

City of Kenmore



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Joint Council/Planning Commission Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 @ 6:30p.m.
Kenmore City Hall
18120 68th Ave NE, Kenmore, Washington 98028

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- 1. 6:30 p.m. DINNER**
- 2. 7:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER**
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 4. AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion and Direction on the PROS Plan

- Schedule and Milestones
- Telephone Survey
- Goals

- 5. ADJOURNMENT**
- 6. Upcoming Meetings:**
May 7, 2013



1-/City Clerk/Agenda Items/Templates



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MEMO

TO: City Council and Planning Commission

FROM: Debbie Bent, Director of Planning & Community Development *DB*
Marc Connelly, Parks Project Manager

DATE: April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: PROS Plan Process, Citizen Random Telephone Survey Questions

There are three goals for the April 16, 2013 joint meeting of the Council and Planning Commission: 1. to conduct a brief overview of the process for the update of the Park Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROs). Attachment C identifies a proposed schedule for the PROs plan update; 2. for Council to give broad guidance or direction related to the PROs plan update; and 3. to review proposed questions for the random telephone survey which is a key component of the public involvement element of the PROs plan. Staff requests that the City Council and Planning Commission review and approve the list of questions or suggest changes, additions or deletions. This will enable staff to prepare the final list of questions and to conduct and complete the survey in May of this year.

BACKGROUND

The purpose for the survey is two fold, one to gather new attitudes and opinions about park and recreation services and needs of Kenmore residents and two, to compare those responses to past survey responses to assess changes over time.

Attachment A is a list of possible questions for the survey. This list, while not exhaustive is compiled from four sources, two of which were from similar surveys conducted in 2002 and 2006 related to parks and recreation strategic planning. The third source is from the 2013 National Communities' Survey, now underway that contains several questions related to park and recreation services. The fourth source is from on-line research sampling other municipal parks surveys done recently. Attachment B is a list of staff recommended questions suggested to be utilized as the May 2013 random telephone survey questions for the 2013 PROs plan. Guiding Principles from the adopted 2003 Kenmore Parks and Recreation Master Plan is included as attachment D. Once the public involvement element is complete the next step in the process is to review the guiding principles along with the goals and objectives.

After reviewing these sources it was clear that a pattern existed among the questions. In general the questions all provided an assessment of attitudes and opinions about:

1. The general **awareness** of parks and recreation programs or facilities

2. The general **frequency** of use by Kenmore residents of parks and recreation programs or facilities
3. The general **satisfaction** of Kenmore residents with park and recreation programs
4. The general **priorities and interest** Kenmore residents would assign to various parks and recreation services
5. The general impressions regarding **paying** for parks and recreation services.

The questions recommended by staff in attachment B are intended to assess residents' thoughts within these five categories. Staff poses several policy questions for discussion regarding the survey including:

Should attitudes regarding recreation programs and activities be assessed?

In 2002, questions were posed to Kenmore residents about recreation programs, program opportunities and agency roles regarding the provision of those services. In 2006, those questions were not part of the conducted telephone survey. It may be assumed that the rationale behind that decision was that the 2003 PROs plan's adopted recommendation was that these services would be provided by agencies other than the city and that the city would act in a supporting role. However, the 2013 NCS does pose two questions about recreation program services in Kenmore.

Should NCS questions be re-asked?

The NCS survey contains questions previously asked as part of the 2002 and 2006 surveys about Kenmore park and recreation services. The survey is planned to be completed about one month prior to the new PROs plan survey. Issues to consider if these questions are re-asked are:

- What if the results are significantly different and;
- Would this be considered an unnecessary duplication of effort?

Are there questions that aren't asked but should?

Are there questions that are proposed but should not?

Summary of 2002 Survey Results

Four Hundred households agreed to participate and 200 participated in the telephone survey resulting in a confidence factor of about 92 percent.

This survey evaluated attitudes and opinions about recreation programs, park facilities and specific park project proposals and financing options.

