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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Date: July 16, 2024

Subject: **2044 Comprehensive Plan Continued Public Hearing: General Neighborhood Plan Amendments, File No. CAM22-00032;**
2023-2024 Par Mac – Totem Lake Community-Initiated Amendment Request, File No. CAM22-00873

Recommendation

Receive written public testimony until July 25, 2024, and continue the public hearings for the Lakeview, Bridle Trails, Moss Bay, Everest, Rose Hill, Norkirk, and Finn Hill Neighborhood Plans, as well as the Totem Lake Business District and 85th Street Station Subarea Plans.

During the continued public hearing, the Planning Commission (PC) should deliberate and make a recommendation to City Council (Council) for each plan.

The PC and community should note that the record remains open for written testimony to be submitted until the PC begins deliberations, but no further spoken testimony will be accepting during the July 25 PC meeting.

Background

At the previous PC public hearing on July 11, 2024, the PC voted unanimously to continue the hearing for the following neighborhood plans to their regularly scheduled July 25, 2024 meeting:

- Lakeview Neighborhood Plan
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan
- Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan
- Everest Neighborhood Plan
- Rose Hill Neighborhood Plan
- NE 85th Street Station Subarea Plan
- Totem Lake Business District Plan
- Norkirk Neighborhood Plan
- Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan

The PC also voted to keep the record open for additional written testimony from the public; testimony may be received by the PC up until the meeting start time (but earlier submittals are encouraged to allow for a complete review). The July 25, 2024 meeting will not include another public comment period for spoken testimony on these plans; all oral testimony was received at the initial public hearing meeting on May 23, 2024.

Neighborhood Plans Recommended at Previous Meetings

At previous public hearings for the neighborhood plans, the PC deliberated and recommended adoption of the following plans:

- Juanita Neighborhood Plan
- Kingsgate Neighborhood Plan
- Market Neighborhood Plan
- Central Houghton Neighborhood Plan
- Highlands Neighborhood Plan

Recent Neighborhood Plan Revisions

This memorandum provides a broad summary of the status of neighborhood plans being deliberated on at the July 25, 2024 PC meeting. The May 23, 2024 meeting packet materials¹ and July 11, 2024 meeting packet materials² should be consulted for a comprehensive account of the background information for PC to consider in their discussions.

At the July 11, 2024 meeting, revisions to several neighborhood and subarea plans were recommended by a Planning Commissioner (see Attachment 10 for the full list of proposed revisions). Using this feedback, staff has implemented the suggested policy and text changes and additions. Included in this memorandum are updated staff recommendations for the Lakeview, Bridle Trails, Moss Bay, Everest, Rose Hill, Norkirk, and Finn Hill Neighborhood Plans, as well as the Totem Lake Business District and 85th Street Station Subarea Plans (see Attachments 1 through 9). The following minor updates have been made in the attached Plans since the July 11 packet:

- Addition of policy language to standardize design guideline and design regulation direction;
- Updates to design regulation and design guideline priorities to include the costs of building homes and sustainability; and
- Edits consistent with staff-initiated language adjustments, including those rooted in equity, consistency and streamlining.

The Draft Market Street Corridor Plan, not included in this memorandum, will be deliberated on at the August 22, 2024 Planning Commission meeting and the staff recommended version of the plan in the July 11, 2024 packet is the version that should

¹<https://kirklandwa.primegov.com/meetings/ItemWithTemplateType?id=424&meetingTemplateType=2>

²<https://kirklandwa.primegov.com/Public/CompiledDocument?meetingTemplateId=1647&compileOutputType=1>

be considered by the PC at that time.

Public Comments

Comments on the General Neighborhood Plan Amendments received through July 16, 2024 (prior to the publication of this memo for the continued public hearings), are available on the K2044 webpage³ A Public Comment PDF document⁴ containing unabbreviated versions of these public comments has also been made available on the webpage.

Additional public comments received after the publication date of this memorandum will be provided to the PC prior to the July 25 public hearing and compiled and posted on the K2044 webpage after the hearing.

Next Steps

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission should deliberate and make a recommendation to City Council for each individual Neighborhood Plan and Subarea Plan chapter for which the PC has not yet made a recommendation.

Attachments

1. Draft Lakeview Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
2. Draft Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
3. Draft Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
4. Draft Everest Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
5. Draft Rose Hill Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
6. Draft NE 85th Street Station Subarea Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
7. Draft Totem Lake Business District Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
8. Draft Norkirk Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
9. Draft Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan (updated since July 11, 2024 public hearing version)
10. Planning Commissioner Suggested Revisions Document

³https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/2022.04.19-2024.05.01_public-comment-tracker_k2044_1.pdf

⁴https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/6/planning-amp-building/kirkland-2044-comp-plan/2022.12.06-2024.05.14_public-comments_k2044.pdf

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