

Appendix G

Public Meeting Summaries

**Comments from Comprehensive Plan Amendments
Open House 7/12/04**

| Element | Comment | Response |
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| Vision/Framework Goal | 1. Add a paragraph in the vision statement about the Equestrian overlay in Bridle Trails that goes from the Lake to Redmond (2 comments). | 1. Staff will look at these two elements to see if it would be appropriate to propose text about the equestrian area in Kirkland and present to the Planning Commission at the August 26 th meeting. |
| Natural Environment | 1. Control and enhance the trees along the bluff of Waverly Park 2. Love trees, need stricter preservation of existing trees. (Bridle Trails Resident). | 1. <u>N/A</u> For current Market Neighborhood study. 2. <u>N/A</u> For current Tree Regulation study. |
| Land Use/Community Character | 1. Equestrian overlay should be mentioned in City-wide Comp Plan, as well as, Bridle Trails Comp Plan (2 comments). 2. Houghton Transfer Station is sited in a residential neighborhood, surrounded on 3 sides by facilities targeted to children and families. This location is not compatible with the current surrounding residential and recreation uses. It imposes additional traffic, noise and odor impacts on the area. Please consider ways to close this station. (Frank Paterra) | 1. Staff will look at these two elements to see if it would be appropriate to propose text about the equestrian area in Kirkland and present to the Planning Commission at the August 26 th meeting. 2. Staff will relook at Policy PS-3.1 in the Public Service Element. The Houghton Transfer Station is an allowed use in the zone and existed prior to development of the adjacent single family homes. The City has no authority to close this essential government facility. |

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| <p>Land Use/Community Character continued</p> | <p>3. Expand view corridors from Waverly Park</p> <p>4. Simplify Regulations: 3 zones: A. Residential 1) SF 2) MF B. Commercial 1) Nosey 2) Quite C. Mixed Use B2 + A2+= Affordable Res & Comm. (This is exactly as comment was provided to us)</p> | <p>3. <u>N/A</u>. For current Market Neighborhood study.</p> <p>4. Revised Comp Plan policies do support mixed use and affordable housing.</p> <p><u>N/A</u> Simplifying the zoning regulations is beyond the scope of this project and would require a complete overhaul of our Zoning Code.</p> |
| <p>Housing</p> | <p>1. Have the zoning match the neighborhood use - note Norkirk on 1st St.</p> <p>2. Stop/prevent creep of business zoning into neighborhood east and west of Market Street</p> <p>3. Retain equestrian character of Bridle Trails- <u>Huge</u> houses being built changing the character of neighborhood (Silver Spurs i.e.).</p> <p>4. Address the wide concern across the neighborhoods to reduce FAR of houses. Reduce the ability to build the mini mansions that cover lots.</p> | <p>1. <u>N/A</u>. For current Norkirk Neighborhood study.</p> <p>2. <u>N/A</u>. For current Market & Norkirk Neighborhood study.</p> <p>3. <u>N/A</u> Issue of retaining equestrian character is more appropriate in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan. Size of homes is an FAR issue which the Planning Commission and City Council have already addressed in the development regulations.</p> <p>4. <u>N/A</u>. The City may revisit the FAR issue in a future work program.</p> |

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| <p>Housing continued</p> | <p>5. Concern about houses being built too close together. Take a look at 4 Camwest houses on 95th between 116th and 114th in Highlands.</p> | <p>5. <u>N/A</u>. Kirkland's regulations on innovative housing, and clustered housing do allow reduction in yard setbacks.</p> |
| <p>Economic Development</p> | <p>1. Account for Wash. State sales tax that offsets impacts from new uses and subsidizes single family residents.</p> <p>2. Maintain or decrease the spread of businesses beyond Market Street.</p> | <p>1. <u>N/A</u> Commenter would like Kirkland to keep sales tax collected rather than have it go to the State in order to lower property taxes here.</p> <p>2. <u>N/A</u> For current Market & Norkirk Neighborhood study.</p> |
| <p>Transportation</p> | <p>1. Need better stop sign indication at 132nd Ave and NE 60th Street.</p> <p>2. Don't reduce lanes on Central Way in downtown! It is not a good idea. Field test during utilities project (3 comments).</p> <p>3. For NM20-19 Non Motorized projects, please correct T-7 and T-8 to match the correct routing shown on T-6 in the Totem Lake Area.</p> <p>4. Bike map needs to show route across NE 100th Street overpass.</p> <p>5. Good source of ideas: www.carfree.com</p> <p>6. Please do not open the Highlands to the north. We don't need or want the extra traffic.</p> | <p>1. <u>N/A</u> Comment forwarded to Public Works.</p> <p>2. <u>N/A</u> For the Central Way study.</p> <p>3. Staff will make the corrections and present at the August 26th meeting.</p> <p>4. Staff will make the corrections and present at the August 26th meeting.</p> <p>5. So noted.</p> <p>6. <u>N/A</u> For the current Highland Neighborhood study.</p> |

