in hazard-prone areas, such as areas with persistent flooding, to protect critical habitat and structures from future damage inflicted by climate change impacts. Prioritize properties with exposure to repetitive losses or where purchasing may protect a critical habitat and reduce future climate impacts”. The motion was seconded by Chair Thompson. No vote was taken on the motion.

A friendly amendment to the motion was suggested by Commissioner Vanderlinde to add the words “properties and” to the beginning of the sentence for the policy to read as follows “Where appropriate, purchase properties and structures located in hazard-prone areas, such as areas with persistent flooding, to protect critical habitat and structures from future damage inflicted by climate change impacts. Prioritize properties with exposure to repetitive losses or where purchasing may protect a critical habitat and reduce future climate impacts”. The motion was seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion as amended passed 6-0.

Commissioner Vanderlinde observed that the intent of the wording in Policy 7.1.3 is not looking to indemnify landowners but rather protect critical habitat.

Commissioner Banasynski asked if Policy 14.1.5 on page 20, regarding no net loss, was sufficient to address Public Comment, or should it be amended. It was clarified that the policy was for public development projects.

Motion by Commissioner Qadri for Goal 15 page 21 line 8 to remove the words “the continued” and replace with “and encourage” with the Goal 15 to read as follows “support and encourage ~~the continued~~ growth of a resilient and green economy”. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. No vote taken on the motion.

There was a friendly amendment to the motion made by Commissioner Banaszynski to change the wording of Goal 15 as follows “Support a resilient and green local economy”. Motion seconded by Commissioner Qadri. Motion as amended passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde to adopt all changes to the Climate Action Element and to refer it to the City Council for further action. Motion seconded by Chair Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.
Next meeting will be July 18.

Coming up on the docket will be the Public Facilities Element, the Public Utilities Element, and the Economic Sub Element.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM

Shannon Tipple-Leen
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Planning Commission Clerk
Approved by Planning Commission on: 7.18.2023 _____