Conclusions

Awareness/Frequency of Use

Roughly half of Kenmore residents participated in recreation programs. A high preference was identified for activities for teens, before and after school programs for school age children, youth athletic leagues and indoor/outdoor aquatic activities.

Satisfaction

Residents felt that there were a sufficient number of parks facilities and that they were reasonably distributed throughout the city. However, residents were split on the quality of care given to those facilities.

Priorities and Interest

Residents generally believed that non-profit and private agencies should be the primary recreation service providers and that user fees should be the primary funding mechanism.

Additional water access, more trails, and playgrounds were the top three park type improvements identified as needed by Kenmore residents.

Residents identified the following top priorities: the preservation of natural areas; creation of connecting trails; playgrounds, restrooms; shoreline access; non-motorized boating facilities; adult/youth athletic fields; indoor recreation center/gymnasium and activities for teens, seniors; and a downtown park/civic center

When asked about priorities for community center elements residents placed the highest priorities on providing teen and senior activities, and a large multipurpose room for events.

Logboom and Rhododendron Park were rated highest for completing master planned improvements.

Funding and Financing

Residents generally believed that existing facilities would not meet future demand and that new facilities described in the survey would be enough and that growth should pay for the new facility demands. Partnerships and entrepreneurial approaches were desired to leverage public funding. Support for a bond issue reached a 60 percent threshold at \$40/year.

Summary of 2006 Survey Results

This survey randomly interviewed 306 residents of Kenmore resulting in a confidence factor of about 95 percent. It should also be noted that no responses were sought to evaluate recreation service provision in the city, whereas roughly 50 percent of 2002 survey questions were devoted to that issue. It is assumed as a result of the 2003 PROs plan guiding principles that the City should partner with and support other providers rather than provide recreation services directly.

Conclusions

Awareness/Frequency

Awareness of Kenmore city parks was not strong with the exception of Rhododendron Park. Usage was high at city parks. This apparent disconnect between awareness and use was that respondents were not aware that the parks that they used frequently were city-owned. The use of St. Edward Park was also measured.

Satisfaction

Overall satisfaction in both quantity and quality was high. This was an improvement over the rating for quality in 2002.

Residents in 2006 were only moderately satisfied with progress toward the investments in park improvements.

Priorities and Interest

Similarities existed between facilities needing improvement and those that were deemed missing or lacking by residents. Facilities needing improvement included restrooms, water and beach access, and playgrounds. Those facilities were also considered either missing or lacking. Athletic fields were added to the list, but at a lower priority.

Generally Kenmore residents believed that the city should place a high priority to meet local needs with park improvements. Further, waterfront access and restrooms were reinforced as priorities with trails not far behind. The survey noted that if the city were to pursue a park bond issue, including trails would be key to establishing overall support sufficient to pass a bond issue.

Residents placed a stronger value on improving existing parks than they did for acquiring new park land. Although if land were to be purchased, then those lands for passive use were preferred.

Funding and Financing

There was strong support for a ballot measure. The survey indicated a strong probability of approval.

Attachments

Attachment A List of 2002, 2006 telephone survey and 2013 National Communities' Survey questions

Attachment B Proposed Survey Questions

Attachment C Planning Commission Schedule

Attachment D 2003 Guiding Principals

Attachment A

List of 2002, 2006, 2013 and on-line researched/new Survey Questions

Survey question totals: 2002-12

2006-15

2013-10

1. Recreation and Cultural Programs

a. Awareness/Use Frequency

i. 2002

1. Have any household members used recreational programs provided by the school district or another public, private or non-profit agency in the past year?

ii. 2006

1. None

iii. NCS

1. In the past 12 months, about how many times have you or other household members participated in a recreation program or activity in Kenmore?

