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# **K2044 Comprehensive Plan Update**

May 9, 2024 - Planning Commission Public Hearing #1

Introduction | Economic Development |

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space



# Public Hearing Agenda



## Staff presentations

- Introduction Chapter  
(Vision Statement, Guiding Principles,  
General goals and policies)
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element
- Economic Development Element

## Questions on draft goals, policies

## Public Testimony

## PC deliberation and motions



# K2044 Timeline - 2024



## February – April

### CC-PC Briefings

- Vision Statement-Guiding Principles
- Parks & SCE
- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Housing & Human Services
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Utilities, Public Services, & Capital Facilities
- Juanita/Kingsgate Neigh. Plans

## May – September

### Publish Draft SEIS (June)

### PC Open Houses/Public Hearings

- All Elements
- Transportation Strategic Plan
- Environmental Review-SEIS
- Prepares recommendation to CC

## October – December

### Publish Final SEIS (December)

### CC Study Sessions/Adoption

- Draft Comprehensive Plan
- Draft Transportation Strategic Plan
- **December 10, 2024 adoption**

# Public Hearing Schedule (PC)

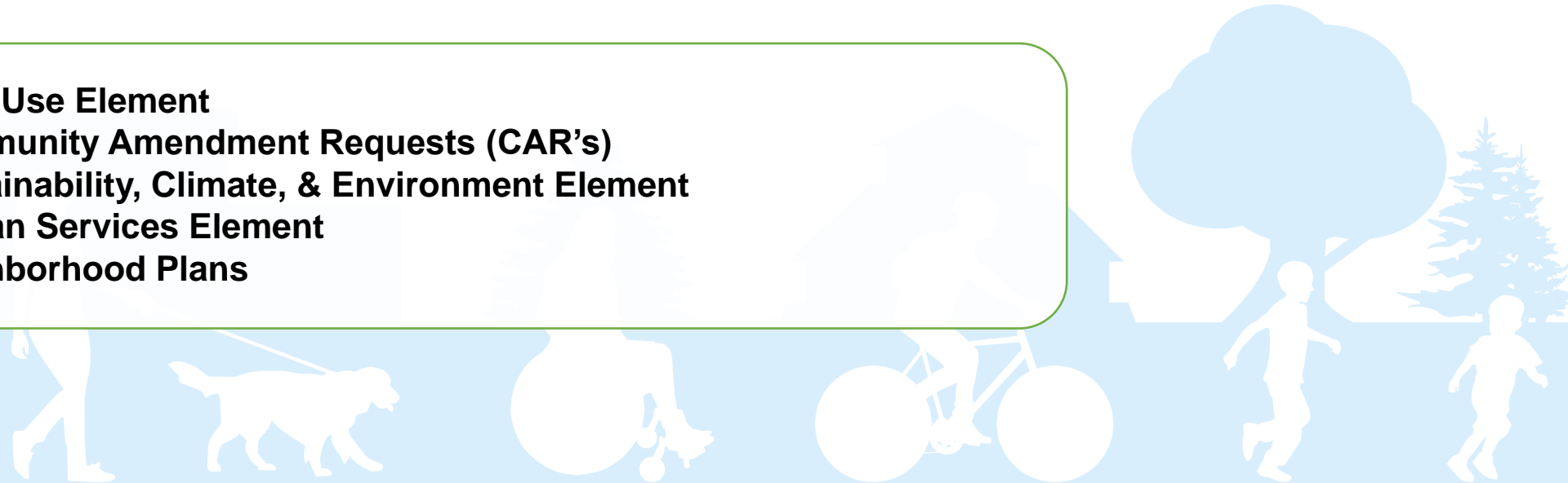


**May 9  
Public Hearing  
Open House**

- **Introduction: Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, General Goals**
- **Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Element**
- **Economic Development Element**

**May 23  
Public Hearing  
Open House**

- **Land Use Element**
- **Community Amendment Requests (CAR's)**
- **Sustainability, Climate, & Environment Element**
- **Human Services Element**
- **Neighborhood Plans**



