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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Houghton Community Council

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Date: October 16, 2006

Subject: 2006 City initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments and related Zoning Map changes, File ZON06-00009

I. RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a courtesy hearing and make a recommendation on the amendments (see Attachments 1-29) to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

II. BACKGROUND

On June 26, 2006, the Houghton Community Council reviewed the Planning staff's proposed list of amendments and agreed with the list. The amendments primarily include housekeeping amendments relating to revisions to tables and figures in the Capital Facilities Plan and the Transportation Plan to reflect this year's changes to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and revisions to Comprehensive Plan maps to reflect a recent small annexation, a clarification of the city boundary, and two new park acquisitions. In addition, the Zoning Map would be changed to reflect the two new park acquisitions. A few minor changes should be made to some of the citywide elements in response to new state GMA legislation (ESSB 5186) on promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle. Lastly, the Parks Department staff recommends a few minor changes to the new Human Services Element.

In the memo for the June 26th meeting, staff mentioned that the adopted road level of service (LOS) may be studied for potential needed changes due to the timing and intensity of pending development in Totem Lake and the increase in non-residential uses and decrease in residential uses allowed. We are getting close to our road LOS in the Totem Lake area. Earlier this year, the Transportation Commission set up a committee to study whether to revamp the road level of service and concurrency system or consider changes to the existing system. In June, the committee recommended to the Transportation Commission that the City look for a new approach to measuring its road LOS and concurrency rather than consider changes to the existing system. They concluded that the current system is too narrow of an approach of assessing how our transportation system is functioning because it only considers vehicle trips and not other modes of transportation, and it only looks at PM peak volumes at a certain

intersections. The Transportation Commission agreed with the committee and prepared the attached memo to the City Council (see Attachment 30). The City Council agreed with the Transportation Commission and the new approach will be studied and then presented to the Houghton Community Council next summer.

The Planning Commission's public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan amendments will be October 26, 2006. The City Council will consider the recommendations of the Houghton Community Council and the Planning Commission at their December 12, 2006 meeting. The Houghton Community Council will consider the amending ordinances for final approval in latter December 2006.

III. PROPOSED CITY INITIATED AMENDMENTS

The 2006 Comprehensive Plan amendments are as follows:

1. Changes to the Capital Facilities Plan's tables and Transportation Element's maps and tables to reflect changes to the 2006 Capital Improvement Program

The City made minor adjustments to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) this year. Major changes to the CIP are done on a biennial basis. Then on the non-update year, minor adjustments are made to funding and timing of projects. This is a non-update year so only minor adjustments were made. However, the maps and tables in the Capital Facilities Plan and the Transportation Element in the Comprehensive Plan still need to be amended to be consistent with any changes to the CIP (see Attachments 1 and 2).

These are "must do," non-policy related, housekeeping amendments.

2. Changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning maps to reflect new park acquisitions, a recent annexation and a city boundary clarification

Numerous Comprehensive Plan maps needed to be revised to reflect a recent small annexation and a city boundary clarification in Juanita. When the base map of the city changes, all of these maps need to be revised. The City purchased park property in the Yarrow Bay area to add to the existing Yarrow Bay Wetland Park and in South Rose Hill to add to the existing South Rose Hill 124 Ave Park. The Comprehensive Plan maps need to be changed to reflect these park acquisitions. The Zoning Map also needs to be amended to reflect these park acquisitions (see Attachments 28 and 29).

These are "must do," non-policy related, housekeeping amendments.

3. Minor changes to the Vision Statement, to some of the Framework Goals and to the Land Use Element, the Transportation Element and the Park Element to respond to recent GMA legislation

Late in 2005, the State passed ESSB Bill 5186, new GMA legislation, which amends several RCW sections to require the promotion of physical activity and a healthy lifestyle (see Attachment 31). Staff looked over the citywide elements and concluded that the goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan do indirectly promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles, but that text should be added to the Vision Statement, two Framework Goals, and to the Land Use, Transportation and Park Elements to explicitly address the issue (see Attachment 26).

The amendments are a “must do” State requirement.

4. Minor changes to the Human Services Element

The Parks Department staff recommends that some minor changes be made to the Human Services Element, a new element adopted in 2004. The changes reflect the new name for the senior center, the broadening approach of services for adults over 50 years of age rather than just seniors, and a change in how Community Development Block Grants are handled. Additional issues are addressed, including non-discrimination based on sexual orientation, and teen safety, depression, suicide and obesity (see Attachment 27).

Attachments:

- 1 - Amended Capital Facilities Plan CF-8 through CF-12 charts
- 2 - Amended Transportation Element Table T-5 and Figures T-6
- 3 - Amended Figure I-2 City of Kirkland Planning Area
- 4 - Amended Figure I-3 City of Kirkland Neighborhoods
- 5 - Amended Figure NE-1 Sensitive Areas
- 6 - Amended Figure NE-2 Landslide and Seismic Hazard Areas
- 7 - Amended Figure NE-3 Topography
- 8 - Amended Figure NE-4 Tree Canopy
- 9 - Amended Figure NE-5 Impervious Surfaces
- 10 - Amended Figure LU-1 Land Use Map
- 11 - Amended Figure LU-2 Commercial Areas
- 12 - Amended Figure T-1 Street Classifications and State Routes
- 13 - Amended Figure T-2 Bicycle Corridor System
- 14 - Amended Figure T-3 Pedestrian Corridor System
- 15 - Amended Figure T-4 Transit Service
- 16 - Amended Figure T-5 Transportation Subareas
- 17 - Amended Figure PR-1 Kirkland Parks
- 18 - Amended Figure U-1 Water System
- 19 - Amended Figure U-2 Sanitary Sewer System
- 20 - Amended Figure U-3 Surface Water Management System
- 21 - Amended Figure U-4 Northshore Water System
- 22 - Amended Figure U-5 Northshore Sewer System
- 23 - Amended Figure U-6 Existing Fiber Optic Network

- 24 - Amended Figure U-7 Proposed Fiber Optic Network
- 25 - Amended Figure PS-3 School District Facilities
- 26 - Amended Vision Statement, Framework Goals FG-9 and FG-11, and to the Land Use, Transportation and Park Elements to reflect Senate Bill 5186
- 27 - Amended Human Services Element
- 28 - Amended Zoning Map, Exhibit A for the new South Rose Hill Park property
- 29 - Amended Zoning Map, Exhibit B for the new Yarrow Bay Wetland Park property
- 30 - Transportation Commission's memo to the City Council dated August 23, 2006
- 31 -Senate Bill 5186 to promote healthy lifestyle

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