iv. Researched/new

1. How do you get information about recreation, cultural and special event programs in Kenmore?
2. During the past 12 months which of the following recreation activities have you participated in at a Kenmore City park?)
3. From the following list please identify the top four recreation providers or recreation facilities most frequently used by your household.
4. Have any household members attended any special event in Kenmore in the past 12 months?

b. Satisfaction

i. 2002

1. None

ii. 2006

1. None

iii. NCS

1. Please rate the opportunities to attend cultural activities in Kenmore
2. How would you rate the recreational opportunities in Kenmore?

iv. Researched/new

1. Please rate the quality of recreation programs or classes available in Kenmore

c. Priority/Interest

i. 2002

Attachment A

1. What recreational programs do you think should be offered by the City, School District, or another public or private agency on a scale of 1-5(...
 - a. Activities, playrooms, day programs for preschool
 - b. Before/After school programs for school age children
 - c. Summer programs (sports and day camps)
 - d. Teen Activities
 - e. Senior Activities
 - f. Adult/Senior day care
 - g. Youth indoor/outdoor athletic leagues
 - h. Adult indoor/outdoor athletic leagues
 - i. Indoor pool activities (water exercise etc.)
 - j. Art, graphic design, sculpting classes
 - k. Performing arts (drama, music, dance) classes
 - l. Fitness classes Environmental education classes
 - m. Sailing, rowing, kayaking, etc., classes and rentals
 - n. Other
 2. How would you rate the importance of the following agencies in taking on a primary role to provide recreation programming for Kenmore residents?
 - a. City
 - b. School District
 - c. Boys and Girls Club
 - d. YMCA
 - e. Non-profit organizations
 - f. Private Agencies and Organizations
- ii. 2006
1. None
- iii. NCS
1. None
- iv. Researched/new
1. Are there any recreational programs or activities unavailable in Kenmore that you'd like to see offered?
- d. Financing and Cost
- i. 2002
1. If it requires more money than can be budgeted to provide future recreation programs, how would you prioritize the following methods of paying for them?
 - a. Reduce the number of programs offered
 - b. Increase user fees for non-residents
 - c. Increase user fees for everyone
 - d. Increase tax revenues
- ii. 2006

Attachment A

1. None

iii. **NCS**

1. None

iv. **Researched/new**

1. None

2. Parks and Recreation Facilities

a. Awareness/Use Frequency

i. **2002**

1. Have you or a member of your household visited a Kenmore Park (not St. Edward, Bastyr, Burke Gilman Trail)?

ii. **2006**

1. Which Kenmore Parks are you aware of? (don't list or don't include St. Edward)
2. How many times in the past 12 months have you visited Kenmore city parks?
3. How many times in the past 12 months have you visited St. Edward State Park?

iii. **NCS**

1. In the past 12 months about how many times have you or other household members visited a neighborhood or City park?
2. Please rate the quality of City parks in Kenmore.

iv. **Researched/New**

1. Which Kenmore Parks do you visit regularly?
2. On average how often do you visit Kenmore Parks?
3. During the past 12 months which city parks have you visited?

b. Satisfaction

i. **2002**

1. In general how would you rate the existing inventory of park, recreation and open space facilities provided in Kenmore by the City, School District, and other recreation providers?
 - a. In quality
 - b. In quantity

ii. **2006**

1. Which type of improvements are missing or lacking in Kenmore?
 - a. Athletic fields
 - b. Better landscaping
 - c. Better signs
 - d. More bike trails
 - e. More open space or passive use areas
 - f. More picnic facilities
 - g. More playgrounds or better playground equipment
 - h. More walking trails

Attachment A

- i. Off-leash dog park/place to walk dogs
 - j. Public beach/waterfront access or improvement
 - k. Restrooms
 - l. Sport courts such as basketball, tennis, volleyball, (pickleball?)
 - m. Other
- 2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the variety and number of City owned facilities in Kenmore?
 - 3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the overall quality of the City owned parks in Kenmore?
 - 4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the current progress the city is making in terms of improving or investing in parks and recreation?

