

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
September 09, 2020 Virtual online meeting, Zoom

Note: Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhoods attending:

Central Houghton	
Everest	Anna Aubry
Evergreen Hill	Johanna Palmer
Finn Hill	Bill Blanchard (KAN Co-Chair), Cindy Wood-Randazzo (from Michigan)
Highlands	Debbie Ohman
Juanita Neighborhoods	Leo Gilbert
Lakeview	Mark Still, Aaron Jacobson
Market	Ken Mackenzie
Moss Bay	
Norkirk	Heather Hendrix-McAdams (KAN Co-Chair), Janet Pruitt
North Rose Hill	
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails	Chris Kagen

City Staff/Elected Officials attending:

- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Penny Sweet, Mayor
- Amy Falcone, Councilmember and COMSAG participant
- Kurt Triplett, City Manager
- Joe Sanford, Fire Chief
- Mark Jung, Fire Marshall, Kirkland Professional Firefighters' Association
- Andreana Campbell, Management Analyst

Guests:

- Paula White, Houghton, Community Safety Advisory group

7:00pm Introduction

- Co-Chair Bill Blanchard called the meeting to order
- August 2020 minutes ratified
- Reminder that Heather is moving to Woodinville next month, leaving KAN leadership

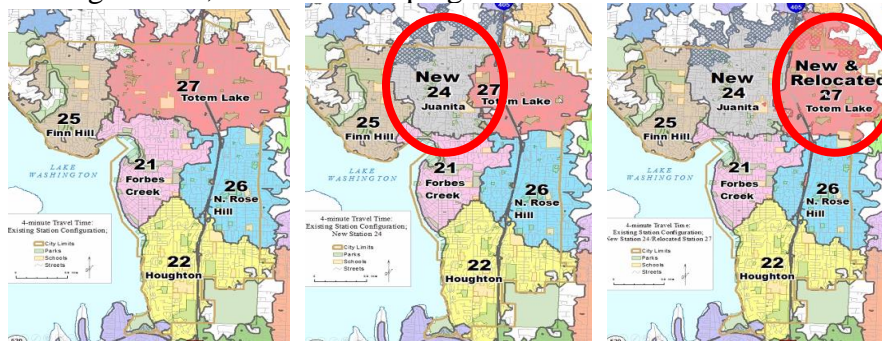
7:00pm Public comments

- No public attendees

7:07pm Fire and Emergency Medical Services Property Tax measure: informational presentation

- Kurt Triplett, City Manager, presenting

- Ballot measure for November 3
 - For clarity: informational presentation, not lobbying
- Challenges that lead to this proposal
 - Pursuant to 2018 Proposition 1
 - 75% of emergency calls are for emergency medical service (EMS)
 - 18.2% for fire; remainder for “other”
- Ballot measure summary
 - \$0.23513 per \$1K property value, \$171/year for a median valued home
 - Raise \$7.3M/year
 - Improve fire and emergency medical services response times
 - Protect staff safety
 - See: [Fire & Emergency Medical Services 2020 Ballot Measure](#)
 - Community Safety Advisory Group (COMSAG) met nine times to create the ballot proposal
- Used survey, feedback to prioritize
 - For example, delayed plans for training expansion
 - Fire stations are historically funded by ballot measures
 - Fire Station 24 is an exception; fully funded by Council outside of this ballot
 - Fire Station 25 renovation, \$3.8M, done outside of this ballot
- Current staffing
 - 5 stations
 - All personnel cross-trained for EMS and fire
 - Adding area 24, and then reshaping area 27



- Response times
 - Goal: 4-minute response to calls
 - “Legacy” rooms: filled with organic materials: wood, cloth, etc.
 - “Modern” rooms: synthetic materials: plastics, foam, etc.
 - Basically, “solid gasoline”
 - Faster ignition
 - Toxic fumes, carcinogenic
 - When black smoke ignites, a “flashover” event
 - Sample graphic shows 3min40sec to Modern flashover, vs. 29:25 in Legacy room
- Firefighters face significant health challenges
- Spending targets

Firefighter/EMT Investments	Full Time FF/EMTs	Annual Cost
Dedicated Aid Car at Fire Station 22 in Houghton	10	\$1,690,000
Cross staff new Station 24 in N. Juanita	5	\$846,000
Additional Firefighter/EMT at Station 26 in N. Rose Hill	5	\$846,000
New Facilities Operating Costs		\$219,000
Fire Station Investments		Project Cost
Juanita Station 27: design, build, and relocate east of I-405		\$28,500,000
Houghton Station 22: renovation and modernization		\$9,600,000
Forbes Creek Station 21: renovation and modernization		\$6,100,000
N. Rose Hill Station 26: renovation and modernization		\$8,400,000
Temporary Fire Station		\$3,200,000
Levy Rate/\$1,000AV	Annual Revenue Generation	
\$0.23513	\$7,300,000	

