

City of Lake Forest Park - Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Notes: June 9, 2015
17425 Ballinger Way NE—Lake Forest Room

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Ray Holmdahl; Vice-chair Jon Lebo; Richard Saunders; Semra Riddle; Connie Holloway; Jean Maixner; Doug Gochanour; and Rocky Oliver

Staff and others present: Deborah Munkberg, consultant 3 Square Blocks and Ande Flower, Assistant Planner

Planning Commissioners absent: Joel Paisner

Call to order: 6:00PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chair Holmdahl suggested discussion of Capital Facilities to precede the Parks, Trails, and Open Space element. Cmr. Saunders asked Commissioners whether they would like to review the Utilities element prior to Capital Facilities. Commissioners and Ms. Munkberg agreed to this new review schedule for the evening. Cmr. Gochanour moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Riddle and approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Notes:

May 12, 2015 Cmr. Saunders asked to include his commitment to incorporate and rewrite a specific 2005 Comp Plan Economic Development Element goal. Cmr. Gochanour moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Riddle and approved unanimously.

Old Business: Comprehensive Plan Update

Discussion of Review Schedule

Element 08: Utilities

Commissioners reviewed current draft element along with suggested revisions provided by Diane Pottinger, district manager of North City Water District. (See attachment A draft for specific amendments)

Element 06: Capital Facilities

This element was discussed, though no amendments were shared with consultants from this meeting.

Element 07: Parks, Trails, and Open Space

Postponed until next meeting.

Reports and Announcements: Planning Short Course Offerings

Tabled until next meeting

Adjournment: 9:00



Ray Holmdahl, Chair

VIII. Utilities

Introduction

The Utilities Element addresses telecommunications, electricity, water and sewer service and stormwater systems. In general, the goals and policies promote ~~the provision of~~ reliable and equitable services for all constituents ~~and ensure that service is provided~~ in a cost efficient manner.

Consistent with the Plan's framework goals and emphasis on sustainability and healthy communities, utilities policies promote resource efficiency and help to reduce the demand on utility infrastructure.

The Utilities Element Background Analysis contains the background data and analysis, including information on the proposed location of utilities, and capacity of existing and proposed utilities.

[\(Include bulleted list of topics addressed in Volume 2\)](#)

Goals & Policies

Goal U-1 Service Quality. Ensure quality utility services are provided throughout Lake Forest Park to meet the needs of current and future residents and businesses.

Policy U-1.1 Work with utility providers to ensure that reliable, quality services are provided at reasonable, ~~equitable~~ fair rates in all areas of the City.

Policy U-1.2 Support the timely expansion and maintenance of utility infrastructure in order to meet evolving community needs.

Policy U-1.3 Encourage the use of new technologies that will enhance the quality of utility services and that are financially feasible.

Policy U-1.4 Utilize a variety of methods to improve the quality of utility services through protect and advance community interests such things as partnerships, interlocal agreements and franchise agreements.

Policy U-1.5 Explore options for improving telecommunication services, with a focus on high speed internet connectivity, in Lake Forest Park for residents and businesses. [\(Insert sidebar box noting that this is a high priority, referencing discussion in Vol 2\)](#)

Policy U-1.6 Consider alternative service provision options that may be more effective, efficient, and economical at providing service to residents and businesses, including reducing the number of water and sewer providers operating within the City.

Goal U-2 Planning. Work with utility providers and other partners to plan for sustainable utility infrastructure that supports City and regional growth plans.

Policy U-2.1 Support utility service areas that are consistent with the growth and development patterns outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan, the King County Comprehensive Plan and Vision 2040. (Provide link to Vision 2040 and KC Comp Plan in call out box, not text)

Policy U-2.2 Communicate on a regular basis (consider annually) through sharing and requesting Share information with utility providers and other partners, ~~and regularly request information from utility providers~~, in order to facilitate coordinated planning for sustainable regional utility infrastructure.

Policy U-2.3 Coordinate review of significant development proposals with utility providers to determine whether there is available capacity to accommodate development without lowering service standards, and identify any needed system improvements.

Policy U-2.4 Encourage the joint use of utility corridors and facilities, ~~in order to pool utility resources and to minimize the amount of land area impacted by utility infrastructure.~~

Policy U-2.5 Notify utilities of construction activities on public rights-of-way to facilitate coordination of trenching activities.

Policy U-2.6 Support the use of utility corridors for recreation and open space purposes, where appropriate.

Goal U-3 Community Impacts. Mitigate negative impacts of utility systems to community members.

Policy U-3.1 Minimize adverse impacts to community members associated with the construction, operation and maintenance activities of utility providers, such as loud noises, service outages, transportation disruptions and public safety hazards.

Policy U-3.2 Work with utilities to inform the community about utility activities and to provide opportunities for public engagement in planning processes, ~~as appropriate~~.

Policy U-3.3 Minimize adverse visual impacts to community members associated with the siting and design of utility infrastructure, for instance by regulating light and glare, screening and landscaping and location of above-ground facilities.

Policy U-3.4 Promote the undergrounding of utilities where physically and financially feasible.

Goal U-4 Environmental Impacts. Minimize negative impacts of utility systems to the environment.

Policy U-4.1 Encourage siting, construction, operation and maintenance activities that are consistent with environmental best management practices.

Policy U-4.2 Provide ~~Coordinate~~ and support public education by the utility providers that raises awareness of the need for water and energy conservation and empowers individuals to take action.

Policy U-4.3 Encourage water utilities to adopt efficient practices that protect natural resources and support a sustainable long-term water supply.

Policy U-4.4 Collaborate with ~~water~~ utilities and other partners to identify the impacts of climate change and develop long-term strategies to address them.

Policy U-4.5 Encourage energy utilities to adopt efficient practices and explore alternative energy resources, in order to help meet long-term energy needs and reduce environmental impacts associated with traditional energy supplies.

Policy U-4.6 Work with electric utilities to encourage tree removals when topping is otherwise required for maintaining power lines. limit trimming of trees to that which is necessary for the safety and maintenance of transmission facilities minimize the amount of tree crown removal while meeting requirements for line clearance as outlined in the City's Community Forest Management Plan.

Policy U-4.7 ~~Provide a~~ Encourage the waste management ~~utility~~ utilities program in Lake Forest Park that encourages to increase recycling, composting, yard waste, waste reduction, and responsible disposal of hazardous waste.

Policy U-4.8 ~~Provide~~ Coordinate and support public education by the utility providers that raises awareness ~~education for residents and businesses on~~ of alternatives to toxic and wasteful products.

Policy U-4.9 Protect water quality and quantity through operation of the City's stormwater utility.