iii. NCS

- 1. Which type of improvements are missing or lacking in Kenmore?
 - a. Athletic fields
 - b. Better landscaping
 - c. Better signs
 - d. More bike trails
 - e. More open space or passive use areas
 - f. More picnic facilities
 - g. More playgrounds or better playground equipment
 - h. More walking trails
 - i. Off-leash dog park/place to walk dogs
 - j. Public beach/waterfront access or improvement
 - k. Restrooms
 - l. Sport courts such as basketball, tennis, volleyball, (pickleball?)
 - m. Other
- 2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the current progress the City is making in terms of improving or investing in parks and recreation?
- 3. How would you rate the ease of bicycle travel in Kenmore?
- 4. How would you rate the ease of walking in Kenmore?
- 5. How would you rate the availability of paths and walking trails in Kenmore?

iv. Researched/New

- 1. What park and recreation amenities would you like to see more of?
- 2. How well is the City meeting your needs for these types of facilities?

c. Priority/Interest

i. 2002

- 1. How would rate the importance of providing the following additional facilities within the city in general whether provided by the City, School District, or other recreation providers?
 - a. Playgrounds
 - b. Skateboarding area

Attachment A

- c. Trails (walking, hiking, bicycle, etc
 - d. Waterfront, beach access, fishing, etc.
 - e. Picnic areas and shelters
 - f. Off-leash pet areas
 - g. Meeting rooms and community classrooms
 - h. Civic/Community Center
 - i. Youth/Adult soccer fields
 - j. Youth/Adult baseball and softball fields
 - k. Youth/Adult basketball courts
 - l. Youth/Adult tennis ball courts
 - m. Pickleball courts (new)
 - n. Performing arts center (youth and adult)
 - o. Amphitheater for outdoor performances
 - p. Kayak and canoe routes
 - q. Historic buildings sites
 - r. Other
 2. How would you prioritize the following proposals with one being the lowest and 5 being the highest?
 - a. Linwood Park
 - b. Tracy Owen Station
 - c. Kenmore (Rhododendron) Park
 - d. Moorlands Park
 3. Should overnight moorage be provided at Tracy Owen Station?
 4. Tracy Owen Station, which name do you prefer?
 5. Kenmore Park, which name do you prefer?
- ii. 2006**
1. Which of the following aspects of Kenmore's existing city parks are most in need of improvement or attention?)
 - a. Landscaping
 - b. Play equipment
 - c. Trails
 - d. Restrooms
 - e. Picnic Facilities
 - f. Athletic Fields
 - g. Maintenance
 - h. Water or beach access
 - i. Other
 2. In your opinion, how much of a priority should be given to improving the city of Kenmore's parks so that they meet the parks and recreational needs of Kenmore residents?
 3. How interested are you in seeing these types of recreation facilities improved or added?

Attachment A

- a. Walking/biking paths
 - b. Off-leash dog park
 - c. Playgrounds
 - d. Athletic Fields
 - e. Sport Courts
 - f. Picnic facilities
 - g. Restroom facilities
 - h. Waterfront access/improvements
 - i. Are there any facilities you would like to see added or expanded that didn't get discussed?
4. Please rate your interest in making investments in the following five major types of park improvements?
 - a. Making improvements to existing facilities in parks, such as restrooms, more play equipment, more parking, and better landscaping
 - b. Adding new facilities within existing parks such as athletic fields, sport courts, swimming beach, walking or jogging trails, and playgrounds
 - c. Acquire land to develop new trails throughout the city for active use
 - d. Acquisition and preservation of open space or natural areas for passive use such as walking trails, interpretive and historical information about the area etc.

iii. NCS

1. In your opinion, how much of a priority should be given to improving the city of Kenmore's parks so that they meet the parks and recreational needs of Kenmore residents?

