

SPECIAL

Planning & Economic Development Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2020

4:00 PM

* Virtual Meeting *

Members:
Present:
Commence: 4:00 P.M.
Adjourn:
4:52 P.M.

Stanley Tombs, Chair
X
Peter Kwon
X
Mayor Erin Sitterley
X

Other Councilmembers: Councilmembers Clyde Hill, Takele Gobena, and Pam Fernald

Staff Present: Steve Pilcher, CED Director; Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager; Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner; Aleksandr Yeremeyev, Economic Development Manager; Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager; Parks, Programs and Community Services Director Lawrence Ellis

| 1. | Public Comment | None received at the time of the meeting. |
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| 2. | Approval of minutes of 02/27/2020 | Minutes approved 2-0 (Chair Tombs abstained) |
| 3. | 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process | Planning Manager Jennifer Kester indicated staff is requesting Council initiate an "off-year" Comprehensive Plan amendment. Senior Planner Kate Kaehny indicated the reason for the request is for the Council to consider an update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Per the procedures for amending the Comp Plan, an amendment cycle needs to be formally initiated. This is scheduled to be an action item at the July 14 th City Council meeting. |

In response to a question, Ms. Kaehny indicated the Parks Dept. was looking for additional funding, so the update was not completed as part of the 2019 amendment cycle.

Parks Director Lawrence Ellis noted that having an updated PROS plan positions the City to receive outside sources of funding for parks projects. He noted that discussion of the Plan update began with the Parks Committee last year but, for a variety of reasons, they decided to continue the process into this year.

Ms. Kester noted that CED staff believes it should not significantly impact its or the Planning Commission's work programs, as most of the substantive work is being done by the Parks Committee.

Mr. Ellis stated that the PROS Plan is intended to be a 10-year document and does not specifically mandate when particular projects will occur.

Staff is asking the Committee to make a recommendation to move this forward to Council for its approval. **Approved by consensus.**

4. Housing Action Plan

X Briefing

Sr. Planner Kate Kaehny reminded the Committee that in April, the Council had accepted receipt of a \$100,000 grant, to allow the City to prepare a Housing Action Plan. The Plan will document existing housing needs and identify strategies for moving forward.

A significant portion of the grant will be for public outreach and the PED Committee will be a significant part of this project moving forward.

A consultant has been selected and the Council will be asked to approve the contract at its July 14th meeting.

A concern was raised that the Plan take a look at potential displacement impacts to long-term residents as housing prices rise.

MAKERS, the selected consultant, assisted the City with the 2015 Major Comp Plan update and also assisted with development of the S. 154th St. Station Area Plan.

A concern was raised whether the city would continue to receive more lower income housing, as it already has a higher proportion that many other South King County communities.

Another concern regarding the impact of AirBnB on the availability of housing and whether this could be included in the analysis. Not all single family homes are being used for that purpose. Ms. Kester noted that the Planning staff is preparing to discuss short term rentals with the Planning Commission.

There was discussion regarding the need to engage a wide variety of the citizens from throughout the city, including single family homes. It was mentioned that many single family residents just east of the City Center were not very aware of that Plan update process.

| | There was a concern that data gathered be SeaTac specific, not from King County and also that developments "in the pipeline" are included. |
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| 5. Adjourn | The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m. |