

# **KIRKLAND DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN**

## **Downtown Advisory Committee Meeting Summary #5: September 19, 2007**

### **Task Force Members**

Michael Nelson, co-chair  
Jeff Trager, co-chair  
Brian Berg (*absent*)  
Rob Butcher  
Denise Campbell  
Margaret Carnegie  
Joe Castleberry (*absent, Terry Rennaker attended*)  
Jeff Cole  
Doug Davis  
Ken Dueker  
Gary Harshman  
Carolyn Hayek  
Keith Maehlum (*absent*)  
Bea Nahon  
Glenn Peterson  
Don Samdahl

### **City & Organizational Staff**

Eric Shields, Planning Director  
Jeremy McMahan, Planning Supervisor  
Ellen Miller-Wolfe, Economic Development Manager

### **Consultants**

Bonnie Berk, Berk & Associates  
Meghann Glavin, Berk & Associates

### **Members of the Public**

Brian Leibsohn  
Representatives from the Kirkland Heritage Society  
Richard Kendall, The Frause Group  
Bridget Gregory, The Frause Group

## **WELCOME**

Mike Nelson and Jeff Trager opened the meeting and welcomed the Downtown Advisory Committee to its fifth meeting.

## **DEBRIEF ON CONDO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Bea Nahon summarized the findings from the downtown Condo Homeowners Association meeting. Bea reminded the group that she extended invitations to the board president and member from each condo board in downtown. Twelve of the 19 total condo buildings were represented at the meeting. Bea began the meeting by asking the presidents and board members why people make a deliberate choice to live in downtown Kirkland. Reasons included: Small town feel and character; natural beauty and waterfront; European charm/flair; waterfront access and parks; and convenience and the ability to walk to meet

everyday needs. It was important to participants that those characteristics don't change. Participants were concerned about safety, traffic congestion, parking, the transit center, and downtown vitality including the success of retailers and the integration of Parkplace into the downtown.

Bea felt the meeting was extremely valuable and the group intends to remain connected through a listserv and future meetings. She hopes this can help improve communication between the City and downtown residents. She also noted that she saw many new faces at the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association meeting as a result.

Bea thanked Bonnie and Meghann for their help developing the agenda, Jeremy for his help facilitating and taking notes, and Jeff Trager for representing the DAC and Glenn Peterson for representing the KDA. The DAC thanked Bea for her hard work and a successful outcome.

## **DRAFT STRATEGIC SITUATION ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

The Co-chairs, City, and consultant team stressed that this was the DAC's opportunity to give substantive feedback on the draft Situation Assessment. The next draft would be distributed via email for final comment, editorial feedback, and approval, but not substantive changes. The DAC agreed to share all of their substantive feedback at this meeting.

Overall the DAC was satisfied with the draft and felt it reflected most of what they had heard and said. To make sure everyone had a chance to share their feedback, Bonnie asked the DAC to go around the table and share the high level substantive feedback. Jeff Cole relayed feedback from Joe Castleberry who was unable to attend the meeting. Feedback was noted on flip charts and directly incorporated into the draft Assessment.

After a short break, the DAC reconvened to discuss the Vision Statement. Meghann projected the draft Vision Statement and edited based on DAC feedback until all DAC members were satisfied with the final working draft to be included in the Situation Assessment.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS, OUTSTANDING ISSUES, AND NEXT STEPS**

Jeremy will send out the next draft Strategic Situation Assessment for editorial review only. The DAC will then present the Strategic Situation Assessment at a Joint DAC/City Council work session on:

- Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6 pm.