

## City of Kenmore

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City of Kenmore  
**City Council Regular Meeting and Executive Session**  
**Pursuant to Personnel RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)**

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2011  
Kenmore City Hall  
18120 68th Ave. NE, Kenmore, WA 98028

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**City of Kenmore Regular Meeting**  
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AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE up to and including the time of the meeting; items may be added or dropped. Please call the City Clerk if you have any questions or to confirm the agenda items prior to the meeting at (425) 398-8900, or stop by City Hall at 18120 68th Avenue NE, Kenmore. The agendas are also available on our website at: [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov). Our public meetings are accessible to all members of the public. If you require special accommodations, please call the City Clerk at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

- I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.**
- II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL**
  - A. PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)
- III. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 P.M.**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- VI. FLAG SALUTE**
- VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

This is an opportunity to express your views on issues that are important to you and to the community. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

**VIII. BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A. Discussion and Direction with Ron Kasprisin, Final Presentation and Report  
"Mapping and Visualizing the Open Spaces and Connectors in Kenmore".

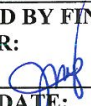
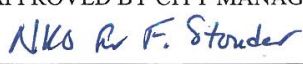
**IX. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

February 28, 2011 7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

NEXT TOWN HALL QUARTERLY MEETING: April 11, 2011 6:30 p.m.

| CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
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| AGENDA BILL SUMMARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| AGENDA TITLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |                                                                                            | MEETING DATE      |
| Discussion and Direction with Ron Kasprisin, Final Presentation and Report "Mapping and Visualizing the Open Spaces and Connectors in Kenmore".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                                                                                            | February 22, 2011 |
| DEPARTMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | DIRECTOR                     | CONTACT PERSON                                                                             | PHONE             |
| Executive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Fred Stouder<br>City Manager | Fred Stouder<br>City Manager                                                               | 425-398-8900      |
| COST OF PROPOSAL:<br>\$8,750                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              | ACCOUNT NUMBER:<br>01 13 5401                                                              |                   |
| AMOUNT BUDGETED:<br>\$0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | NAME AND FUND #:<br>General Fund Reserve                                                   |                   |
| ATTACHMENT(S) TO AGENDA PACKET ITEM:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| 1.) Handout from September 20, 2010 City Council Meeting<br>2.) Description of Urban Design Studio projects from 12/15/2010 student presentation<br>3.) Urban Design Studio Results Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| SUMMARY STATEMENT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| Ron Kasprisin will be making a final presentation on the Visualization of Open Spaces Project, and receive further comments and direction from the City Council. A fall design studio class project by the University of Washington was completed as earlier discussed with the Council, and a final report is now ready. The results and any additions from the workshop will be presented, along with the model that was developed. |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| CONSISTENT WITH OR COMPARISON TO PAST COUNCIL POLICIES, ORDINANCES, DIRECTION:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| Consistent with Council discussion at 2009 and 2010 retreat and Council Priorities 2009 and 2010.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| Provide direction and comment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |                                                                                            |                   |
| REVIEWED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | REVIEWED BY CITY ATTORNEY:   | APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER:                                                                  |                   |
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VIIIA. Discussion and Direction with Ron Kasprisin, Final Presentation and Report "Mapping and Visualizing the Open Spaces and Connectors in Kenmore".

**CITY OF KENMORE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

**RE: Open Space Resources: Making Connections  
University of Washington Fall Urban Design Studio Project**

**Open Space Resources: Making Connections**

Presentation and discussion of visual information package submitted to council (Ron)  
Discussion of next steps

**University of Washington Fall Urban Design Studio Project: Kenmore  
Connections—Downtown to Urban Waterfronts (Lake Washington and  
Sammamish River)**

Fall Advanced Urban Design Studio  
Approximately ten second year graduate students  
Base model, 8 feet x 8 feet, is complete and ready for study  
Basic information collected on history of waterfront  
Project runs to December 2010  
Students will present to City of Kenmore at selected time, including public open house  
Model is available to City of Kenmore  
Financial support is appreciated (model, prints, supplies)

Ron Kasprisin AIA/APA  
Associate Professor  
Urban Design and Planning  
College of Built Environments  
University of Washington

## **City of Kenmore Open Space Resources: Making Connections**

Projects specified by the City Council have been visually portrayed in conceptual sketches and diagrams as a part of a public information package. The purpose of the package is to stimulate and expand community dialogue regarding the ways and means of increasing and improving pedestrian/visual connections between and among the City of Kenmore open space resources.

The visualization package contains the following:

- CD of sketches and diagrams with captions
- Hard copies of sketches and diagrams mounted on presentation boards for use in public/staff meetings

### Suggested Next Steps

There are numerous projects specified by council represented in the visualization package and they constitute multiple starting points. Priorities can be established by council depending upon critical timing and budgets.

