

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
June 14, 2017 Rose Hill room, Kirkland City Hall

Note: Action items are highlighted in **yellow**.

Neighborhoods Attending:

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| Central Houghton | Lisa McConnell |
| Everest | Owen Paulus, Anna Rising |
| Evergreen Hill | Johanna Palmer |
| Finn Hill | Bill Blanchard (KAN Co-Chair) |
| Highlands | Karen Story, Debbie Ohman |
| Juanita Neighborhoods | Leo Gilbert, Doug Rough |
| Lakeview | |
| Market | |
| Moss Bay | Bea Nahon |
| Norkirk | Janet Pruitt (KAN Co-Chair), Heather Hendrix-McAdams |
| North Rose Hill | Margaret Carnegie |
| South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails | Chris Kagen |

City Staff/Elected Officials Attending:

- Kari Page: Senior Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Doreen Booth: Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Leslie Miller, Human Services Administrator
- Jenny Gaus, Surface Water Engineering Supervisor
- Joel Pfundt, Transportation Engineering Manager
- Dave Asher: Councilmember

Guests:

- Paula White: Kirkland Safe
- David Greschler, Kirkland Safe
- Tom Neir: former Transportation Commissioner and City Council candidate

7:00pm Recognition of Kari Page

Chocolate and appreciation for Kari, as she transitions out of the Coordinator role. Kari will be working full-time on the Kirkland Capital Project Team, where she will help oversee community engagement around parks and public works projects throughout the city. Kari will also continue to manage the Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) and is the contact for that program.

7:15pm Introduction

- Co-Chair Janet Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.
- May 10, 2017 minutes accepted, with an amendment from Bea Nahon of her report from the Planning & Economic Development Committee (clarifying

remarks made by attendees). The amendment has been made in the archived minutes.

- Doreen Booth, the new Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator: Doreen introduced herself. Previous planning director/city administrator in city of Duvall. Last 6 years, Sound Cities Association, facilitating regional policy development.

7:20pm Public comments

- None.

7:20pm Inclusive Communities/Community Conversations

- Paula White, Kirkland Safe
 - Want KAN feedback, and possibly seal of approval, on signage based on the 1/3/17 proclamation by the Kirkland City Council. The signage is intended for voluntary display, in the form of yard signs, window displays, etc.
 - Kirkland Safe is pursuing partnership and co-branding with the City as well
 - Send questions or feedback to: paulagreschler@yahoo.com
 - **Moved and approved** to support this signage and add the KAN logo to the artwork
- Leslie Miller, Human Services Administrator
 - Presented on the Kirkland “Safe, Inclusive, and Welcoming Community” initiative
 - The Kirkland City Council made a 1/3/17 proclamation in support of these values, and then passed a resolution that included directives to the City Manager to take specific steps to support the values. This resulted in the passing of Ordinance 4558.
 - 3.18.020, for example, prohibits inquiry into immigration status. There was a question asked about the use of the term “civil immigration status” instead of “immigration status.” Leslie clarified that being in the country unlawfully is a civil matter, and not a criminal matter. However, there are some immigration-related inquiries that could involve the commission of serious crimes, e.g. human trafficking or a drug cartel matter. In those kinds of criminal matters, the Kirkland Police Department would work with federal officials as they always have.
 - 3.18.030 prohibits collecting information regarding religious affiliation
 - In response to a question, Leslie clarified that the Kirkland City Council did not declare Kirkland a “Sanctuary City”
 - A stakeholder group has formed, to make recommendations and provide direction. Proposed next steps include:
 - Facilitate community conversations
 - Opportunity mixer with Fast Pitch
 - Produce short videos covering welcoming concepts and organizations
 - What role might Kirkland neighborhoods play? – Pairs for discussion, then group harvest of ideas on sticky notes on the wall. Some themes:
 - Identify demographics for each neighborhood
 - Create events that resonate with that demographic