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- Increase PPE stockpile
 - Kirkland had a good stockpile before COVID
 - Likely to run out by the end of the year
- Hire additional 20 staff
 - To staff 5 new positions at four stations
- Fire station investments
 - Stations built in 1974 to 1994; not up to modern codes
 - Isolate toxics; “hot zone” in the vehicle bay with negative-pressure “warm rooms” to transition to the rest of the station (airflow keeps toxics out)
 - Vehicle exhaust extraction system to divert vehicle exhaust to top venting
 - Photos of Station 25 renovation, showing extensive remodeling work
 - Current Station 27 (Juanita/Totem Lake) will be retained for equipment storage and isolation residence under pandemic
- Questions
 - Will this ensure 4-minute response?
 - A few pockets at Holmes Point and Bridle Trails with 4:30 response
- Ask Kurt or Chief Sanford if you’d like to have an NA presentation
- Comments (after and apart from Kurt’s presentation)
 - Paula White, COMSAG member
 - Learned a lot about fire departments and what’s lacking
 - Concern for firefighter health
 - Committee had a watchful eye on expenses proposed
 - Committee strongly supports the ballot measure
 - Mark Jung, Kirkland Professional Firefighters’ Association
 - Firefighters enthusiastically support the measure
 - Cindy Wood-Randazzo, COMSAG member
 - Can’t put a price tag on safety (of firefighters or of the public)
 - Need to protect firefighters from hazardous materials
 - Heather: How is this measure being advertised, presented, promoted?
 - Literature mailed
 - Online pushes

- Yard signs
- Participating in online meetings
- Informational briefings to any group that asks
- Short videos, clips for information (for example, the Legacy/Modern room burn simulator)
- Heather: Anticipating pushback
 - Why does Kirkland allow building tall buildings that then need extra emergency services response?
 - Penny: We're across the lake from Seattle; we're going to have tall buildings. And of course we need the services that support them.
 - How will people pay extra taxes in a time of COVID effect on personal finances?
 - Heather: Be ready for these pushbacks! (Penny: Thank you.)
- Mark S.: How does this ballot measure compare to the existing city budget for emergency services?
 - Kurt: About half of the city budget goes to safety and emergency services. This is a significant add to that allocation.
- Janet: Putting together a flyer/bulletin to inform residents
 - Willing to share it with other NAs
- Bill: If there were one thing KAN can do, what would it be?
 - Penny: If KAN endorsed the measure, that would be a huge help
 - Heather: We have rules about what KAN can endorse; we'll talk about it

7:58pm Neighborhood Services update

- David Wolbrecht
- [Kirkland Cares](#), small business relief fund
 - Spread the word about availability of funds
 - Accepting applications for another week, through 9/16/20, decisions by October
 - State money that came to Kirkland for this purpose
 - \$750K for up to 150 one-time small business grants of \$5K each
 - Non-profits are eligible, if they meet all other criteria
 - **Speaker for NA mtgs: contact David if you have something before 9/16/20**
- Kari Page retirement
 - October 31, 2020
 - Karen Story planning to arrange a remembrance
- [Shop Local Kirkland](#)
 - Information site: convey protocols and make connections
 - Search by neighborhood, by interest, by category, etc.
 - "Stroll down the digital mainstreet"
 - **Advertise it in October when it launches**
- [Eastside Race and Equity Summit](#) on racism
 - Virtual community summit event

- Kirkland co-sponsoring with other Eastside cities, Eastside for All, and Eastside Race and Leadership Coalition
- Sat, Sept 26, 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm
- Keynote speaker: Delbert Richardson
- Neighborhood Safety Program
 - Holding to roughly the same schedule as usual, possibly a bit delayed

8:17pm KAN co-chair position

- Heather moving to Woodinville
- Anyone interested in moving up to leadership?
- **Contact Bill Blanchard**

8:18pm Hot topics

- Janet: Police topics in general
 - Present at next KAN meeting?
 - Chief Harris has put out some public emails/memos
 - [Resolution 5434](#): concerning racism, Black community members, Indigenous People, other stakeholders, and the city's strategies for action, studies, etc.
 - Planning "robust community outreach"
 - Big part of David's job right now
 - Expected output: recommendations, strategies, for funded actions
- Heather: Halloween plans
 - Parent Map magazine
 - Research on what's going on in the broader Seattle area for Halloween plans
 - Heather is current contact; **anyone to join as a contact?**
 - Sees this as an ongoing involvement around connecting community during COVID
 - Celebrating community, connecting during isolation
 - Cultural events during COVID
 - Heather has a survey to send out

8:32pm Closing

- Adjourned at 8:32pm
- Next meeting: October 14, 2020