# Public Hearing Schedule (PC)



**June 27  
Public Hearing  
Open House**

- **Transportation Element**
- **Capital Facilities Element**
- **Utilities Element**
- **Public Services Element**
- **Implementation Strategies**
- **Miscellaneous**

**September 26  
Public Hearing  
Open House**

- **Housing Element**
- **Appendix**
  - **History of Kirkland**
  - **Glossary**
  - **Community Profile**
  - **Housing Needs Assessment**



# What Drives the Updates?



- Compliance with required State/regional/county policies
- Incorporating recommendations from Equity Review Report
- Addressing study issues, as directed by the Planning Commission and Council
- Public comments and feedback from Planning Commission, City Council, other boards & commissions
- Alignment with 2044 Comprehensive Plan Vision, Guiding Principles, and draft revisions to other Elements
- Alignment with the City's plans and policies



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# Introduction Chapter

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- Combines General, Vision Statement and Guiding Principles Chapters
- Adds the City's Land Acknowledgement statement
- Overview of Comprehensive Plan; Planning context; Amendment process
- Describes K2044 key themes; how we do community engagement
- Reduces text devoted to the Community Profile; inserts the Quick Facts sheet
- Community Profile will be an Appendix
- Deletes future trends section
- Adds new text to refer to the City's DEIB 5-year road map document
- Adds Functional Plans used to implement the Plan



# Introduction Chapter



## Create a History of Kirkland Appendix

- Reduces history text and consolidate with other history text in the Community Character Element, Neighborhood Plans into the Appendix
- History unique to each neighborhood will be in the Appendix
- Replace with a chart or timeline that chronologically lists key historical milestones in Kirkland shown on the next slide



# Historical Timeline Example

## Growth Trends

This station area's history echoes many of the same forces that have shaped Kirkland's evolution as a whole. Kirkland's founder, Peter Kirk, sited a mill near the present-day interchange to take advantage of the topography and access to Forbes Lake. Although the

mill is no longer there, the large land area it required is reflected in block pattern and parcels of that portion of the study area today. Other themes, such as the long relationship between transportation infrastructure and growth, continue to shape the city today.

### Indigenous Community and Early Settlement



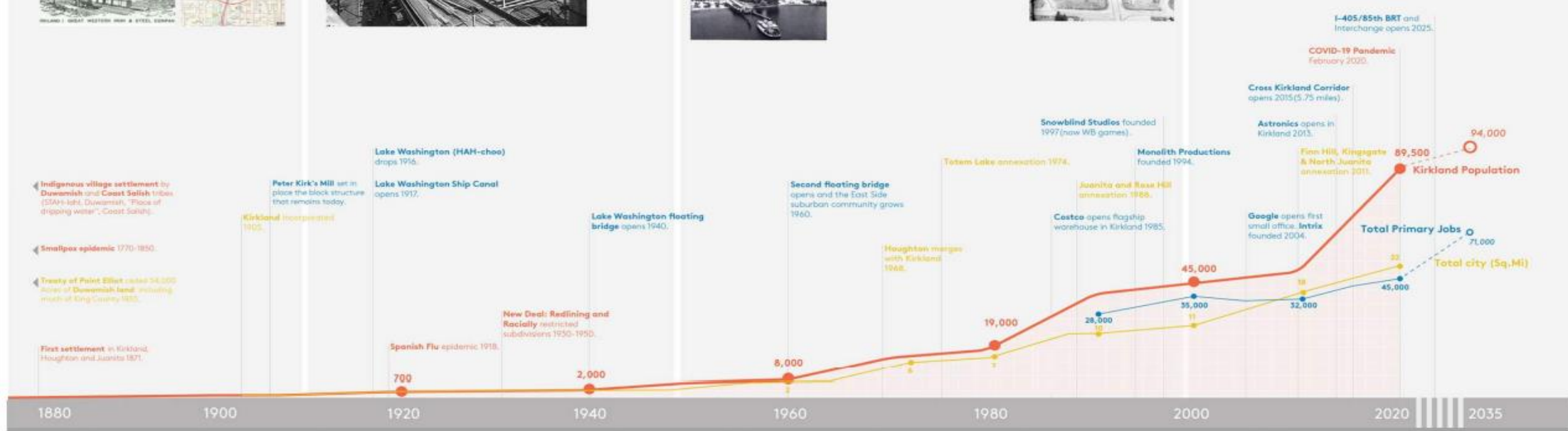
### Industrial Era and Regional Development