iv. Researched/New

1. From the following list which of these park and recreation facilities do you have a need for?
 - a. Walking and biking trails
 - b. Small neighborhood parks
 - c. Large Community Parks
 - d. Street Trees (city beautification)
 - e. Picnic areas and shelters
 - f. Indoor fitness and exercise facilities
 - g. Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool
 - h. Playgrounds
 - i. Off-leash dog park
 - j. Outdoor tennis courts
 - k. Pickleball courts
 - l. Outdoor basketball courts

Attachment A

- m. Youth multipurpose fields (soccer/football)
 - n. Youth baseball/softball fields
 - o. Adult multipurpose fields (soccer/football)
 - p. Indoor basketball/volleyball/tennis/pickleball courts
 - q. Synthetic surface sport fields
 - r. Community gardens
 - s. Skate courts
2. From the following list of X park and recreation facilities, please identify the four facilities that are most important to you.
- a. Walking and biking trails
 - b. Small neighborhood parks
 - c. Large Community Parks
 - d. Street Trees (city beautification)
 - e. Picnic areas and shelters
 - f. Indoor fitness and exercise facilities
 - g. Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool
 - h. Playgrounds
 - i. Off-leash dog park
 - j. Outdoor tennis courts
 - k. Pickleball courts
 - l. Outdoor basketball courts
 - m. Youth multipurpose fields (soccer/football)
 - n. Youth baseball/softball fields
 - o. Adult multipurpose fields (soccer/football)
 - p. Indoor basketball/volleyball/tennis/pickleball courts
 - q. Synthetic surface sport fields
 - r. Community Gardens
 - s. Skate courts
3. When the City considers purchasing additional park land and open space for the future, how would you rank the following types of parks in level of importance to you?
- a. Natural areas that can be preserved and used for passive recreation such as nature hikes, walks, interpretive education etc.
 - b. A combination of natural areas that can be preserved and used for passive recreation, as well as areas that can be developed for more active use such as picnicking and athletic fields.
 - c. Waterfront park land
 - d. Neighborhood parks
 - e. Corridors for trails.

d. Financing and Cost

i. **2002**

Attachment A

1. Would you be willing to pay a small tax increase if it could be dedicated to only parks and recreation?

ii. 2006

1. How likely would you be to vote to approve an \$8M bond issue to help fund park and recreation improvements made over the following 6 years at a cost of approximately \$90 per year per residence for 20 years?
2. Why did you give this rating?
3. Do you disagree or agree that types of improvements are appropriate for the needs of Kenmore residents?
4. Do you disagree or agree that the \$90 per year average cost to homeowners is reasonable?

iii. NCS

1. None

iv. Research/New

1. Would you favor the creation of a metropolitan park district with a boundary equivalent to the Northshore School District if it could provide sufficient funding for area park and recreation needs including those of Kenmore residents?

Attachment B

Draft Questions

Recreation Programs/Activities/Special Events

Awareness/Use Frequency

1. How do you get information about recreation, cultural and special event programs in Kenmore?
2. During the past 12 months which of the following recreation activities have you participated in Kenmore?
 - a. Activities, playrooms, day programs for preschool
 - b. Before/After school programs for school age children
 - c. Summer programs (sports and day camps)
 - d. Teen Activities
 - e. Senior Activities
 - f. Adult/Senior day care
 - g. Youth indoor/outdoor athletic leagues
 - h. Adult indoor/outdoor athletic leagues
 - i. Indoor pool activities (water exercise et.)
 - j. Art, graphic design, sculpting classes
 - k. Performing arts (drama, music, dance) classes
 - l. Fitness classes Environmental education classes
 - m. Sailing, rowing, kayaking, etc., classes and rentals
 - n. Other
3. From the following list please identify the top four recreation providers or recreation facilities most frequently used by your household.
 - a. Boys and Girls Club
 - b. YMCA
 - c. School District
 - d. Northshore Senior Center
 - e. Others (please list)
4. Have any household members attended any special event in Kenmore in the past 12 months?

