

KAN Meeting Minutes

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Peter Kirk room, City Hall

7:00-9:00 pm

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell (KAN Co-Chair), Brian Staples
Everest – Anna Rising
Evergreen Hill – Lile Ellefsen, Johanna Palmer (Chair)
Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance – Kurt Brunnenkant
Highlands – Karen Story (Chair) (KAN Secretary), Debbie Ohman
Juanita Neighborhoods - Doug Rough (Co-Chair)
Lakeview Neighborhood – Lori Isch (Chair), Chuck Pilcher
Market – Dawn Morse (Chair), Doug Sollitt
Moss Bay – Bea Nahon (KAN Co-Chair)
Norkirk – Birgitta Hughes (Chair), Janet Pruitt
North Rose Hill – Don Schmitz
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Jim McElwee
Totem Lake – none

City Staff Attending:

Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Tracey Dunlap, Deputy City Manager
Jon Regala, Senior Planner

Elected officials present:

Councilmember Dave Asher

Co-Chair Lisa McConnell convened the meeting at 7 pm.

After introductions we unanimously ratified the February meeting minutes.

Totem Lake Redevelopment

Rick Beason, VP of Development, CenterCal

Jon Regala, City of Kirkland

- Mr. Beason gave an overview of CenterCal, and showed pictures of other projects they have developed.
- Parking would be a combination of open air and in structures.
- They want to retain existing tenants, such as Trader Joe's, and are in active discussions with them.
- They plan to provide some kind of pedestrian connection to the hospital.
- Their goal is to break ground in summer 2016 and to complete construction by the end of 2017.
- The City will contribute \$15 million toward public improvements. This money will not be spent until after certain construction goals are met. Tax revenue from the new development should be enough to service the debt.

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- The ARC would not be on the CenterCal property, but if it ends up being built adjacent to the property, there might be partnerships around things like parking.
- Sign up for the Totem Lake Mall listserv [here](#).
- The design review process will provide many opportunities for public comment.
- Mr. Beason asked KAN to send him our comments collectively.

Property Acquisition

Tracey Dunlap, Deputy City Manager

- Tracey presented an overview of how the city acquires property.
- Property acquisition is based on the master plan.
- Sometimes the city uses a broker; sometimes property owners approach the city.
- The city is using a broker to find property for the ARC.
- Negotiations are not public, to help avoid the price going up.
- Once property is acquired, the public is given opportunities for input regarding its use and development.
- The Waddell property recently acquired next to the CKC at NE 68th St. was acquired based on the CKC master plan.
 - The main purpose is to have an easement or public pathway from the CKC to the Houghton shopping center.
 - The city plans to keep the existing rental units.
 - Rental income may more than cover the cost of the loan payments on the property.
 - Once an easement has been established, the city could choose to sell the property at a later date.

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

A discussion was held to determine what items KAN would like to discuss at a joint meeting.

- Lisa asked if everyone agreed that the main purpose would be to discuss neighborhood plans and updates and neighborhood business centers.
- Other ideas were suggested:
 - How often neighborhood plans are updated and how they are prioritized
 - If neighborhoods are grouped, which ones should be grouped
 - When should templates be used
- Kurt: What is the purpose and goals of the meeting?
- Bea: An opportunity for the Planning Commission to hear our input, in order to help both neighborhoods and the Planning Commission
- Johanna: To find a way to make the process more efficient and effective so that neighborhood plans don't take so long and can be done more often and kept current.
- Lisa: We can provide helpful advice to the Planning Commission
- Anna: We can also give input on ways to improve the process
- Bea: Given the choice of effective neighborhood plans over efficiency, would opt for effectiveness without question.
- Doug: The Juanita neighborhood has issues that are unrelated to the neighborhood plan, such as ARC and fire station siting, and transportation connections. So the joint meeting should be about more than just neighborhood plans.
- Don: We should discuss how we can ensure that plans are not violated once they're adopted.
- Jim: We'd need multiple meetings to cover these additional topics.
- Bea: Let's flesh this out at future KAN meetings and solidify our talking points.

- Please send ideas for joint Planning Commission topics to Lisa (kirby994@frontier.com)
- Lori: Should we have an ongoing partnership with the Planning Commission, since many of KAN's topics are related to the Planning Commission?