### Suburban Growth and Annexation



### Innovation Economy and Mobility Investment

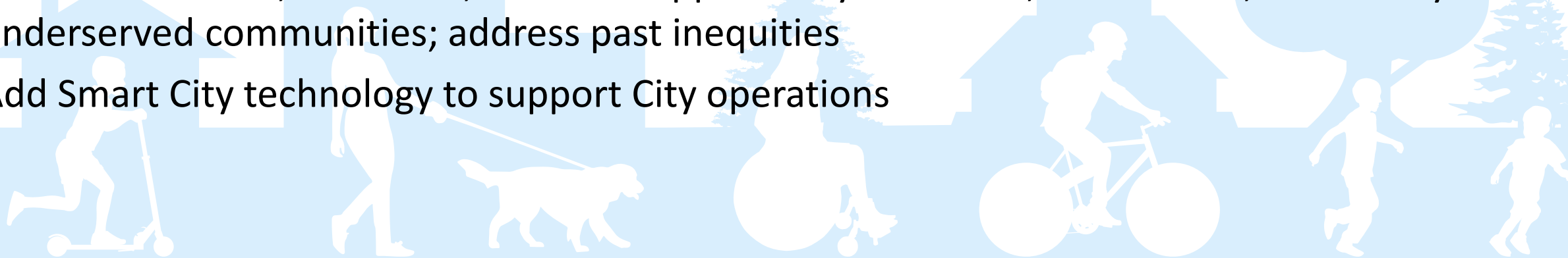


# General Goals and Policies



## Revised General Goals and Policies relate to:

- Intergovernmental coordination and consistency including Tribes
- Equitable, inclusive, welcoming, sustainable community
- Equitable, inclusive community engagement process and in City government
- Sense of community (from Community Character Element)
- Prioritize services, resources, access to opportunity for BIPOC, low income, historically underserved communities; address past inequities
- Add Smart City technology to support City operations