- Reach out to churches, PTSAs, cultural centers
- Pair more-diverse neighborhoods with less-diverse ones
- Use food as a bridge
- Leverage existing events, parties, etc.
- Use KirklandTV in some way
- **Consider scaling some of the ideas/activities to your individual neighborhood;** start small if necessary
- Kirkland Safe is suggesting a ‘Kirkland Reads’ event, a city-wide book club, through partnership with the libraries
- **Next steps for KAN**, proposed by Leslie:
 - Invite Debbie Lacy from Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC) to introduce the Welcoming America framework
 - Attend a Welcoming America Week event in September (9/15-9/24) and consider hosting an event in 2018
- Resources:
 - ERIC website: <https://ericmembers.wordpress.com>
 - Welcoming America website: www.welcomingamerica.org

8:05pm Surface water pollutants

- Jenny Gaus, Surface Water Engineering Supervisor
 - Presentation: What is stormwater and how does Kirkland deal with it?
 - Pollution comes from vehicle leaks, business waste, and many other sources. Even wash water from freshly-poured concrete is a pollutant that should be diverted to a sanitary sewer rather than a storm drain.
 - “ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!”
 - 7M quarts of oil end up in Lake Washington each year
 - **What can KAN do?**
 - Invite City staff to your NA meetings
 - Distribute education materials
 - Volunteer
 - Talk to your neighbors
 - Call if you see a spill: (425) 587-3900, 24 hours/day
 - The main link to the City stormwater education pages is http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Utilities/Storm_Surface_Water.htm
 - City staff will look at adding a “dictionary” of yucky spill pictures, and talk with Police and Fire about adding the spill number to their non-emergency pages

8:20pm Waterfront Promenade Proposal

- Joel Pfundt, Transportation Manager, and Tom Neir, former Transportation Commissioner (and current candidate for City Council)
- The proposal is to widen the sidewalk on the west side of Lake Washington Blvd., from downtown to Carillon Point, to better accommodate the activities and people who are using that stretch of sidewalk
- The waterfront is the “front door” of Kirkland: walking, activities

- The Transportation Master Plan includes goals to examine waterfront improvements
- A study is funded in the 6-year CIP (\$75K) for 2020 for community involvement and concept development
- Some improvements along Lake Washington Blvd. are already pending under existing approved safety grants (e.g., 2 rapid flashing beacons, upgraded sidewalk ramps, green bike lanes at conflict points, added streetlight illumination)
- The promenade project could potentially reduce the amount of parking on Lake Washington Blvd., which could affect how people access the waterfront
- What can KAN do?
 - Watch for opportunities for input to the City in the years to come, as we approach the 2020 study
 - If you see a sidewalk that is overgrown, obstructing pedestrian passage, send a sidewalk trim request (with address and photo, if possible), to: Public Works Service Request <PWServiceRequest@kirklandwa.gov>

8:35pm Liaison Reports and Hot Topics

- Doreen Booth, miscellaneous topics
 - The Peter Kirk room is not available in the fall (Oct/Nov/Dec). We conflict with City Council in November because of Election Day, should move that day anyway. Moved and approved to relocate to the Kirkland Justice Center for the three Fall meetings. Doreen will investigate options regarding rescheduling the November meeting.
 - Doreen will meet with all NA chairs/vice-chairs. She will send out a set of questions in preparation.
 - Please turn in Matching Grant Agreements if you haven't already.
 - Also, please turn in picnic applications if you haven't already. Picnic applications or special event applications have been received from North Rose Hill, Market, Norkirk/Highlands, Finn Hill, and Everest (has date reserved but needs application).
 - The new "Wester Lot" 48-space parking lot has opened next to City Hall
 - The City Manager's office requested \$75K for Welcoming Communities and for "Love of Kirkland" events. Council will discuss at the June 20 City Council meeting.
 - Kirkland is taking over its own Animal Services functions. Look for a rollout around the time of the July parade.
 - Art Cart: a mobile station for kids/families to engage with art activities, facilitated by the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission. See <http://www.kirkland.wa.gov/arts> . Neighborhoods can request the Art Cart at events.
 - Doreen provided information on the new "This Week in Kirkland" (revamped "News Bites" mailing): people need to opt in to receive it. Subscribe to "This Week in Kirkland" and receive brief, timely news and notices about City-sponsored events: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAKIRK/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAKIRK_105
- Owen Paulus (Everest), Crossing Kirkland event update