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| <p>Transportation continued</p> | <p>7. Pedestrian system map doesn't show some of the paths in vicinity of "Conifer Ridge." They are on the paths map submitted by NRHNA several years ago. (Roy Hansen)</p> | <p>7. <u>N/A</u> Transportation Element map show the major pedestrian corridors and not every sidewalk and path in the city. The neighborhood plan maps do reflect this level of detail.</p> |
| <p>Public Services</p> | <p>1. For Policy PS-3.1, reword sentence to accurately describe tonnage capacity change based on the approved 2001 King County Solid Waste Comp Plan.</p> <p>2. Solid Waste Transfer section needs to reflect City Council decision for definite closure of HTS- <u>NOT</u> possible closure.</p> <p>3. Bravo for including <u>telecom</u> infrastructure.</p> | <p>1. Staff will review this policy for possible changes and present at the August 26, 2004 meeting.</p> <p>2. Same comment as above – staff will look at any needed changes and respond at the next meeting.</p> <p>3. So noted.</p> |

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Houghton Community Council meeting of July 19, 2004.

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PUBLIC HEARING: FAST-TRACK ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, FILE NO. ZON04-00009

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 PM by Planning Director Eric Shields. Houghton Community Council Members Present: Chair Hugh Givens, Bill Goggins, Betsy Pringle, Elsie Weber and Rick Whitney. Member Absent: David Hess. Teresa Swan and Michael Bergstrom represented the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Bergstrom presented the staff report dated July 12, 2004. He also summarized the errata sheet, on which were four changes:

- 5B Zone: replaces unreadable Attachment C.
- 105.10 - access roads in single-family and small duplex -- new language proposed.
- Attachment E -- New attachment to clarify what is being proposed and to clarify Special Regulation #6 and when it applies.
- 145.22 explains who provides mailing labels

There were no objections to any of the changes.

Ms. Weber requested staff confirmation on ^{building heights} setbacks for properties zoned RSX, whether 25 feet or 30 feet, and whether or not CorSun Ranch is in Houghton.

Barbara Loomis, 304 8th Avenue W, Kirkland, stated that she lives west of downtown in a historical house built in 1889, considered to be a Queen Anne Victorian. For a number of years, she has wanted to put in a bed and breakfast, or a home stay (three bedrooms or less). She would like to rent out one bedroom on Friday and Saturday nights. When she inquired about getting a permit, she was told she would have to go through a Process IIA, including a \$5,000 fee. She claimed that it is nothing more than a home occupation. There is plenty of parking and she would have only one couple per night. She said she would appreciate the Houghton Community Council changing the application process so she can obtain a permit and start her home stay business.

The Houghton Community Council supported the proposal to treat a home stay renting one or two bedrooms as a home business.

Hearing no further testimony, Mr. Shields closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Weber and second by Mr. Goggins to accept Fast-Track Zoning Code Amendments, File No. ZON04-00009. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Shields will recommend approval of the Fast-Track Zoning Code Amendments.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was opened at 7:21 PM by Chair Hugh Givens. Members Present: Bill Goggins, Betsy Pringle, Elsie Weber and Rick Whitney. Member Absent: David Hess. Teresa Swan represented the Department of Planning and Community Development.

READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 24, 2004 AND JUNE 21, 2004

Motion by Mr. Goggins and second by Mr. Whitney to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 24, 2004 and the June 21, 2004 Houghton Community Council meetings. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Mr. Whitney and second by Mr. Goggins to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2004 and June 21, 2004 Houghton Community Council meetings with the following amendments:

- In the May 24, 2004 minutes, change "March 26" to "May 26" in the second paragraph under Council Member Reports.
- In the June 21, 2004 minutes, add "the blower" after "Even by moving" in the second full paragraph on page 6.