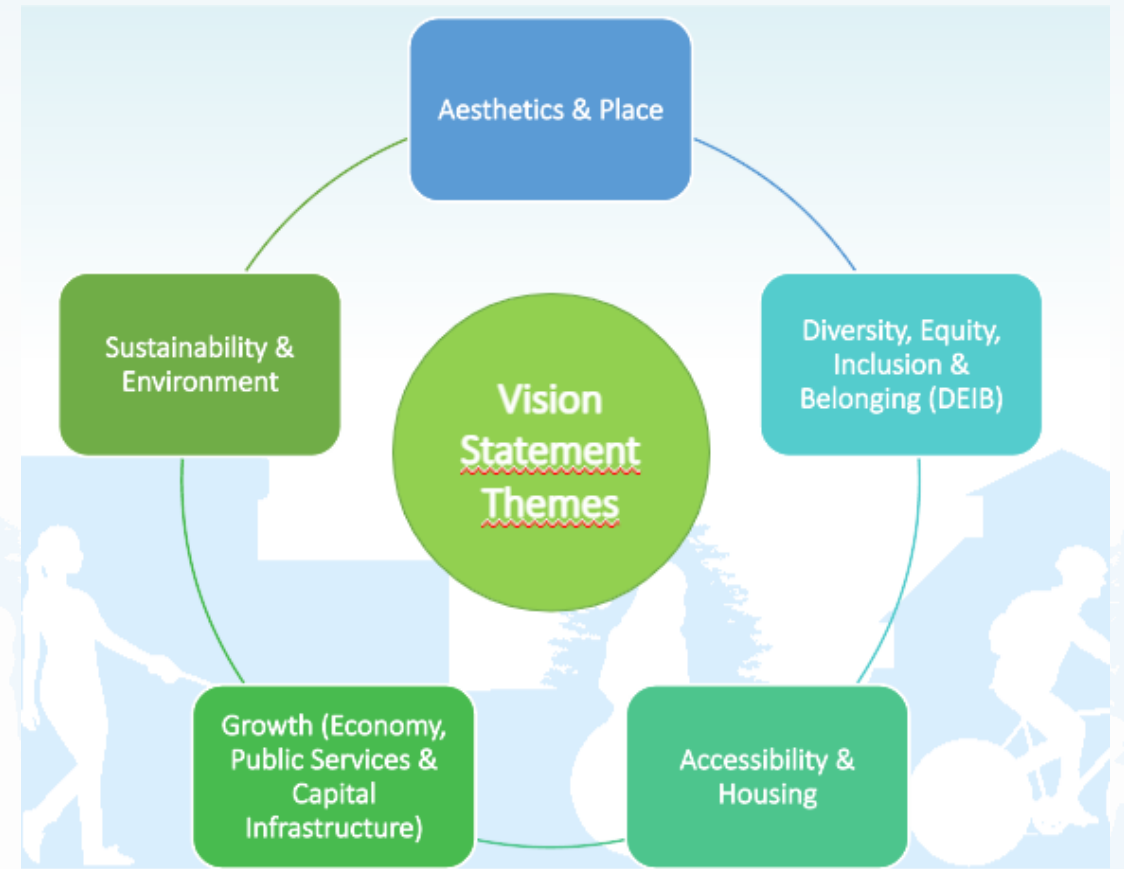
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# Draft Vision Statement

# Vision Statement – Guiding Principles



- Staff draft-Community Outreach:
  - K2044 Community Survey
  - Virtual Visioning Event; Engagement
- Vision Statement Review:
  - PC: June, July 2023; January 2024
  - CC: July 2023
- Guiding Principles Review:
  - PC: January 2024
  - CC: March 2024
- PC-CC May 3, 2024 retreat comments



# Revised Draft Mission and Vision Statement



**Mission Statement.** *Kirkland is a vibrant and welcoming place. The entire community is connected to each other, schools, parks, accessible housing options, our scenic waterfront, and thriving commercial centers that provide jobs and services.*

**Vision Statement.** Kirkland is a place where all people are valued and feel that they belong. We are dedicated to protecting and celebrating diversity and inclusion, and we combat racism and discrimination.

Kirkland is accessible for people of all abilities to walk, bike, roll, and utilize local and regional transit services or new innovative modes of travel. Diverse housing to accommodate residents in every stage of life, job opportunities, shops, and services, are provided in every neighborhood.

Kirkland is innovative and economically resilient, providing public services and capital infrastructure that accommodate growth, provide opportunities for the community to help each other, and promote sustainability.

Kirkland is a sustainable city that preserves and enhances our natural and built environment for our enjoyment and for future generations.