Satisfaction

1. Please rate the opportunities to attend cultural activities in Kenmore.
2. How would you rate the recreational opportunities in Kenmore?
3. Please rate the quality of recreation programs or classes available in Kenmore.

Priority/Interest

1. How would you rate the importance of the following agencies in taking on a primary role to provide recreation programming for Kenmore residents?
 - a. City
 - b. School District

Attachment B

- c. Boys and Girls Club
 - d. YMCA
 - e. Non-profit organizations
 - f. Private Agencies and Organizations
2. Are there any recreational programs or activities unavailable in Kenmore that you'd like to see offered?

Financing and cost

1. If it requires more money than can be budgeted to provide future recreation programs, how would you prioritize the following methods of paying for them?
 - a. Reduce the number of programs offered
 - b. Increase user fees for non-residents
 - c. Increase user fees for everyone
 - d. Increase tax revenues

Parks and Recreation Facilities

Awareness/Use Frequency

1. Which Kenmore Parks are you aware of? (don't list or don't include St. Edward)
2. How many times in the past 12 months have you visited Kenmore city parks?
3. Which Kenmore Parks do you visit regularly?
4. Are you aware of any park that you would consider to be within walking distance of where you live?

Satisfaction

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the variety and number of City owned facilities in Kenmore?
2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the overall quality of the City owned parks in Kenmore?

Priority/Interest

1. Which of the following aspects of Kenmore's existing city parks are most in need of improvement or attention?
 - a. Landscaping
 - b. Play equipment
 - c. Trails
 - d. Restrooms
 - e. Picnic Facilities
 - f. Athletic Fields

Attachment B

- g. Maintenance
 - h. Water or beach access
 - i. Other
2. How interested are you in seeing these types of recreation facilities improved or added?
- a. Walking/biking paths
 - b. Off-leash dog park
 - c. Playgrounds
 - d. Youth/Adult soccer fields
 - e. Youth/Adult baseball and softball fields
 - f. Community gardens
 - g. Youth/Adult basketball courts
 - h. Youth/Adult tennis ball courts
 - i. Pickleball courts
 - j. Picnic facilities
 - k. Restroom facilities
 - l. Waterfront access/improvements
3. Are there any facilities you would like to see added or expanded that didn't get discussed?
4. From the following list of 19 park and recreation facilities, please identify the four facilities that are most important to you.
- a. Walking and biking trails
 - b. Small neighborhood parks
 - c. Large Community Parks
 - d. Street Trees (city beautification)
 - e. Picnic areas and shelters
 - f. Indoor fitness and exercise facilities
 - g. Indoor swimming pools/leisure pool
 - h. Playgrounds
 - i. Off-leash dog park
 - j. Outdoor tennis courts
 - k. Pickleball courts
 - l. Outdoor basketball courts
 - m. Youth multipurpose fields (soccer/football)
 - n. Youth baseball/softball fields
 - o. Adult multipurpose fields (soccer/football)
 - p. Indoor basketball/volleyball/tennis/pickleball courts
 - q. Synthetic surface sport fields
 - r. Community Gardens
 - s. Skate courts
 - t. Others (list)
5. When the City considers purchasing additional park land and open space for the future, how would you rank the following types of parks in level of importance to you?

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- a. Natural areas that can be preserved and used for passive recreation such as nature hikes, walks, interpretive education etc.
- b. A combination of natural areas that can be preserved and used for passive recreation, as well as areas that can be developed for more active use such as picnicking and athletic fields.
- c. Waterfront park land
- d. Neighborhood parks
- e. Corridors for trails.

