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Kirkland Planning Commission
January 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 PM)

2. ROLL CALL (7:01 PM)

Members Present: Scott Reusser - Chair, Rodney Rutherford - Vice Chair, Katya Allen, Aaron Jacobson, and Angela Rozmyn.

Members Absent: Bria Heiser, and Sandeep Singhal.

Staff Present: Allison Zike - Deputy Planning & Building Director, Janice Swenson - Senior Planner, Bryan Cole - Program Specialist, and Jeannie Dines - Recording Secretary.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (7:01 PM)

1. Forest Whitehouse said one of his New Year's resolutions was to meet more commission and council members and City staff. He was encouraged by reading the packet, he is very pro housing and transit, anything that connects the community. He looked forward to hearing more about the Growth Action Plan.
2. David Allen, Kirkland, expressed support for the first paragraph of the Vision Statement and addressing what people want. Making the Kirkland waterfront available to the public via a necklace of parks and a trail on the waterside was an example of exemplary leadership; changing plans related to making Park Lane a people-oriented place was the opposite of leadership. He expressed support for the living and welcoming section of the Guiding Principles, but it is missing a specific commitment to prioritize public access when designing spaces.

4. STUDY SESSION (7:05 PM)

A. 2044 Comprehensive Plan- Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Introduction, and General Chapters

Deputy Planning & Building Director Allison Zike welcomed Planning Commissioner Jacobson and introduced the agenda item.

Senior Planner Janice Swenson, project manager for the Comprehensive Plan, reviewed where we are in the process, purpose of the Vision Statement, Vision Statement update process, draft Vision Statement themes, and the final draft Vision Statement.

Staff responded to questions and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Swenson reviewed draft Guiding Principles, key themes, and key changes.

Staff responded to questions and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Swenson continued, reviewing the Introduction and General Chapters including a recommendation to combine the chapters, and draft revisions to the Introduction and General Element and goals and policies.

Staff responded to questions and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Swenson reviewed the schedule for the Planning Commission's review of elements and chapters.

Staff responded to questions and Commissioners provided input.

B. 2044 Comprehensive Plan - Land Use Element Policy Briefing #1

Ms. Zike explained this is the Commission's first official policy briefing regarding the Comprehensive Plan. The Land Use Element sets the foundation for many other elements and policies. The retreat will include discussion regarding tips and tricks for reviewing the elements.

Ms. Zike reviewed what the Land Use Element does, community engagement and outreach, survey responses, focus group guiding principles related to land use, 2044 growth targets, required state/regional/county updates, land use study issues, potential land use changes, examples of dwelling units/acre, land use goals and policies versus regulations, what drives revisions to draft land use goals and policies, and suggested areas for the Planning Commission's focus related to the draft land use goals and policies.

Ms. Zike highlighted revisions to LU-1 through LU-9 goals and policies and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Zike reviewed next steps.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - N/A (8:54 PM)

6. READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None (8:54 PM)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION (8:54 PM)

Ms. Zike advised agendas for the next few months will relate to the Comprehensive Plan and miscellaneous code amendments. She provided information regarding the Commission's January 18 retreat.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (8:57 PM)

3. David Allen, Kirkland, said an obvious goal is developing housing where people have the opportunity to live without a car. Two relevant policies would be to, 1) significantly upzone areas within 1/4 mile of a transit stop, and 2) eliminate parking minimums in areas within 1/4 mile of a transit stop. Those goals and policies would encourage more people to live in Kirkland without a lot more cars.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - N/A

10. ADJOURNMENT (8:59 PM)

Chair
Kirkland Planning Commission