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# Draft Guiding Principles

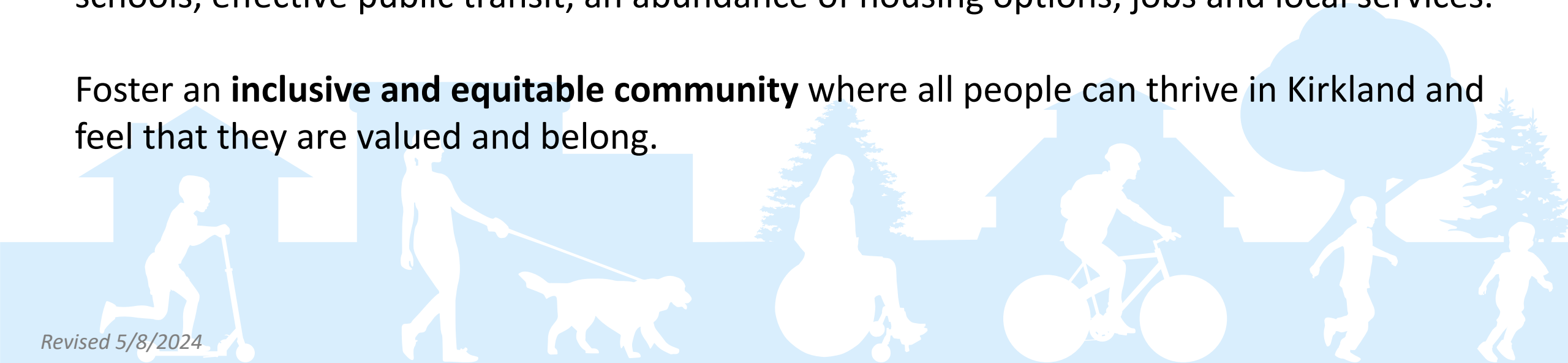
# Revised Draft Guiding Principles



## LIVABLE AND WELCOMING

Promote a **high quality of life**, exemplified by safe, accessible, affordable, and well-designed community planned for people of all abilities, with convenient access to parks, open space, recreational facilities, the waterfront, community gathering places, excellent schools, effective public transit, an abundance of housing options, jobs and local services.

Foster an **inclusive and equitable community** where all people can thrive in Kirkland and feel that they are valued and belong.





# Revised Draft Guiding Principles



## SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT

Protect and **enhance natural environmental systems**, including forest land, lakes, wetlands, and streams; integrate green infrastructure into urban environments; achieve net zero emissions and decarbonization to reduce impacts of climate change; and seek to empower the community to protect the environment through sustainable actions and the values of environmental justice.

Support a vibrant **economy that is prosperous and resilient**, that provides access to opportunity for all people, provides needed infrastructure, and uses technology responsibly.

Ensure that City growth and services are **fiscally sustainable**.

Provide and develop collaborations with other partners to provide **health and human services** that fulfill the basic needs of all people in the city.

Create a more **resilient community** that can withstand and prosper after natural, human, and economic disruptions, and adapts to climate change.

*Revised 5/8/2024*

# Revised Draft Guiding Principles



## CONNECTED AND INCLUSIVE

Build an **inclusive community** by engaging people in government, schools, community gathering spaces, civic events, and volunteer activities to create a sense of belonging and provide pathways for opportunity.

Create a safe, accessible, and enjoyable **multimodal transportation system** for people of all abilities. Provide connected, well-maintained networks for people to walk, bike, roll, and utilize transit to access housing, jobs, services, parks, schools, and destinations throughout the region.

Support **appropriate technologies** that connect, inform, and involve residents, businesses, and visitors.

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# Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element

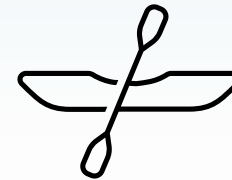
# Parks Element Overview



- Used by the Parks & Community Services Department as a guiding document
- Sets overarching goals and policies for the City's parks and recreation system
- Supports accessible and well-maintained parks and recreation facilities
- Promotes conservation and environmental education

