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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 25, 2010

To: Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council

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Subject: 2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (ZON10-00001)

RECOMMENDATION

- Review and provide direction on proposed 2010 city initiated amendments to the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map.
- Approve the attached work program.

BACKGROUND

City Initiated Amendment Process and Highlights

This year's annual update of the general elements and neighborhood plan chapters of the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan are intended to incorporate the 2011- 2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) into the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), as well as revisions and additions that are generally considered minor or housekeeping related amendments. It is anticipated that there will no major new city initiatives or state legislation necessitating changes during this cycle. The one exception could come from the Transportation Commission's effort regarding "Transportation Conversations", however given the timing and schedule this is unlikely to occur in 2010.

Of particular interest are text amendments to the general elements of the Plan that are related to the Kingsgate, North Juanita, and Finn Hill annexation. These amendments are required prior to the June 1, 2011 effective date of this annexation. The City will then complete a major update in 2012 – 2014 of the Capital Facilities Plan and Transportation Element, to make them consistent with the major budget/ CIP update which will address, among other things, LOS and concurrency projects in the annexation area.

In addition, the City is initiating a rezone of the 4 acre Snyder's Corner Park, which makes up a small portion of the recent Bridle View annexation (Oct. 2009). This in turn will require amendments to the Land Use and Zoning Maps.

The following list is a description of the various proposed amendments. Those with an asterisk (*) are within the Houghton Community Council's disapproval jurisdiction. Attachment 1 to this memorandum is the draft work program and schedule.

Proposed Amendments

Many of these proposed amendments will be provided by staff from various departments within the City, based upon their expertise on the subjects being addressed. The City department responsible for providing the updated information is noted after each description.

1. Incorporation of the 2011-2016 CIP into the CFP and Transportation Element *

2009 was a minor CIP update year. The City adopted a new 6-year CIP plan in September 2009 for the period of 2010-2015 at the same time that the 2010-2011 budget was adopted. Major changes to the funding and timing of projects are usually done on a biennial basis. However, because the City experienced a serious revenue loss in 2009, this is a non-update year also. Therefore, there are only minor adjustments to funding and timing of the CIP and the 2022 Transportation Project List, which subsequently are required to be reflected in the 2010 cycle of Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA's). The City is looking at incorporating an initial list of transportation projects for the annexation area.

Every year the Transportation and Capital Facilities Elements are amended to be consistent with any changes to the CIP. Changes to the following Capital Facilities Plan tables and Transportation Element will reflect the 2011-2016 CIP. A list of modifications to the 2022 Transportation Project List between 2009 and 2010 will be available prior to the public hearings scheduled for September. (Public Works and Finance)

Table CF-8 Capital Facilities Plan: Transportation Projects
Table CF-9 2022 Transportation Project List
Table CR-10A Capital Facilities Plan: Utility Projects
Table CR-10B Capital Facilities Plan: Surface Water Utility Projects
Table CR-11 Capital Facilities Plan: Parks Projects
Table CR-12 Capital Facilities Plan: Fire and Building Projects
Table T-5 Project Descriptions for the 2022 Transportation Project List
Figure T-6 Transportation Project List (Map)

2. Kingsgate, North Juanita, and Finn Hill annexation

The annexation goes into effect on June 1, 2011. There are a multitude of tasks to accomplish prior to the effective date, including updates to the Comprehensive Plan

to incorporate this area into the general elements, where appropriate. For example, the City will be considering revisions to neighborhood boundaries in the Annexation Area (AA) pending further direction from the City Council and discussions with residents of the AA. As a result, maps will need to incorporate the new city boundary as well as neighborhood boundaries. These maps are listed below:

- Figure I-1 Kirkland and Surrounding Area
- Figure I-2 Potential Annexation Areas
- Figure I-3 City of Kirkland Neighborhoods
- Figure LU-1 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map
- Figure LU-2 Commercial Areas

Other additions to the Plan include routine text amendments to the general elements to address the area's character and land uses. These draft amendments will be provided for the study sessions in July. More substantive policy amendments and creation of neighborhood plans for the AA will not be undertaken until after the effective date. (Planning)

3. Proposed Rezone of Snyder's Corner Park

The City annexed Bridle View in October 2009. It includes the Bridle View subdivision and the city-owned 4 acre Snyder's Corner Park. Because annexations adopt comparable zoning to that in place prior to annexation, the zoning for the park and the subdivision became RSX 35 upon effective date. Kirkland's RSX 35 zoning classification is equivalent to the prior King County 1 dwelling unit per acre zoning classification.

The correct land use designation and zoning classification for parks in Kirkland is Park open space and Public Use Zone (P), respectively. The proposed rezone from RSX 35 to P is necessary to bring the zoning of this park into consistency with its land use. (Planning)

4. Functional Element Map Amendments *

Each year the functional element maps in the Comprehensive Plan are updated to reflect changes tracked by the City's GIS Department. The following is a list of functional maps that will be updated to reflect modifications, if any, since the 2009 update of the Plan. No annexation area functional maps are included in this cycle of amendments (Planning)

Transportation

Figure T-1 Street Classification and State Routes

Figure T-2 Bicycle System – Existing and Proposed

Figure T-3 Pedestrian Corridor System – Existing and Proposed

Figure T-4 Transit Service

Figure T-7 Signalized Intersections

Utilities

Figure U-1 Water System
Figure U-2 Sanitary Sewer System
Figure U-2 Surface Water Management System
Figure U-2 Northshore Water System
Figure U-2 Northshore Sewer System
Figure U-2 Existing and Planned /Desired Fiber Optic Network (Attachment 32)

Public Services

PS-1 Fire Response Times within 5.5 minutes

PS-2 Emergency Medical Services Response Times within 5 minutes

5. Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update *

The state mandated update of the SMP likely will be completed this year. The Department of Ecology is reviewing the SMP update, and can approve or recommend/require changes. The earliest that staff anticipates a decision from the Department of Ecology is May 2010. The SMP update is in effect upon Department of Ecology approval. Following Department of Ecology's approval, the City Council will adopt an ordinance approving the final SMP update. Once adopted, the Comprehensive Plan will result in some minor amendments to be consistent with the new goals and policies of the new SMP. Among other things, the City's vision statement, framework goals, CFP, Implementation Strategies and definitions will be affected. (Planning)

6. Housekeeping Amendments

Several amendments to the Plan are considered housekeeping measures. For example, when the 2001 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan was adopted in 2009, it was renamed An Active Transportation Plan to indicate the Plan's vision. This change was made to better reflect the positive nature of walking and cycling. Therefore, to be consistent, the term "non-motorized" found throughout the Transportation Element of the Plan should be replaced by the term "active". (Planning)

Attachments

1. 2010 City Initiated CPA Work Program

Cc: File ZON10-00001
Kirkland Neighborhood Associations
Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
Kirkland Chamber of Commerce

**Draft Work Program
2010 City Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

- March 11 Review list of potential city initiated amendments with PC
- March 22 Review list of potential city initiated amendments with HCC
- July 8 **PC study** draft amendments
- July 26 **HCC study** draft amendments
- Sept 27 **HCC courtesy hearing** proposed amendments and recommendation
- Oct 28 **PC public hearing** proposed amendments and recommendation for all 2010
CPA's
- Dec 7 **CC adoption** of ordinance
- Jan 17, 2011 **HCC final action** on ordinance

CC- City Council
PC- Planning Commission
HCC- Houghton Community Council