

RESOLUTION R-5067

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO PLANNING AND LAND USE AND ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE KIRKLAND PLANNING COMMISSION TO DEFER ACTION ON THE HOUGHTON/EVEREST NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER CITIZEN AMENDMENT REQUESTS UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (FILE CAM13-00465, #14).

WHEREAS, the City is updating its Comprehensive Plan, the guiding policy document to direct growth and development in Kirkland over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the City accepted Citizen Amendment Requests that proposed property-specific changes to the land use map/zoning map, existing Plan goals and policies and/or zoning regulations as part of the Plan update process; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Planning Commission reviewed the Citizen Amendment Requests at its July 10, 2014, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the Planning Commission recommendations at the July 15, 2014, Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, City Council agreed with the recommendations of the Planning Commission on the Citizen Amendment Requests, including a recommendation that staff return to the Planning Commission with options for handling the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center review including the two Citizen Amendment Requests within the Central Houghton Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, following additional review at its August 14, 2014, meeting, the Planning Commission recommended that action be deferred on the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center Citizen Amendment Requests until the completion of the Comprehensive Plan update when the Everest Neighborhood Plan can be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Houghton Community Council met on August 25, 2014, to discuss the process options for the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center Citizen Amendment Requests and agreed with the recommendation of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the existing Central Houghton Neighborhood Plan establishes goals and policies for the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center and the Houghton Center which need to be harmonized and coordinated with the Everest Neighborhood Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Everest Neighborhood Plan, along with all other Neighborhood Plans in the City, is being updated as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process; and

WHEREAS, accepting the recommendations of the Houghton Community Council and the Planning Commission to defer the Central

Houghton Neighborhood Citizen Amendment Requests would allow for the update of the Everest Neighborhood Plan except for the areas of Everest that are included in the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide certainty and predictability in land use, the City Council wishes to work with the Houghton Community Council, property owners and residents of Central Houghton and Everest to consider the entire Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center following the completion of the Comprehensive Plan update.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. Action will be deferred on the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center Citizen Amendment Requests until the completion of the Comprehensive Plan update.

Section 2. Immediately following the Plan update, and no later than January 15, 2016, the City Council and staff shall initiate a formal public review and update process for the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center in partnership with the Houghton Community Council, property owners and the residents of Everest and Central Houghton.

Section 3. The Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center update process shall result in recommendations to the Planning Commission for Comprehensive Plan amendments and zoning regulations for the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center no later than July 15, 2016.

Section 4. The Planning Commission shall consider and hold a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan amendments and zoning regulations and shall make final recommendations to the City Council no later than October 31, 2016.

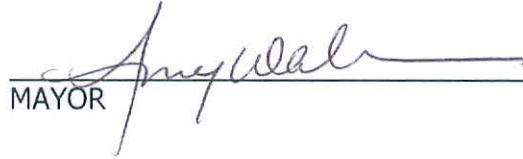
Section 5. The Council may accept, modify or reject the Comprehensive Plan amendments and zoning regulations. Both the Everest and Central Houghton Neighborhood Plans will be updated as necessary to reflect any final Council action on the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center.

Section 6. The existing Comprehensive Plan language and zoning regulations affecting the Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center in both the Everest Neighborhood Plan and the Central Houghton Neighborhood Plan shall remain unchanged until the process outlined above is completed.

Section 7. The scope of the Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement will include an evaluation of business districts, but any Houghton/Everest Neighborhood Center-specific policies and zoning regulations will be deferred from the Comprehensive Plan to the process outlined above.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 16th day of September, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this 16th day of September, 2014.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk