

Lakeview Advisory Group

March 30, 2010 Meeting Notes

Members Present: John Kappler, Georgine Foster, Sally Mackle, Nina Peterson, Melinda Skogerson, Jay Arnold, Shelley Kloba, Steve Jackson, Doug Waddell, Elsie Weber, Bob Style (left after joint meeting), Janice Soloff, Paul Stewart
Members Absent: Susan Thornes,

Joint presentation with Central Houghton Advisory Group regarding Housing Development Options and Affordable Housing in Kirkland and So. Kirkland Park and Ride property

A joint meeting with the Central Houghton Advisory Group was held in the Council Chambers. Dawn Nelson with the Kirkland Planning Department provided an overview of various regulatory options for building single family, multi family and affordable housing incentives in Kirkland. Dorian Collins with the Planning Department described the latest conceptual plans from King County Metro for the South Kirkland Park and Ride property to expand the park and ride capacity and to add a transit oriented development mixed use residential/commercial project for the portion of property located in Kirkland.

Comments from the audience included:

- The TOD project should clarify the number of parking stalls for each use (residential, transit riders, commercial uses) to ensure there is adequate parking stall capacity for the project.
- Currently there is concern that the lot lacks parking capacity now because people park in nearby residential areas and walk to P&R lot.
- Some questioned if METRO has considered other locations in Kirkland for a TOD project that would be a better suited for affordable housing such as Totem Lake or Downtown because of greater density, walkability and services for residential uses.

Both groups adjourned to their separate meeting agendas.

John Kappler went over the agenda with the group. Jeff Aken with the Cascade Land Conservancy was introduced and listened in on the meeting.

Review of February 23 Meeting Notes- The group discussed an email from Karen Levenson received 3/30/2010 requesting several changes to the meeting notes. The group discussed her concerns to add verbatim text regarding view corridors that should be unobstructed by trees. Staff noted that the meeting notes are intended to be general summaries and not verbatim minutes. Group comments included: when it comes to view obstruction/protection from trees, commercial and residential uses should be treated equally; the group believes there should be protection of views from private property not only public parks; the group recognized that a balance is necessary between planting trees and vegetation in waterfront parks for restoring the shoreline with maintaining open views. Choosing the tree variety and location is the key. The group decided the February 23 meeting notes were more general and therefore decided to keep the notes as written. One member stated she thought there should be a prohibition on planting street trees on the west side of Lake Washington Blvd. to increase views of Lake Washington.

Study Area #1 Carillon Point, PLA 15A

Group comments included:

- The section title should be labeled PLA 15 Historic Shipyards and Carillon Point.
- The group supports increasing the amount of retail at Carillon Point, particularly marine related retail for boaters at the Yarrow Bay Marina (i.e. groceries, marine products).
- The group recognized that any new proposal for float planes by the new shoreline regulations would require a separate public involvement process.
- Overall the group supports the existing policy text.

Study Area 2 Triangular blocks located South of NE 59th Street O/MF

The group supports the existing Plan text on page A-12 allowing office and multi family uses in this area. The existing plan prohibits convenience or retail commercial uses. The group supports changing the last sentence of the current plan text to allow for limited neighborhood oriented retail, convenience stores, small groceries and services.

Study Area 3 O/MF properties between NE 59th ST and 60th ST designated as PR 3.6(4) zoning

Currently this area contains buildings of historic interest with a real estate office and Kidd Valley restaurant. The current Plan text for the area is described on p. A-12-13 including specific performance and design standards should the properties redevelop. Staff recommended removing the standards from the Plan and adding to the Zoning Code in the PR Use Zone Charts. The Group supports allowing limited retail uses in the text as discussed above. Another idea briefly discussed is to study expanding the PR designation to Lakeview Drive to include several underdeveloped parcels to the east currently RM 3.6. Staff will bring back some information about the parcels at the next meeting.

The group ran out of time to complete Study Area 3 and remaining agenda items and decided to meet before the April 27th meeting. The agenda for the meeting would be to complete Study Areas 3, 4 and 5 and the visioning discussion. The group agreed Tuesdays were the best days.

The tentative agenda of the April 27th meeting will be single family and multi- family districts in the Lakeview Plan. The meeting will begin at 6:30.

The group agreed that Advisory Group member emails could be shared with the group.

Action Items

Staff will email the group with:

- a suggested 2nd meeting date in April.
- Draft meeting notes
- Email roster
- Research parcels east of Study area 3