Financing and Cost

1. Would you be willing to pay a small tax increase if it could be dedicated to only parks and recreation?

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE 2013
(Preliminary)**

Meetings and Key Dates	Commercial Zoning Project	Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan
February 5: Planning Commission	Introduction to the commercial zoning project	
February 19: Joint Council/Planning Commission	Review of scope and policy questions for commercial zoning project	
March 5: Planning Commission	Introduction to land use standardization	
March 19: Planning Commission	Agreement on land use standardization/definitions	
April 2: Planning Commission	Background on demographic and economic trends; discuss policy questions affecting land use; discuss potential sub areas in the RB zone	Introduction/background on Comp. Plan and PROS Plan; outline key areas for planning commission involvement
April 16: Joint Council/Planning Commission		Introduction; outline public involvement strategy; feedback on updating survey questions
May: park surveys		Phone survey and mailed user/provider survey (updating previous survey information)
May 7: Planning Commission	Discuss assignment of uses and prohibited uses in the RB zone sub areas	
May 21: Planning Commission	Finalize assignment of uses/character of RB sub-areas	
May 22: Parks open house		gather public opinion about current and future park and recreation services available to Kenmore residents.
June/July: Expert review/open house (date to be determined)	Public review of the RB uses/character. Input from "experts" (ULI??)	
June 4: Planning Commission		Review draft goals and objectives
June 18: Planning Commission		Review draft park classification and level of service standards. Review public input from

		the open house and survey results
July 2: Planning Commission field trip		Field trip to city parks, open space, recreation areas
July 16: Planning Commission	Review public/expert input and discuss any revisions to the RB character/use assignment.	
August: Prep for September	Staff review and preparation on the P-Suffix relationship to character/use.	SEPA determination for Comp plan amendments and draft PROS plan
September 3: Planning Commission	Review and prepare for joint meeting with Council.	Review draft comp plan amendments and PROS plan
September 17: Planning Commission		Public Hearing on draft comp plan amendments and PROS plan
September 23: Joint Council/Planning Commission	Review preliminary RB character/use and public/expert input.	
October 1:		Discussion and decision on Comp plan amendments and PROS plan
October 15:	P-Suffix review and discussion	
October 21: Joint Council/Planning Commission		Present Planning Commission recommendation on the Comp plan amendments and PROS plan
November 5: Planning Commission	Continue P-Suffix discussion and begin development standard review	
November 12: Council Meeting (November 11 is veterans day)		Public hearing only required if council recommends a modification outside the scope of the alternatives considered at the Planning Commission public hearing, otherwise at the Council's discretion.
November 19: Planning Commission	Continue development standard review	
November 25: Council meeting		Council discussion and ordinance adoption for

		comp plan amendments and PROS plan.
December 3: Planning Commission	Continue development standard review.	

Note: Commercial zoning project continues in 2014.

Guiding Principles (2003)

These guiding principals were adopted as part of the 2003 Kenmore Parks Master Plan natural systems were the central element of the plan affecting future decisions especially with park land acquisition and development activities. Guiding principles also supported various elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan vision statement. These principles define Kenmore as a unique city, reinforcing its sense of place and establish an overall character for its parks and recreations system.

Natural Systems

1. The natural systems become the central element in the development of the Kenmore Parks and Recreation Master Plan (reword to PROs Plan) which all parks, recreation and other community facilities should connect into, both visually and physically, and should be preserved and enhanced to provide multiple benefits to the environment and the community wherever possible.
2. Natural systems include, but are not limited to: wildlife habitat and corridors, shorelines, sensitive areas (wetlands, steep slopes, floodplain, etc.), woodlands, ravines, stream corridors, and streetscapes. These natural systems create a network of open space throughout Kenmore and connect the community to its natural surroundings.
3. The Sammamish River becomes the central "spine" within the overall natural system. As the streams and other systems feed in to the Sammamish River, they connect the community to the river's "spine", reinforcing the critical link between Kenmore and Lake Washington.
4. Public access, such as : trails and viewpoints should be provided within and/or adjacent to natural systems to enhance the public's experience of Kenmore's natural resources while creating a balance between the need for public access and the protection of the natural systems.