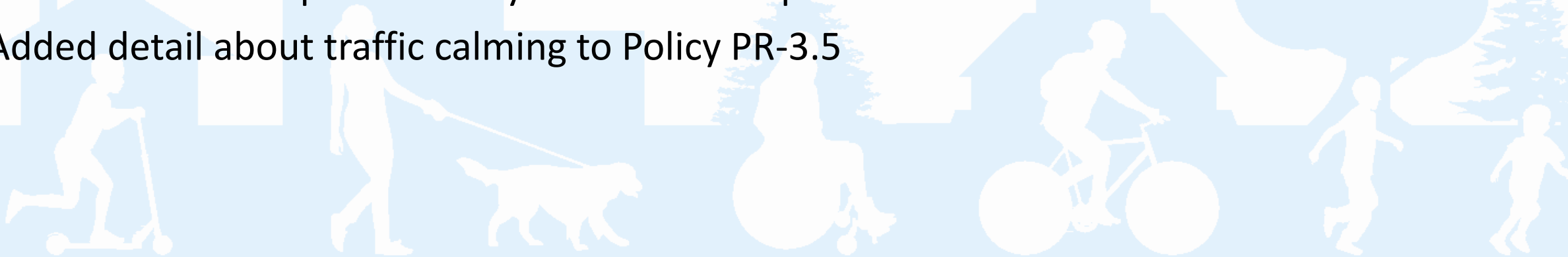
# Parks Element - Summary of K2044 Updates

- Prioritize underserved communities
- Explore innovative solutions to provide parks & recreational opportunities in denser areas
- Create new public access to Lake Washington shoreline
- Support active transportation trails
- Improve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility at City parks and recreation facilities
- Prioritize active transportation & public transportation access
- Preserve and enhance the tree canopy in parks
- Incorporate sustainability initiatives and parks & recreation facilities
- Explore opportunities for new uses, recreation options, businesses in/near parks



# Summary of Proposed Revisions Since PC Briefing

- Revised policies to be people-centered (communities instead of areas)
- Added connections between waterfront parks to Policy PR-1.5
- Revised transportation language to active transportation
- Revised Policy PR-2.3 about scholarships for aquatic recreation (“to encourage participation at all income levels”)
- Added more examples to Policy PR-2.6 about specialized recreational facilities
- Added detail about traffic calming to Policy PR-3.5



# Updated Proposed Parks Policy



*New. Policy PR-1.10:* Further activate City parks, spur economic development, and foster ten-minute neighborhoods by exploring opportunities for new uses, recreation options, and businesses in and adjacent to City parks and recreation spaces as appropriate.



# Additional Proposed Parks Policy



**New. Policy PR-1.13: Evaluate the current requirements for common recreational space for new multi-unit residential development and consider expanding those requirements to all new multi-unit development in order to provide residents with access to recreational opportunities within denser development patterns.**

*Narrative text below policy:* The Kirkland Zoning Code currently has common recreation space requirements for multi-unit residential development in certain zones of the City. The City should consider expanding these requirements to all new multi-unit developments. Examples of common recreation space for residents of multi-unit developments include picnic areas, green space, playgrounds, community gardens, outdoor fitness equipment, fitness centers, sport courts, and dog runs.





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# Economic Development Element

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Revised Economic Development strategy:

- A sustainable and resilient economy:
- A diverse tax base
- Access to job opportunities
- ~~Goods and services for the community~~ Economic growth is distributed across the community, including to historically underserved or underrecognized people.



# Revised Goals- Policies Summary



- Economic & job growth is distributed equally across the community;
- Reflect the City Manager’s Office ongoing Economic Development programs;
- Increase amount of affordable commercial rent spaces;
- Promote “third places” for economic activity;
- Support diversity of businesses and other DEIB goals;
- Allow small-scale commercial in residential neighborhoods (Land Use Element);
- Flexible home-based businesses code amendments;
- Restructure parking requirements for retail, restaurants, and change of use;
- Promote entrepreneurship; pop-up commercial spaces; activate parks w/businesses; and
- Promote smart city technology.



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# Questions?



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# Public Testimony



# Planning Commission Deliberation

# Deliberation: Introduction Chapter



- Does the Planning Commission recommend approval of the Introduction Chapter as presented by staff?
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*(i.e., updated Vision Statement and guiding principles)*



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*(i.e., additional Policy PR-1.13)*





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# Thank You