

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
May 4, 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
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

April 20th, 2021 Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Greathouse seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of Countywide Planning Policies, including capacity analysis and targets

City Staff gave additional background on the King County Countywide Planning Policies. The King County Countywide Planning Policies were adopted on March 31st in their preliminary format; there is a public comment period going on right now. A presentation on the policies was heard by the City Council on April 26th.

Items for review are the planning policies specifically related to the land use and housing elements. Commissioners had questions on displacement and mitigation and what areas of the community it would apply to. Staff reached out to King County staff to find out how land use will help with the displacement issue. At this stage being more aware and talking with the community would be a good start.

Commissioners also spoke to the housing and equity goals in the policies and the purpose of missing middle housing to provide a range of housing types for people to live in a neighborhood they would like. There was also discussion on the zoning of the mobile home parks in Kenmore as well as a discussion on protecting single family neighborhoods.

Staff raised a question about what protecting single family neighborhoods means to the community and how do we tease it out in the upcoming survey? Staff is still working with the consultants to develop the survey.

There was discussion on Policy H5. The Commissioners asked if the city could help property owners to remove covenants from deeds. If the Planning Commission felt strongly about it, they could make a recommendation to City Council. Staff will follow up with information on how to remove language from deeds and where those resources are.

There was discussion of the designation of a countywide center. What does it mean and look like in Kenmore?

Staff gave an overview of growth targets and capacity. Commissioners had questions on the level of ambition expressed in the targets. Are they realistic? What are we trying to achieve and why?

Staff recommended cancelling the May 18th meeting. Commissioners voted 6-0 to cancel the upcoming meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ohrenschall adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Approved by Planning Commission on: _____