City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 18, 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 (Joined over Zoom)
Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
Nathan Loutsis (Joined over Zoom)
Saad Qadri (Joined over Zoom)
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 Vice Chair Vanderlinde (acting as Chair) at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 20, 2023, Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

Introduction of new Principal Planner, Todd Hall, to the Commission.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

Comprehensive Plan:
Public Services Element continued

Change Kenmore Junior High to Kenmore Middle School on the map.

Update to include Twin Springs Park on the map.

In the Northshore School District section, the Innovation Lab High School, Northshore Family Partnership and Northshore Networks do not appear in table PSC. Wondering if there were statistics provided for those programs.

It should be noted that Lake Washington School District is named but does not provide services to Kenmore. The reason they are included is a small part of their boundary goes into St. Edwards Park but there are no students.

Is there data from the Police to distinguish between a felony and misdemeanor and how many were arrested? It would be beneficial for residents to know this information.

Commissioner Wycoff made a motion to move the Public Services Element to Public Hearing on August 15. It was seconded by Commissioner Qadri. Roll was taken for a vote. Commissioner Loutsis – yes, Commissioner Banaszynski – yes, Vice Chair Vanderlinde – yes, Chair Thompson – yes.

4. AGENDA ITEMS cont.

Comprehensive Plan:
Utilities Element continued

It was noted that it was still a goal to provide recycling every week. With our current contract that may not be available for 10 years. The Element can still move to hearing with the current policy and a switch could occur later.

A motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski to change the wording on Page 10.2, line 23 to say “plants – hydro, gas, solar and wind.” Seconded by Commissioner Wycoff. All in favor. None opposed.

Change wording on Policy U-2.1.5 to encourage more frequency.

Change the wording on Policy U-3.1.6 to say “Support the transition from the use of natural gas to use of green renewable energy sources.”

Remove Policy U-3.3.1.

On Policy U-3.4.3 change wording “wherever practical and feasible underground utilities.”

On Policy U-4.4.2 change wording to “Where undergrounding is not presently feasible, we require that the developer take other measures to facilitate future undergrounding of aerial utilities.

Commissioner Qadri made a motion to change the wording on Policy U-4.1.2 to “Consider and implement water conservation principals…” Seconded by Commissioner Banaszynski. All in favor. None opposed.

On Policy U-4.1.4 would like to add wording to encourage gray water use. Add “Support the provision of necessary infrastructure for use of reclaimed water for irrigation.”

Staff was given permission to make all grammatical changes.

On Policy U-5.2.4 remove “small- to large-scale” and “production” and replace with “Promote renewable energy production within the City.”

Would like to add verbiage on Policy U-5.2 to support the study and development of regulations to manage large storage batteries.

Commissioner Qadri made a motion to remove PSE from Policy U-5.2.3 and add “to the contracted energy provider.” Seconded by Commissioner Wycoff. All in favor. None opposed.

In the Implementation section a consensus was made to remove “such as solar, wind and/or thermal.”

Asked that staff remove all coloring and changes and only highlight the changes in blue from this meeting.

Noted that some Commissioners would like to see us have our own Public Services Department.

Chair Thompson made a motion to move the minimum changes document of the Utilities Element to Public Hearing on August 15. It was seconded by Commissioner Qadri. All in favor. None opposed.

Discussion continued on the Public Services Element -

There was discussion about having Mental Health be its own section. Staff clarified that the wanted information is currently in the document and could be moved around in the document to highlight it and the words Mental Health could be added into the section titles.

Staff suggested adding something under implementation section about conducting a needs assessment on Social Services, Health Services and Mental Health Services and based on those recommendations, implement those recommendations with local partnerships that would meet these needs.

Is it possible to get current dispatch service numbers as these go through 2021.

Can we get acceptance rates for Bastyr on in state vs out of state students as well as how many students are from King County and Kenmore for the Kenmore campus.

Chair Thompson made a motion to move the minimum changes document of the Public Services Element to Public Hearing on August 15. It was seconded by Commissioner Qadri. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Thompson made a motion that the August 1st Planning Commission meeting be canceled. Commissioner Banaszynski seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

The Public Hearing for both the Public Service Element and the Utilities Element will be August 15, 2023 at 7pm.

The updated Elements will be taken to the City Council in September. Tentative dates are:

Sept 18th - Transportation
Sept 25th - Climate Action Element
Oct 23rd - Public Services and Utilities Element

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Vanderlinde adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM

Shannon Tipple-Leen
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Planning Commission
Approved by Planning Commission on: 08.15.2023