

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
August 3, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Consultants & Staff

Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Rita Moreno, Recreation Coordinator/ Admin. Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phyllis Finley– Question and concerns with corner stores in Kenmore and businesses in residential zoning.

Elizabeth Mooney- Kenmore resident, President of PERK. Would like Planning Commission to have a comprehensive understanding of toxins in the environment. Expressed concerns of the Lakepointe property toxins and shared information on the Department of Ecology and their lack of knowledge of what's going on at the site.

Stacey Valenzuela- spoke against wanting corner stores in Kenmore. Also mentioned the empty storefronts that were already in Kenmore. Concerns about Lakepointe and the lack of clean up of the site. Would like to see a park or community center included on that site.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Preliminary Results from the Community Survey
- Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

City Staff gave a brief overview of the topline results from the community survey on land use and housing, including the total number of responses received and how many households were contacted. The consultant will attend the next meeting to provide analysis of the results.

The Planning Commissioners expressed concern that some of the questions seemed misleading, examples were cherry picked, questions were vague, and that the survey had an agenda. Commissioners were asked by staff to flag questions they thought were misleading. Staff emphasized that the purpose of the survey was not to provide answers but to inform the public participation plan. Staff will outline the purpose of the survey, the reasoning behind the questions, and what the goal is for the next meeting.

Staff gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan vision statement and went over the recommended staff amendments for the vision statement. Commissioners asked for modifications on some of the wording of the vision statement around affordable housing, use of the word attractive, and the description of Kenmore as a waterfront community. There was also a conversation around adding protection of salmon and other species in general. Commissioners then worked with staff on wording of the vision statement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ohrenschall adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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Approved by Planning Commission on: _____