Neighborhood Parks

1. Neighborhood parks should reinforce the importance of natural systems in their design, character and function. They should primarily include passive and informal activities, such as: trails, picnic areas, viewpoints/overlooks, playgrounds, multipurpose athletic courts, and open space that can serve as a balance, or transition, between the natural systems and recreational uses. They should integrate, support and/or restore the natural systems within which they are developed. Sustainable practices should be used in developing neighborhood parks whenever possible.
2. Neighborhood parks should serve both the greater Kenmore community and the immediate surrounding neighborhoods. There should be an even distribution of neighborhood parks throughout the city of Kenmore, where opportunity and feasibility allow.

Recreation Facilities

1. Recreation facilities should be linked to the natural systems, as well as public and civic facilities, local neighborhoods, schools, commercial and retail centers by a high quality network of safe trails and corridors for a variety of users.
2. Outdoor and indoor active recreation facilities, such as: baseball, softball, football, soccer, aquatics, physical conditioning, and gymnasiums should primarily be provided at existing facilities. These facilities should be upgraded, where opportunity and feasibility allow, meeting the highest quality practice and competitive playing standards and requirements for all age groups, skill levels, and recreation interests on a year-round basis. Sustainable practices should be used in developing recreation facilities whenever possible.
3. A new civic/community center should accommodate a variety of community activities, such as: teen and senior activities, large multi-purpose room for special events with kitchen/banquet facilities, classrooms (meetings, lectures, self-help classes, dance instruction etc.), library and other facilities. It should be located within or adjacent to the general downtown area of Kenmore and provide for all age groups on a year round basis. (current relevancy?) See Major Issues and Opportunities "Creating a Central Civic Area".

Recreation Programs

1. A convenient, organized and easily accessible system outlining recreation programs available to Kenmore residents should be provided for all age groups, physical/mental capability and income groups within the community.

Financial Resources

1. The city of Kenmore should concentrate its resources in providing LOCAL FACILITIES, such as: neighborhood parks, streetscapes, community/civic centers, and local trails.
2. The city of Kenmore should partner with other private, public and non-profit agencies and organizations to provide SUB-REGIONAL and REGIONAL FACILITIES, such as athletic fields and tournament facilities (soccer, baseball, softball), performing arts centers, historic/cultural center, regional trails/connections, pools, golf courses, convention and theater facilities, public marinas/moorage facilities, and other specialized facilities at a level consistent with providing a local benefit.
3. The city of Kenmore should maximize the use of existing facilities, such as existing parks, schools and other community facilities to satisfy the need for parks and recreation activities within Kenmore.

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4. The city of Kenmore should partner with other public and private agencies, organizations, and groups within Kenmore and its surrounding communities to organize, support and/or provide recreation programs for Kenmore residents.

Implementation

1. Kenmore should strategically acquire, preserve and protect its current land base now, as it becomes available, to support the vision outlined in this plan. This can include land to be set aside for natural systems, open space, parks, trails and/or other types of recreation facilities. Development of the land base should occur incrementally to meet current demand and avoid over extending operations and maintenance allowance for parks, recreation and natural system facilities.
2. Kenmore should implement a high level of maintenance standards for all parks, recreation and natural systems facilities in order to establish and overall credibility for future facility development and created added safety and security within existing facilities. Policing and enforcement of park regulations should be included in the overall maintenance and operations standard for the city.
3. Kenmore should look at a variety of options and funding sources, taking full advantage of both traditional and new, creative approaches to financing parks, recreation and natural system facilities for every aspect of the park and recreation process.
4. Kenmore should work to assure parks, recreation and natural systems are provided for all ages, abilities and user groups. The city should facilitate partnerships and agreements to establish services for these facilities, providing a strategic role, as opposed to a comprehensive role to managing, developing or programming parks, recreation and natural systems in the city. They should take a primary role in planning all park, recreation and natural system facilities to meet the future demand as the city continues to grow, and they should continue to look to partnerships for assistance in acquiring, operating and maintaining current and future park, recreation and natural system facilities.