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Kirkland Planning Commission July 25, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:01 PM)

2. ROLL CALL (6:01 PM)

Members Present: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Katya Allen, Aaron Jacobson, 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 - Program Specialist, and Jeannie Dines - Recording Secretary.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (6:02 PM)

1. Forrest Whitehouse, Kirkland, spoke regarding concerns voiced about traffic from increased density and everyone's ability to minimize their impacts on traffic. He expressed his support for development on the Par Mac site.
2. Luke Travis, Kirkland, spoke regarding skepticism around the economics of housing, supply and demand of housing, and allowing supply to meet demand.
3. Larry Waldman, Kirkland, expressed concern that the Comprehensive Plan wasn't comprehensive and seems all about growth.
4. Jennifer Ohayon, Kirkland, questioned the proposal to allow 50-200 units/acre in single family neighborhoods. She was concerned she did not hear her voice or the voice of the majority on the Planning Commission.
5. Martin Stoddart, Kirkland, described his objections to the proposed land use changes in the Comprehensive Plan.
6. Liz Hunt, Kirkland, commented on the lack of transparency in the development of the Market Neighborhood Plan.
7. Ken MacKenzie, Kirkland, relayed his concern with proposals in the Comprehensive Plan that enforce regularity and uniformity.
8. Sarah Jokar Deris, Kirkland, displayed a photograph of a 7-story apartment building in her backyard and relayed her concern with development on the Par Mac site behind her house.
9. Kathleen Miller, Kirkland, described her concern with the lack of vision and consistency

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and the traffic on Market Street.

10. Jane Ainbinder, Kirkland, Co-Chair of the Norkirk Neighborhood Association, recommended proper infrastructure for the proposed increase in density.

11. Rich Nelson, Kirkland, relayed concern with the proposal to allow 4-6 story buildings in his neighborhood west of Market.

12. Chris Brenneke, Kirkland, suggested the City provide mailings regarding the proposed changes in the Market Street Neighborhood Plan.

13. Bryan Olay, Kirkland, commented on the need for more information about the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and metrics for success.

14. Jill Stoddart, Kirkland, relayed concern that the 10-minute neighborhood that the transit corridors are based on does not match the economic reality.

15. Lobak Kinea, Kirkland, described her concern with the lack of infrastructure planning and data regarding the need for additional density.

16. Judy Ford, Kirkland, expressed concern the process was not transparent. She asked how long each Commissioner has lived in Kirkland.

17. Christine Krasinski, Kirkland, commented on the lack of transparency, concern Commissioners seem pro-growth, high density does not mean fewer cars, and her fear developers will build as many units as possible.

18. Ishu Shu, Kirkland, commented on the issue of affordability and the lack of transparency or vision in the Comprehensive Plan.

19. Barbara Loomis, Kirkland, expressed concern with the lack of transparency and the way Kirkland is headed and urged Commissioners not to always approve staff's recommendations.

20. Mary Jessen, Kirkland, expressed concern with the lack of communication and transparency.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - N/A (7:00 PM)

5. STUDY SESSION - N/A (7:00 PM)

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:00 PM)

- a. **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

Chair Rutherford opened the continued public hearing at 7:01 PM.

Senior Planner LeAndra Baker-Lewis reviewed the current status of the neighborhood plans (Lakeview, Bridle Trails, Moss Bay, Everest, Rose Hill, Norkirk, and Finn Hill), the NE 85th Street Station Subarea Plan, and Totem Lake Business District Plan, noting the Commission delayed their recommendation on the Market Street Corridor Plan to August 22, 2024. She reviewed suggested and implemented plan revisions, written

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testimony themes since July 11, and sample edits.

Planning and Building Deputy Director Allison Zike reviewed the Par Mac community amendment request, staff's recommendation regarding Comprehensive Plan changes if the Commission chooses to move the CAR forward, proposed land use map, and the land use changes decision timeline.

Building & Planning Director Adam Weinstein, Ms. Zike, and Ms. Baker-Lewis responded to Commission questions.

Commissioners began general deliberations.

Commissioners began deliberating on the neighborhood plans.

Totem Lake Business District Plan

Motion to adopt the Totem Lake Business District Plan as recommended by staff.
Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Scott Reusser

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 6-1

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

No: Gina Madeya.

Discussion followed.

Rose Hill Neighborhood Plan

Motion to adopt the Rose Hill Neighborhood Plan as recommended by staff.
Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Scott Reusser

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan

Motion to adopt the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan as recommended by staff.
Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Gina Madeya

Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan vision statement, Policy BT-4 and Policy BT-20 as shown on the screen.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Gina Madeya

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Rodney Rutherford - Chair, Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, Katya Allen, Aaron Jacobson,

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Gina Madeya, Scott Reusser, and Angela Rozmyn.

Chair Rutherford declared a brief recess.

Lakeview Neighborhood Plan

Motion to adopt the Lakeview Neighborhood Plan as recommended by staff.
Moved by Bria Heiser - Vice Chair, seconded by Aaron Jacobson

Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend to delete "increase" in Policy L-8.6 and replace it with "set."
Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Katya Allen

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Jacobson withdrew the amendment.

Motion to Amend to insert "open space" into Policy L-10.1 so it reads, "Enhance Lake Washington Boulevard NE as a scenic, recreational, open space and transportation corridor."

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Scott Reusser

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend to strike Policy L-7.3.

Moved by Katya Allen, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion failed 1-6

Yes: Katya Allen.

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

Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend Policy L-9.1 to strike "ensuring there is adequate parking on neighborhood streets for residents, visitors, and businesses."

Moved by Katya Allen, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

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Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan

Motion to adopt the Moss Bay Neighborhood Plan as recommended by City staff.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Gina Madeya

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Everest Neighborhood Plan

Motion to adopt the Everest Neighborhood Plan as recommended by City staff.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Discussion followed.

Motion to Amend Policy EV-10 as displayed on the screen.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Scott Reusser

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

NE 85th Street Station Subarea Plan

Motion to adopt the NE 85th Street Station Subarea Plan as recommended by City staff.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Gina Madeya

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Norkirk Neighborhood Plan

Motion to adopt the Norkirk Neighborhood Plan as recommended by City Staff.

Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Scott Reusser

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan

Discussion followed.

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Motion to adopt the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan as recommended by City staff.
Moved by Aaron Jacobson, seconded by Angela Rozmyn

Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

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

Chair Rutherford closed the public hearing at 9:37 PM.

7. READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None (9:37 PM)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION (9:37 PM)

a. Public Meeting Calendar Update

Ms. Zike reviewed upcoming agendas.

Questions and discussion followed.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (9:54 PM)

21. Ingrid Salmon, Kirkland, asked if there would be an opportunity to comment on the changes to the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan. Chair Rutherford advised the next step is City Council review and approval.

10. ADJOURNMENT (9:56 PM)

Chair
Kirkland Planning Commission