

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
December 3, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Planning Commission Members – In Attendance

Mark Ohrenschall, Chair
Carol Baker
Suzanne Greathouse
Nathan Loutsis
Mike Mulcare
Dennis Olson
Mike Vanderlinde

Consultants & Staff

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Tela Whiteman, Permit Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ohrenschall at 7:00 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Dri Ralph with Northshore School District had signed in but had not wished to speak.
- Phyllis Finley, Kenmore WA, spoke about 6 major errors in the Parks PROS plans relating to the St. Edward State Ballfields that she believed would need to be discussed by Planning Commission before presented to Council. The 6 items she listed were that the fields were not a priority for citizens; there is no data that Kenmore needs to provide athletic fields for private sports leagues; Kenmore should explore cooperation with nearby communities; swimming pools are a higher priority for Kenmore residents; the PROS plan omits data regarding current environmental uses for the existing field; and the draft plan with a is in direct conflict with the goal of conservation. She provided a document to accompany her comments and encouraged the commissioners to address these issues before presenting their recommendations to Council.
- Vicki Grayland, Kenmore WA, spoke to reiterate the comments by Ms. Finley. She encouraged the Commission and City to look at the King County Countywide Planning Policies recommendation number 3 regarding shared use of fields with school district. Ms. Grayland believes that will be a more cost-effective way to build community than the St. Edward State Ballfields project.

- April Rose, Kenmore WA, is the facilitator of Camp Roots that is run out of St. Edward's State Park. She provided examples of how children in the camp connection to nature in the grassy field and would like to see the ballfield preserved as an open space.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan – Staff provided a background of the St. Edward State Park Ballfield's Project and explained that the project is currently under review with the City and State Parks. The ongoing process for State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has and will provide opportunity for comment. Commissioner Vanderlinde clarified who was the final decision maker on the project and staff explained that the City's review is solely a City decision and State Park's Commission makes the decision regarding the lease; the EIS will inform all decisions and is currently in the first scoping phase. Staff also explained the timing for the project, construction is tentatively projected in 7-12 years, pending reviews of the SEPA and EIS.

Staff brought forward the PROS plan to see if there were any questions from the Commission before it was presented to Council; staff had a minor change to the plan to only add the Twin Spring Site Master Plan instead of the entire document. There were no questions from the Commission; Commissioner Vanderlinde made a motion to approve the PROS plan as presented by Staff, with the minor edit, to bring to City Council on January 13, 2020. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion and the Commission was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Staff and Commission discussed the Joint Council and Commission meeting on January 13th; staff provided topic suggestions and different approaches to the presentation were discussed. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that staff will send out a short list of differences in the last PROS Plan and the current version to Commissioners. Commissioners Baker, Vanderlinde, Loutsis, Mulcare and Chair Ohrenschall will all be in attendance at the January Council Meeting and each will discuss a separate item of the plan.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) – The recommendation regarding the ADU zoning code amendments also is scheduled for the Joint Council and Commission Meeting on January 13, 2020. Staff and Commission discussed the presentation and highlighting specific changes: simplifying calculations for detached ADUs, owner occupancy requirements, and the difference between affordability and flexibility for

homeowners. The next step will be the presentation with Council, Council discussion and potential changes, then adoption (probably over several Council Meetings).

Council is anticipating a review of the 2020 Planning Commission Docket early next year. Tentatively the next meeting after January 13th would be to discuss the docket and schedule for next year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ohrenschall adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.



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