Motion carried (5-0).

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Houghton Neighborhood float won third place in the Fourth of July parade.

Mr. Whitney commented about the lack of public participation at public hearings.

HEARINGS

* a. **Draft Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Related Zoning Code Amendments, File No. IV-02-1, #1**

The purpose of this hearing was to take public comment on the proposed Draft Comprehensive Plan Amendments and related Zoning Code Amendments. The hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Teresa Swan presented the staff report dated July 12, 2004 and entered into the record the following letters received over the last couple of months:

- Letter from Chamber of Commerce dated July 9, 2004. Staff will respond in a memorandum at next month's meeting. The Community Council will consider possible changes to the Economic Element in response to letter.
- Letter from 1000 Friends of Washington dated April 7, 2004 which would affect the twelve or so lots south of NE 60th Street in Bridle Trails and whether they should

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- go to something slightly smaller. Staff recommends waiting for the Bridle Trails Neighborhood Plan Update in a few years to address the issue. In the meantime, staff is prepared to respond to the letter.
- Letter from Department of Corrections received May 3, 2004. Staff has addressed the issue, and the Community Council has reviewed it.

Ms. Swan reported that an open house was held on July 12, with more than 40 people attending. She read Attachment 1, which had some comments from the open house, including the request that the term "equestrian" be included in one-for more elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff will review the comments and bring back any proposed changes to the next Community Council meeting.

Regarding the Houghton Transfer Station, Ms. Swan went over the summary of the City Council's position statement dated June 2004. Staff may propose to add text to the Public Services Element that states that the City supports closure of the station within the next ten years, and bring back language at the next Community Council meeting. Staff will also arrange for Public Works to come to a Community Council meeting and describe the City's relationship with the County and the likelihood of the City being able to put pressure on the County to close the facility.

Mr. Whitney raised the issue that many people in the community may not want to see the Houghton Transfer Station closed. He commented that he for one uses the facility and that it serves an important local service.

Ms. Swan presented the proposed revisions to the classification map of the City's streets, which shows the traffic volumes on all streets and the improvements that have occurred. There are definitions for each type of street. Next, she went over the timeline. The Community Council will make a recommendation at the August 23 meeting. The Planning Commission will make a similar recommendation on August 26. In response to a comment from one of the Houghton Community Council members, Ms. Swan explained that the City recently revised the basin boundaries because there are now better aerial photographs available. A couple of basin definitions are proposed to be changed to reflect the revised boundaries.

No one was in the audience to speak on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

At 8:07 PM the hearing was closed to oral comments, but will remain open for written comments until July 30, 2004.

b. Comprehensive Plan & Neighborhood Map Correction, File No. IV-02-1, #4

The Chair opened the hearing at 8:08 PM, closed the hearing to oral comments at 8:10 PM, and started that the hearing will remain open for written comments until July 30, 2004.

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No one was in the audience to speak on the map corrections.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

a. Discussion of August Calendar and Upcoming Merriwether Joint Hearing with Hearing Examiner

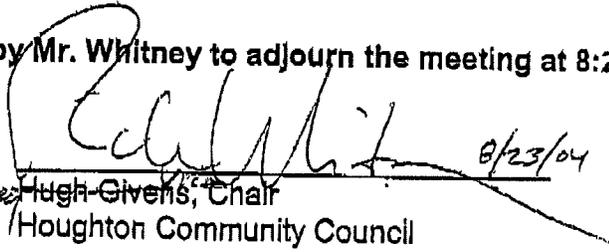
Potential dates for a joint hearing with the Hearing Examiner on Merriwether are as follows: August 16, 17, 18; September 14, 15, 16; or September 20, 21, 22. Staff will notify the Community Council members of the final decision.

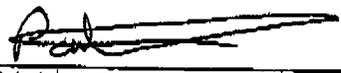
b. Interviewing of Candidates

Mr. Givens requested that staff extend the deadline two weeks because of insufficient advertising. There was agreement to extend the advertising until July 30, 2004. Interviews will be set up for the second week of August. Mr. Givens will arrange the interviews through the City Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Goggins and second by Mr. Whitney to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion carried (5-0).


Rick Whitney
Hugh Givens, Chair
Houghton Community Council


Eric Shields, Director
Department of Planning and Community Development

Recording Secretary: Karen Nolz
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