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Kirkland Planning Commission
September 12, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER (6 PM)

2. ROLL CALL (6 PM)

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

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Adam Weinstein - Planning and Building Director, Allison Zike - Planning and Building Deputy Director, LeAndra Baker-Lewis - Senior Planner, Bryan Cole - Administrative Assistant, and Jeannie Dines - Recording Secretary.

Commissioner Allen joined the meeting at 6:01 PM.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - N/A

4. STUDY SESSION - N/A

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS (6:01 PM)

a. **2044 Comprehensive Plan Continued Public Hearing: Market Street Corridor Plan and Land Use Element, File No. CAM22-00032**

Chair Rutherford explained the intent of tonight's continued public hearing is for Planning Commission deliberation. Spoken public comment was closed at the August 22, 2024, meeting.

Chair Rutherford opened the continued public hearing for the Market Street Corridor Plan and Land Use Element.

Planning and Building Deputy Director Allison Zike provided an introduction and reviewed where we are in the adoption process for the Land Use Element, steps to implement Comprehensive Plan policies, updates to the draft Land Use Element since the August 22 public hearing, Frequent Transit Corridors that were analyzed (Policy LU-2.4), residential intensities with State Middle Housing implementation, potential benefits/impacts with additional capacity along transit corridors, what we have heard from our community, typical comments in opposition to draft transit corridors policy, capacity analysis results citywide, existing policies (K2035) supporting density near frequent transit, draft Policy LU-2.4 (Alt D in September 12 draft element), draft Policy LU-2.4 alternatives, draft Land Use Maps with and without transit corridor overlays, and Planning Commission options for decisions on LU-2.4.

Senior Planner LeAndra Baker provided background on the Market Street Corridor Plan, relaying there had been no additional written public comment or edits to the MSC Plan by

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staff. She reviewed Planning Commission-directed amendments on August 22, 2024, that are reflected in the draft MSC Plan, and staff's recommendation to remove MS-8, in the corridor.

Planning and Building Director Adam Weinstein and Ms. Zike responded to questions.

Land Use Element

Planning Commission began their deliberations.

Motion to recommend the Land Use Element as recommended by staff.
Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Motion to Amend to adopt Alternative D with the addition that the area of study would be within ½ mile of a full-service grocery store.
Moved by Katya Allen, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Discussion followed and staff responded to Commission questions.

Vote: Motion carried 6-1

Yes: Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

No: Rodney Rutherford - Chair.

Discussion continued.

Motion to Amend add to Policy LU-2.A, amend Policy LU-3.4 and amend Policy LU-4.5 as shown on the screen.

Moved by Angela Rozmyn, seconded by Aaron Jacobson

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 5-2

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, and Scott Reusser.

No: Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, and Angela Rozmyn.

Chair Rutherford declared a brief recess.

Discussion continued.

Motion to Amend to remove Policy LU-2.4.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson.

Motion to Amend to set aside Commissioner Jacobson's motion and adopt Option B as set forth in the packet (not include Policy LU-2.4 at this time with note to Council of the intent to revisit it in the future).

Moved by Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, seconded by Aaron Jacobson

Discussion followed.

Ms. Zike restated the motion with the clarifications that were discussed: remove LU-2.4 from the Land Use Element and include communication to City Council in the Planning Commission recommendation that the City should study including a policy similar to LU-2.4 in the Comprehensive Plan at a future date.

Vote: Motion carried 4-3

Yes: Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Gina Madeya, and Scott Reusser.

No: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Katya Allen, and Angela Rozmyn.

Motion to Amend insert Policy LU-3.10 as displayed on screen.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

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Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Motion to Amend Policy LU-2.A to add areas within 10-minute neighborhoods and within 1/2 mile of a full-service grocery store.

Moved by Angela Rozmyn, seconded by Aaron Jacobson

Discussion followed.

Mr. Weinstein suggested language for the motion.

Commissioner Rozmyn withdrew the amendment.

Motion to Amend Policy LU-2.A to include areas that have the potential to be 10-minute neighborhoods and areas within a 1/2 mile walk of full-service grocery stores.

Moved by Angela Rozmyn, seconded by Gina Madeya

Discussion continued.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn. Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend to replace "residential mixed use" land use designation with "residential oriented use."

Moved by Rodney Rutherford - Chair, failed due to lack of second.

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion failed 1-6

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair.

No: Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend to remove transit corridor overlay from the Land Use Map.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Gina Madeya

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Motion to Amend in Policy LU-3.3 replace "park and ride lots and other" with "significant."

Moved by Rodney Rutherford - Chair, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 5-2

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, and Angela Rozmyn.

No: Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, and Scott Reusser.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Weinstein asked for clarification that an earlier amendment made by Commissioner Rozmyn had been withdrawn. Recording Secretary Jeannie Dines confirmed it had been withdrawn.

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Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Market Street Corridor Plan

Motion to recommend the Market Street Corridor Plan as recommended by staff.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Scott Reusser

Motion to Amend to insert Policy MS-8 as displayed on the screen.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Katya Allen

Commissioner Jacobson read proposed Policy MS-8.

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Chair Rutherford closed the public hearing at 9:10 PM.

6. READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9:10 PM)

a. **May 23, 2024**

b. **June 13, 2024**

Motion to Approve minutes of May 23 and June 13, 2024.

Moved by Angela Rozmyn, seconded by Gina Madeya

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Aaron Jacobson, Katya Allen, Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION (9:11 PM)

a. **Public Meeting Calendar Update**

Ms. Zike reviewed upcoming meeting agendas including a public hearing on the Housing Element and Comprehensive Plan Appendix on September 26 and joint meeting with the City Council on October 15.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Weinstein relayed there have been emails from community members claiming conflict of interest by Planning Commissioners due to membership in Livable Kirkland. Staff communicated with the City Attorney's Office who indicated there is no conflict of interest.

Discussion followed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (9:18 PM)

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1. Michael Radcliff, Kirkland, recommended speakers provide their address so the Commission knows who lives in Kirkland. He commented on traffic congestion during peak hours, climate change, and the removal of trees. He relayed his wife had agreed to gift him her 3 minutes to speak. Chair Rutherford was uncertain that was allowed and asked staff to verify.

2. Jill Stoddart, Kirkland, described feeling attacked, unwelcome and accused of being an exclusionist by Livable Kirkland because she owns a single-family home. It is clear from the 3,000 people who signed the Change.org petition and the 1,000 members of Cherish Kirkland that outreach was insufficient.

3. Liz Hunt, Kirkland, commented on Kirkland's density compared to other cities that have light rail, Kirkland's plans to accommodate growth, and issues with affordability.

4. Nicole MacKenzie, Kirkland, concurred with Ms. Stoddart and Ms. Hunt's comments. She commended the Commission for listening to the community and making adjustments to the plans. She did not believe Commission Rozmyn's amendment had been withdrawn.

Mr. Weinstein advised the Commission's procedures do not contain a provision that allows a speaker to gift their time to another speaker.

9. ADJOURNMENT (9:32 PM)

Chair
Kirkland Planning Commission