

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
August 2, 2022, @ 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
Christiana Mathews
Mariel Torres Mehdipour
Derek Wyckoff

Staff

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
John Vicente, City Engineer
Alicia McIntire, Senior Consultant, Parametrix
Rachel Durham, Planner, Parametrix
Rita Moreno, Recreation Coordinator/ Administrative Assistant
Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson at 7:02 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Valenzuela expressed traffic safety concerns relating to bulb corners.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners approved the July 19, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes by unanimous consent.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Transportation Element

City Engineer John Vicente introduced Alicia McIntire, Senior Consultant for Parametrix. Ms. McIntire gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the major

changes to the Transportation Element including included two new goals; goal 7 – promoting equity in the planning and implementation of transportation services and infrastructure; and goal 8 – Investments to minimize, mitigate and respond to the effects of climate change. The consultant also gave an overview of the Public Engagement Plan, which includes a website launch, an online open house scheduled for January, and an In-Person drop-in scheduled for January as well.

Commissioner Loutsis asked if adding a new goal related to a water taxi or water transportation was appropriate. Chair Thompson asked how the transportation element addressed environmental issues including water, quality, and tree retention.

The Commission were asked to provide additional comments/questions to directly to City Engineer John Vicente. Comments and responses would be brought back to the September 6, 2022, Planning Commission meeting for further discussion.

Staff gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan progress at the Council. The city received a grant from the Department of Commerce to look at “Missing Middle” housing in Kenmore. A Request for Proposal for this work will be issued soon. Staff noted that further community education and engagement will be needed to help the community understand what “Missing Middle” is and what the city is doing to support it.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM

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Approved by Planning Commission on: _____