Based on my involvement with the sketches and diagrams, I offer the following suggestions:

- Crossing SR 522 is the most daunting and challenging task in connecting open space resources (upper community, civic center and town center to Lake Washington and Sammamish River waterfronts, wetlands, parks and uplands). Two key crossings include:
  - Civic/Town Center to Lake Washington uplands and waterfront
  - Access to Swamp Creek wetlands and park along Sammamish River
- Redevelopment strategy for the Lake Washington uplands in relationship to pedestrian connections to the Civic/Town Center: a master plan strategy that focuses on public amenities and open space connections in relationship to private development activity.
- Swamp Creek trail, viewing and other open space access facilities.

Additional connections projects include:

- Rhododendron Park Connections to Log Boom Park (pedestrian crossing of Sammamish River)
- Tolt Trail System Facilities (trail, rest areas, entry areas, signs, limited parking)

Selected projects can benefit from a next level design study to determine up to date public policy on the integration of open space connections and resources into future private developments; and can provide a basis for design guidelines regarding public design amenities in regards to future private developments.

**University of Washington Fall Urban Design Studio Project: Kenmore Connections—Downtown to Urban Waterfronts (Lake Washington and Sammamish River)**

The advanced urban design studio will encompass the following design issues:

Lake Washington uplands development strategy (private and public). Urban design is used as a testing process for exploring private design options and public design amenities in association with private development, resulting in public policy strategies, design guidelines and regulatory implementations strategies.

Review and design reassessment of the Civic/Town Center complex in relation to open space connections to Swamp Creek Corridor, Lake Washington uplands and waterfront, Sammamish River uplands and waterfront.

Strategies for crossing SR 522 at four key points: Log Boom Park, Lake Washington uplands/Civic and Town Center, Swamp Creek, and existing bridge area (Log Boom to Rhododendron Park). Based on the precedent set in Bothell regarding the manipulation of SR 522 alignment, the students will explore various ways to improve the ease and safety of connecting upper Kenmore to the lake and river waterfronts—to expand and continue the community dialogue regarding this critical issue.

Integration of all of the above in a master plan strategy.

Students will produce individual design explorations for selected projects and provide a summary report containing graphic concepts with associated captions by mid-December, highlighted by the three dimensional model, photographs of the model and concepts, and axonometric drawings and sections of student concepts.

**City of Kenmore: Making Connections**  
**Urban Design Studio Fall 2010**  
**Urban Design and Planning**  
**College of Built Environments**  
**University of Washington**  
**Seattle, Washington**

## **City of Kenmore: Making Connections**

The City of Kenmore, Washington is located on the northern shore of Lake Washington at the confluence of the Sammamish River connecting Lake Washington with Lake Sammamish, north-northeast of Seattle, Washington.

The City is emerging from a rural-suburban residential community to an urban center along State Highway 522, an east-west arterial connecting the eastern suburbs of Bothell, Kirkland, Redmond and others to Interstate 5 to the west and the City of Seattle to the south via Lake City Way. The new urban center is characterized by a new City Hall (completed 2010), a proposed Town Center on the site of an existing shopping plaza (planning stage), and a new King County library building (2011) occurring within blocks of one another. This new center is demarked by a plateau of residential development to the north and west, and a significant wetland and wildlife habitat, Swamp Creek, to the east.

Highway 522, an eight lane arterial, forms a formidable barrier between the emerging center and the shores of Lake Washington and the Sammamish River to the south. As the Kenmore city form matures over time, the connections between and among the multitude of open space resources become increasingly important for the physical identity of the community and the use of those resources by residents and visitors. Exploring these connections as means of integrating the critical components of the Kenmore City Center is a critical aspiration of the UW Urban Design Studio.

### Critical issues investigated and explored in the studio include:

- Assessing the emerging City and Civic centers for expansion and integration
- Connecting these centers to key open space resources such as Swamp Creek corridor and park(s); the Sammamish river; Lake Washington: Rhododendron park south of the river; Log Boom Park and a proposed trail in consort with the Tolt Pipeline right of way
- Exploring strategies to “bridge” the Highway 522 corridor and connect the City and Civic Centers to Lake Washington and the Sammamish River shorelines
- Reclaim the industrial Lake Washington waterfront and uplands for reuse
- Mitigate the Lake Washington brownfield for future reuse
- Assess new circulation routes that integrate the City and Civic Centers, waterfronts, parks and new transit facilities (water taxi and Bus Rapid Transit System facilities); and major pedestrian connectors.

### **Instruction to the Students**

Associate Professor Ron Kasprisin instructed the students to identify and describe key principles through design in a bold and expressive manner for the purpose of continuing the community's dialogue regarding these critical issues. As a part of this instruction, students were asked to address the large design patterns, focusing less on cost and current economic climate constraints.

All of the student explorations have scaled down versions imbedded within the bolder design statements. At stake in this studio is the question: what are the key principles of connection? Cost factors and scaled down versions of these explorations can be studied over time in more detail once the principles are recognized and made a part of public planning policy.

