

KAN Meeting Minutes

9/10/2014

Google Campus, Building A

6-9 pm

KAN Reps and Neighborhood Association Chairs Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell

Everest – Anna Rising

Evergreen Hill – Johanna Palmer

Finn Hill – Jon Pascal and Scott Morris

Highlands – Debbie Ohman

Juanita – Doug Rough and Karen Lightfeldt

Lakeview – Chuck Pilcher

Market – Mark Nelson and Michelle Sailor

Moss Bay – Bea Nahon

Norkirk – Janet Pruitt

North Rose Hill – Karen Tennyson

South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Rodney Rutherford

Totem Lake – none

City Staff and Facilitator Attending:

Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

Audra Weber, Neighborhood Resource Officer

Marcia Holland, Facilitator, CAE, CEO Outcomes Unlimited

The meeting consisted of two distinct parts, a Facilitated Planning Session from 6-8:10pm followed by a KAN business meeting and discussion from 8:15-9pm.

Facilitated Planning Session:

Co-chair Bea Nahon introduced Marcia Holland, the Facilitator for the KAN planning session.

As part of the introductions, Bea also explained that the reason it was thought KAN members would benefit from a planning session is because KAN is attempting to move from a group primarily for sharing information to a group that assumes an advisory role in the City, helping to shape policy. KAN is in the midst of transitioning its leadership as well.

Marcia Holland began the Facilitation Session by characterizing what KAN and its neighborhood leaders are doing as “Democracy in Action” and a gift to our community, helping folks feel empowered in our neighborhoods and building a bridge between the citizens and their government. In this role, Marcia said we need to become effective communicators, and that one of the most advanced roles is having to advocate for a decision of the group that you did not support (and doing it graciously).

Referencing KAN’s Mission Statement, Marcia went on to ask the group about what is meant by being a “collegial” voice, and how we will work together as an advisory council. She suggested we adopt the practice of putting “dialogue” before discussion and decision making on any issue. Dialogue was described as a time to share openly and listen to all thoughts and ideas, and not be for or against anything (or making decisions at this point). She explained that a lot of information comes out this way, and a solution often presents itself.

The rest of the Facilitated Session was spent primarily in dialogue format, with the first question that arose being, “Did we ever really *decide* we want to be an advisory council?” This brief dialogue was followed by a series of questions posed by Marcia about the role of KAN and how the group envisions working together. Comprehensive notes of the discussion are found in *Addendum A*.

To conclude the Facilitation Session, Marcia pointed out that this session was entirely in dialogue, not decision making. When we see and review the notes, she suggests that we will probably find there is already a decision within the dialogue.

8:15pm – Bea Nahon called to order the business and discussion part of the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Kari Page – Announcements:

- Sept. 29 is the State of the City Address tailored to neighborhoods. Flyers will go out to KAN reps and Neighborhood leaders to be forwarded to our listservs.
- Other topics touched on were progress on the CKC, Park Lane (with encouragement to please visit the businesses there while work is being done), and slurry seal.
- Neighborhood Matching Grant applications and instructions were handed out. Final reports for 2013-14 and applications for the next two-year cycle are due no later than January 31, 2015.
- Neighborhood Safety Program:
 - December 1, 2014 is the deadline for presenting project ideas.
 - February 9, 2015 – applications are due.
- The Neighborhood Matching Grants were the #1 priority for neighborhoods from the recent KAN survey.

Other Business:

- Review of survey outcome regarding KAN’s budget request to the City, with #1 priority being increasing Neighborhood Matching Grants, followed by online advertising to increase participation and awareness of Neighborhood Associations
- Councilman Toby Nixon has volunteered to help KAN with a code of conduct and/or Conflict of Interest policy.
- KAN - likely October Agenda:
 - Paul Stewart would like to be on the agenda to talk about neighborhood plan updates or “tweaks” as part the 2035 Comp Plan update.
 - Follow-up on tonight’s meeting.
- North Rose Hill and Everest reps would like to see KAN discuss recent major revisions with major impacts that were planned/proposed without input from the affected neighborhood. It was recommended that we ask Paul Stewart to incorporate this matter into his presentation to us at our next meeting.
- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 8 in the Peter Kirk Room at City Hall (our new location for our monthly meetings).

Multi-Family housing parking reduction proposal and KAN's response:

- There was extensive input from all neighborhoods present on the issue of Multi-family right size parking.
- The Public Hearing is still open for written input. Rodney Rutherford and Bea Nahon will prepare a statement from KAN to the Planning Commission on this issue, based on tonight's discussion.
- In summary: Overall the neighborhoods were not in favor of a reduction in parking requirements for multi-family developments, even near Transit Centers, primarily because of already existing overflow parking into the neighborhoods and the lack of adequate public transit options. There seemed to be agreement that the only ones who would benefit from a reduction in parking requirements are the developers.
- Complete notes of the discussion compiled by Kari Page are included as Addendum B.

Please see attached Addendums A and B.