- Generated from the “Love of Kirkland” event
- Uses the CKC as a focus, connecting the city’s neighborhoods
- Event will span several miles
- 11 candidate sites identified, with expectation of 5-7 on the event day
- “Command Center” at Feriton Spur (AKA the Google Park) (first aid, event primary contact)
- Toilets and waste bins will be distributed along the trail, based on access and the final number of stations
- Suggested activities at each site:
 - Tent
 - Adult and kid activities; ideas:
 - Music (live, recorded)
 - Bouncy house
 - Art projects
 - Face painting
 - Balloon artist
 - Yard games
 - Passport stamp, for going from station to station
 - Requires discussion (“Yes, if ...):
 - “Touch a truck”
 - Food
 - Non-profit tents
 - Not permitted:
 - Alcohol
 - Hot food
- Steering Committee will solicit donation of materials where possible (toilets are being donated, for example)
- Councilmember Asher suggested that the City might provide a shuttle, so that people can walk one-way and shuttle back
- Owen’s presentation outline can be found at <https://1drv.ms/p/s!AsRq5w1BzAuUreQWtdmn1uVGHK3tVg>
- **Steering Committee would like more help.** Need owners for the following committees:
 - Food truck coordinator (NECESSARY)
 - Services (waste, toilets) (NECESSARY)
 - First aid (NECESSARY)
 - <other, optional needs>
- **5 neighborhoods have identified lead contacts (Everest, Norkirk/Highlands, North Rose Hill, Moss Bay, and Evergreen Hill). Other neighborhoods need leads.**
- **Please advertise these volunteer opportunities through your neighborhood listservs and on NextDoor for your area**
- Bill Blanchard, Housing
 - Receiving training to “think like city planners”
- Bea Nahon, Planning & Economic Development Committee

- Short-term rentals (AirBnB, VRBO, Homeaway, ...) are not addressed by City ordinances
- A group of citizens is bringing a petition to City Council
- The council will deliberate: what should their role be on this?
- For KAN: Plan to **get this on the September agenda.**
- Bea sent email (on 6/15/17) to the council saying that KAN is putting this on the September agenda and we want to be involved in the discussion. KAN members agreed with this approach.

9:10pm Neighborhood Roundtable

- Lisa: the conversation continues on Metro/Sound Transit re-routing Eastside buses to the U District. Next chance for participation: Wed 6/21 6-8pm in Redmond.
- Bill: Hosting a party supporting Jon Pascal.

9:15pm Closing

- Adjourned at 9:15pm
- Next meeting: Wed, 9/13/17, Peter Kirk Room, Kirkland City Hall

Upcoming agenda items, events, deadlines

- Agenda items:
 - Housing Strategy Advisory Committee
 - Short-term rentals (AirBnB, VRBO, etc.)
 - Metro long-term transit plan
 - Parking survey #2 – solutions
 - Debbie Lacy, ERIC, Welcoming America
 - Marina expansion
 - Animal Services
 - Art Cart (Doreen)
- Events
 - Sat 8/20/17: “DennyFest,” Finn Hill’s neighborhood party, starting at noon at OO Denny Park
 - Sat 9/9/17: “Crossing Kirkland” on the CKC (www.crossingkirkland.org)
 - Sep 15-24: National Welcoming Week. Interested in hosting an event? Contact Debbie Lacy, Director of Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC), at Debbie@ERICmembers.org