Public Comments

None

KAN Website

- Do we want a free or pay website? A free site would have a longer url. A pay site would cost less than \$40 a year. It's easier to have a shorter, easier to remember url we can put on documents and such.
- We agreed to pay for a domain name (kirklandkan.org).
- Do we want a topic board? (Who would moderate? Could we use Facebook instead?)
- Neighborhood associations (NAs) could fund the website.
- The site would benefit NAs, which would have easier access to KAN info.
- Could the city pay for the site? (This might not be allowed by auditors.)
- We agreed that NAs will take turns paying for the site. Everest volunteered to pay first.
- Brian and Karen volunteered to create the site.

Neighborhood Services Report

Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

- All 2015-16 neighborhood grants have been awarded.
- Neighborhood Safety Projects
 - 17 projects were submitted and reviewed by the panel
 - Panel scores are due by March 20
 - A second panel meeting will be held March 25
 - The panel recommendations will be submitted to the City Council at their second meeting in April
- Council meetings with neighborhoods
 - Juanita April 13
 - Finn Hill May 27
 - Moss Bay September 21?
 - Lakeview October 21?
- Kari handed out maps of the planned street overlays and slurry seals
- Park Lane completion is scheduled for May 8
- NE 85th St. curbs are being poured
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) is to be installed on main arterials (funded by grant money)
- Kari asked if we all received the email she sent out about the Leadership Eastside opportunity
- The City of Kirkland has purchased pieces of the Kalakala (which was built in Kirkland), which will be installed somewhere on the CKC.

Liaison Reports

- Bea: State of the City Address Feb. 25
 - There was good attendance, up from the first time.

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- Lisa: CERT/KAN forum
 - PODs (points of distribution) are being organized around the city, to include a generator, radio, and possibly other supplies. These will be gathering places for organizing relief efforts, and for distributing resources.
 - Lisa will send us the next meeting date.
- Lisa: Planning Commission
 - The Commission is working through the neighborhood updates.
 - See <http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Planning+Commission/Joint+Meeting+with+City+Council+Discussion+Topics+PC+02122015+Web.pdf> for a chart listing the dates of these meetings.
- Lisa: Transportation Commission (she is a commissioner)
 - The Commission is reviewing the transportation improvement plan.
- Bea: Downtown Parking focus groups
 - Bea attended the four focus groups held by the city as did Mark Nelson. Well attended and good input, with management and pilot project suggestions that could save money for the City.
 - Compliments extended particularly to Market Neighborhood for their strong showing and articulate participation.
 - The city has been asked to share the draft report with participants before it goes to council in early April.
- On Mar. 18 from 6:30 – 8:00 at City Hall, WSDOT will hold a meeting for public input regarding tolling rates and carpool sizes. See <http://wstc.wa.gov/HighwayTolling/I-405ExpressTollLanes.htm> for meeting details. Submit comments using the online comment form on the commission's website, under "contact us": <http://www.wstc.wa.gov/ContactUs/feedback.htm>

Neighborhood Round Table

- Juanita (Doug):
 - The city has removed Juanita Beach Park as a possible ARC site.
 - A large private boat dock is being proposed next to Juanita Beach Park, and the neighborhood will launch a campaign to prevent this.
 - Various cleanup projects
- North Rose Hill (Don):
 - Cleanup projects
 - Picnic planning
 - Keeping up with the NE 85th St. plan
- Highlands (Karen):
 - Egg hunt the day before Easter.
- South Rose Hill Bridle Trails (Jim M.):
 - They discussed their neighborhood plan
- Norkirk (Birgitte):
 - They are working on communications and projects, and their neighborhood is experiencing a revitalization of interest and participation
- Market (Dawn):
 - Egg Hunt March 28
 - Garage Sale May 16
- Finn Hill (Kurt):

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- Working on their neighborhood plan; not yet ready for a meeting to discuss it
- They had a request by 7 Hills of Kirkland to make an announcement at their meeting, and wondered if it's a good idea, since it could end up taking more time on the agenda than planned for, if there are any questions.
- Evergreen Hill (Johanna):
 - They reviewed their draft neighborhood plan
 - They are concerned that the proposed new fire station siting will reduce service to their neighborhood
- Moss Bay (Bea):
 - They will have a joint meeting with the Everest, Lakeview, and Houghton neighborhoods to discuss neighborhood business centers on April 1 at 7 pm at Fire Station 22. **All neighborhoods are invited.**

Next meeting is April 8.

Meeting adjourned 9:00.