

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
April 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Planning Commission Members – In Attendance (the meeting was held virtually using the Zoom online platform)

Mark Ohrenschall, Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
Suzanne Greathouse
Nathan Loutsis
Dennis Olson
Dwight Thompson
Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair

Consultants & Staff

Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Rita Moreno, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ohrenschall at 7:01 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 2nd, 2021 Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Greathouse seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

April 7th, 2021 Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Olson. Commissioner Vanderlinde seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of Joe Minicozzi Presentation

City Staff asked Commissioners to share what they thought of the Joe Minicozzi presentation--what points stuck with them and what would be helpful moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan update. Commissioners discussed the presentation and had a question about how Kenmore, as a newer suburban community, fits into the paradigm Mr. Minicozzi was describing. There was also a discussion about land use and zoning. Commissioners continued to discuss the Urban Growth Boundary and talked about mixed use zoning, environmental impact, and neighborhood impact. They had questions about what are the tradeoffs, and what are our goals to get more affordable housing and a more financially stable city? Staff talked about their takeaways from the presentation.

- Land Use and Housing Elements Update, including Public Participation Plan and Community Survey information

Staff provided answers via the staff memo to questions Commissioners had at previous meetings. Staff also discussed the public participation plan and community survey. Commissioners had questions about the survey reaching historically disadvantaged communities via mailer. The survey will be distributed to all Kenmore households in English and Spanish.

- Countywide Planning Policies, including capacity analysis and targets

The second staff memo about the King County county wide planning policies was discussed. King County staff will present at the City Council meeting on 4/26. Commissioners are encouraged to watch the meeting via YouTube. A link will be provided with the next set of agenda materials. Staff asked if commissioners had any initial reactions, and noted that more discussion will follow on May 4th.

Commissioners had questions about attachments in the first staff memo that showed vacant residential parcels and re-developable residential parcels. Staff gave clarification on the process. There was more discussion on current residential zoning.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ohrenschall adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Approved by Planning Commission on: _____