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**Kirkland Planning Commission**  
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## **1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 PM)**

## **2. ROLL CALL (7:00 PM)**

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

Members Absent: Angela Rozmyn.

Staff Present: Allison Zike - Planning & Building Deputy Director, Scott Guter - Senior Planner, Lindsay Levine - Senior Planner, LeAndra Baker-Lewis - Senior Planner, Bryan Cole - Program Specialist, and Jeannie Dines - Recording Secretary.

Chair Reusser welcomed new Planning Commissioner Madeya.

## **3. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (7:02 PM)**

1. Meridith Everist, Bayliss Architects, representing Karl Petersson, owner of the Michaels site, expressed support for the neighborhood plan policies and vision statement, in particular Policy 16 related to building height as additional density will be required to support amenities on the site.
2. Gale Ballard, Kirkland, questioned the rush to build more housing. She commented on housing for the homeless planned in Redmond, Kirkland's target to build 13,000 additional housing units, and cited issues that arise with increased density and overcrowding.
3. Susan Milke, Kirkland, Kingsgate focus group, relayed issues Seattle has experienced due to growth. Kingsgate is already planned although some areas could be improved. She questioned the need for Kirkland to grow city issues with the addition of 13,0 housing units.
4. Ingrid Salmon, Kirkland, resident of Juanita neighborhood near Safeway, encouraged the Commission to look for "cut throughs" to allow pedestrian egress between neighborhoods.
5. Susan Puez, Kirkland, commented on the difficulty using transit to get around Kirkland and encouraged the planning department and developers to include Metro in their plans or develop a plan to get around more easily on transit.
5. Bob Warren, Kirkland, commented damaged sidewalks make it impossible to safely navigate. He encouraged the City to consider the needs of pedestrians as people are encouraged to get out of their cars.
6. Theresa Rakowski, Kirkland, Juanita Working Group, requested the removal of Policy 16 in the Juanita Neighborhood Plan related to increased height and residential density in Juanita Business

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District 4. She relayed concerns that result from additional density and encouraged the City to acquire parcels for parks and wetlands.

7. Alison Warner, representing Balboa Retail Partners, owners of the Juanita Goodwill site, commented on meetings with the working group to discuss opportunities for the three parcels. She relayed their support for staff's recommendations in the neighborhood plans.

## 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - N/A

## 5. STUDY SESSION (7:21 PM)

### a. 2044 Comprehensive Plan - Utilities, Public Services, and Capital Facilities Elements Policy Briefing; File No. CAM22-00023

Planning & Building Deputy Director Allison Zike provided an introduction.

Senior Planner Lindsay Levine reviewed where the City is in the Comprehensive Plan update process and community engagement, and provided an overview of the Utilities Element, and Utilities study issues. She provided an overview of the Public Services element and Public Services study issues.

Senior Planner Scott Guter provided an overview of the Capital Facilities element and study issues related to Capital Facilities. He reviewed next steps.

Ms. Levine highlighted proposed draft Utilities goals and policies and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Levine highlighted proposed draft Public Services goals and policies and Commissioners provided input.

Mr. Guter highlighted proposed draft Capital Facilities goals and policies and Commissioners provided input.

### b. Juanita and Kingsgate Neighborhood Plan Updates

Ms. Zike provided an introduction.

Senior Planner LeAndra Baker-Lewis provided a general overview regarding Neighborhood Plan updates, and the Juanita and Kingsgate Neighborhood Plans. She described community engagement themes and working group meetings. She highlighted draft Juanita policies related to land use and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Baker-Lewis reviewed optional draft Juanita policies (land use - community amendment requests) and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Baker-Lewis highlighted draft Kingsgate policies regarding land use and transportation and Commissioners provided input.

Ms. Baker-Lewis reviewed next steps in the Neighborhood Plan update process.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS - N/A (9:04 PM)

## 7. READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None (9:04 PM)

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## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION (9:04 PM)

### a. Public Meeting Calendar Update

Ms. Zike advised of a Joint Council/Planning Commission workshop regarding the Comprehensive Plan update on May 3 from 12 to 5 PM and reviewed upcoming meeting agendas.

Ms. Zike requested Commissioners advise her regarding their availability to start the Comprehensive Plan public hearings in May at 6 PM.

## 9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (9:09 PM)

8. Margaret Bouniol, Kirkland, Juanita Neighborhood Association board member, relayed her concerns with redevelopment of the Michaels site, stating the bulk and mass of the applicant's proposal are out of character for the neighborhood.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT (9:12 PM)

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Kirkland Planning Commission