### **Student Explorations**

Five students participated in the Fall Urban Design Studio. They are listed below with their studio design focus:

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| <b>Nicholas Bond:</b>  | <b><i>New BRT Station as Catalyst for Altering Hwy 522</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>Key Issues:</u>     | <i>locating a BRT station as a connector between the Town and Civic Centers and Lake Washington</i><br><i>Using the BRT station to depress and lid (at-grade) HWY 522</i><br><i>Establishing HWY 522 in part as a Main Street</i>                                                                   |
| <b>Adam Webber:</b>    | <b><i>Kenmore Cascade—Connecting Center to Shore:: “Bridging” HWY 522</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <u>Key Issues:</u>     | <i>extending a new land form from upper Kenmore (Town and Civic Centers) to Lake Washington, bridging HWY 522</i><br><i>Creating an expanded Kenmore Learning Complex in conjunction with the Library and Civic Centers</i>                                                                         |
| <b>Betsy Jacobson:</b> | <b><i>Reassessing Main Street and the City Center</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <u>Key Issues:</u>     | <i>expanding the Town and Civic Center to the east along NE 181<sup>st</sup> St</i><br><i>Making strong connections of new Town Center to Swamp Creek Corridor and Sammamish River</i><br><i>Reclaiming the Lake Washington waterfront for water dependent economic activities and public space</i> |
| <b>Diana Benson:</b>   | <b><i>Waterfront Development and Brownfields—Kenmore Waterfront Plateau</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>Key Issues:</u>     | <i>reclamation and remediation of the lands south of SR 522 on both sides of 68<sup>th</sup> Ave NE for mixed use development</i>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Jessica Stein:</b>  | <b><i>Waterfront Development and Brownfields—Kenmore Waterfront Park</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>Key Issues:</u>     | <i>Mixed use development south of SR 522 including a new neighborhood and realignment of NE 175th</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Collective:</b>     | <b><i>Waterfront Development and Brownfields—Kenmore Harbor</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>Key Issues:</u>     | <i>Incorporating new waterfront features and access into the Lake Washington uplands through remediation as a catalyst for private sector development</i>                                                                                                                                           |

**City of Kenmore  
Making Connections  
Results from the UW Advanced Urban Design Studio  
Fall 2010**

***Professor Ron Kasprisin AIA/APA***

Five second year graduate urban planning students completed the advanced urban design studio, URBDP 508, in December 2010. Due to the smaller number of students attending the studio (a number of students were overseas in Fall Quarter), not all areas initially targeted were studied in detail. Those that were included:

**Highway 522 as a barrier to the urban waterfront**

Depressing the highway utilizing a BRT station. Nicholas Bond investigated an alternative for improved pedestrian crossing of the HWY 522 corridor by depressing the highway in conjunction with a Bus Rapid Transit Station at the lower level.

Project characteristics:

Significant construction project to depress roadway and construct a new lid at grade  
Transforms HWY 522 lid into local street for Kenmore with improved pedestrian crossing

Crossing the highway. Adam Webber explored alternatives to bridge over HWY 522.

Project characteristics:

A land bridge crossing from higher elevations west of the new King County library from north to south

The land bridge can range in width to a hundred feet to fifty feet

Land bridge functions as outdoor activity area for Kenmore and can accommodate semi-public and private uses to support funding of bridge

Southern terminus of land bridge provides park and open space at the lake edge

New loop road is encompassed on the land bridge

A pedestrian overpass system also is suggested as part of new development at three points along the 522 corridor: 68<sup>th</sup>, and Swamp Creej area

**An improved traffic/pedestrian circulation network for Kenmore**

All students agreed on the need and implementation for a new local road loop network, preferably with at least one 522 passover west of 68<sup>th</sup>.

Locations:

Swamp Creek area

**Commercial core of Kenmore**

Shifting to the east. Betsy Jacobsen explored an extension of a village center eastward along with development of a local street network and pedestrian friendly environments. The new street network provides access to all properties including those along and currently fronting on 522, with access from 522 to those properties phased out.

Expanding development south of HWY 522 on both sides of 68<sup>th</sup> along waterfront.

Jessica Stein, Diana Benson and Professor Kasprisin explored ways to create new development along the waterfront are south of 522 and on both sides of 68<sup>th</sup>. Characteristics include:

Research and development uses in campus configuration incorporated with public open spaces and pedestrian connections to city center and other open space resources

A new in-town neighborhood of mixed density development with open space resources

Based on case study examples, development can be accomplished on a piling and platform method with roads elevated one half level on compact fill with parking occurring under buildings at existing grade; the Port and City of Bellingham are currently applying this method on the former paper/pulp mill site in Bellingham.

**Reclaiming the Lake Washington waterfront for public and private uses**

Based on case study investigations by students, the contaminated nature of the lake waterfront can be remediated through the following actions:

Identifying the hot spots on the site

Dredging those hot spots and storing them on-site for the most part, capping them with clay and other materials to provide open space use

Wetlands can be established within and along the perimeter of the lake frontage as a part and requirement of private sector development.

Inland waterways, constructed with dredging (and on-site storage/capping) are feasible as a part of new development. Critical areas setbacks apply for perimeter of lake waterfront and do not apply for new inland waterways as a part of development.