

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
March 15, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

Dwight Thompson, Chair
Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
Nathan Loutsis
Christiana Matthews
Mariel Torres Mehdipour
Derek Wycoff

Consultants & Staff

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 1, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- Amended Vision Statement

A motion was made by Commissioner Matthews and seconded by Chair Thompson to finalize the document for public hearing and publication. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

- Housing Element amendments

Staff pointed out 2 updates for Commissioners.

- Staff shared how many housing units built since 2019, 142 net after counting units demolished.
- Second update was description under medium density residential, language was changed

Commissioners discussed

- Policy 4.1.3, Commissioners suggested adding “existing” after “allow”.
- Strengthen the paragraph on “Relationship to the Natural Environment”
- A motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski and seconded by Commissioner Loutsis to add sentence staff created to the paragraph “Relationship to Natural Environment”. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
- Policy H 4.1.4 questions on the language of the policy and changes
- A motion was made by Commissioner Wykoff and Seconded by Commissioner Vanderlinde to add “aspire” the beginning of Policy H 4.1.4. The motion passed 6-1
- Commissioners asked for language change to page 5-13
- A motion was made by Commissioner Loutsis and seconded by Chair Thompson to finalize the housing element for Public Hearing the motion passed by unanimous consent.

- Land Use Element amendments

Staff asked for the commissioners to approve minor changes to the language for a new urban residential zone for land use classifications. A motion was made by Commissioner Loutsis and seconded by Commissioner Matthews to add urban residential zone under implementing zoning district under high density row of the table in policy LU-2.1.2. Motion unanimously adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde and seconded by Commissioner Torres Mehdipour to amend the Land Use element to add new bullet point to Implementation Strategies. Motion unanimously adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde and seconded by Commissioner Loutsis to finalize the Land Use Element for Public Hearing. Motion unanimously adopted.

Commissioners also discussed the county wide growth center boundary and suggested that the city reach out to landowners on the subject in the name of transparency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski and seconded by Chair Thompson that the red line would be changed to low density as shown on the Land Use Plan Map. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Loutsis and seconded by Commissioner Vanderlinde to adopt the Land Use Plan Map, attachment 4 as amended. The motion passed 5-7. Commissioner Banaszynski noted objection to this motion.

Staff shared the preliminary date for the Public Hearing, May 17th.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Planning Commission
Approved by Planning Commission on: _____