

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
May 10, 2017 Peter Kirk room, City Hall

Note: Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhoods Attending:

Central Houghton	Lisa McConnell
Everest	
Evergreen Hill	Johanna Palmer
Finn Hill	Bill Blanchard (KAN Co-Chair)
Highlands	Karen Story and Debbie Ohman
Juanita Neighborhoods	Leo Gilbert
Lakeview	
Market	
Moss Bay	Bea Nahon
Norkirk	Cindy Randazzo
North Rose Hill	Margaret Carnegie
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails	Chris Kagen

City Staff/Elected Officials Attending:

- Kari Page: Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Aaron McDonald: Senior Project Engineer
- Ellen Miller-Wolfe: Economic Development Manager
- Brian Baker: Project Engineer
- Cherie Harris: Police Chief
- Dave Asher: Councilmember

7:00pm Introduction

- Call to order at 7pm
- April minutes moved into record.

7:00pm Public comments

- None.

7:05pm Totem Lake connector

- Aaron McDonald, city engineer
- 50K vehicle trips per day at the 124th/124th intersection
- Four build options, to be decided by City Council in June
- \$12M overall budget, \$5M not yet funded; have applied for a grant that would fill it, may consider “naming rights” funding
- What do we want from Kirkland residents?
 - Input! We’ve reached a fraction of the citizens
 - Some people have said, “I didn’t see a vote for this!” – and that’s true. The city is trying to get it all done with grants and possible private funding

7:25pm Marina Park Pier expansion concepts

- Ellen Miller-Wolfe and Brian Baker
- City asked marina users: “If there were more capacity, would you use it?”
Answer: yes – 87% said they would visit Kirkland more often
- Kirkland already has the largest amount of public moorage on the lake
- 86% of boats that moor are owned by non-Kirkland residents
- Each boat that moors represents \$150 average spending downtown
- Some Port of Seattle funding, plus a portion of moorage fees, has paid for the study and plan so far
- We have only one commercial berth, currently used by Argosy; commercial berths may be part of the expansion
- Marinas that have breakwaters (e.g., Carillon) get much more business – so all of the proposed expansions include adding breakwaters
- Current plans and cost estimates do not include any “upland” improvements (more restrooms, parking, etc.)
- Open questions of how to manage the marina (city staff? contractor?) and how to set fees, arrange maintenance, etc.
- Options:
 - 41 moorings (current capacity, unchanged)
 - Alternative 1, keeping the old moorings:
 - Phase 1: 87 total moorings, \$15.4M
 - Phase 2: 120 total moorings, \$3.1M additional
 - Alternative 2, replacing the old moorings
 - Phase 1: 80 total moorings, \$14.9M
 - Phase 2: 122 total moorings, \$10.6M additional (still at inner harbor line, but demolishing/replacing the old moorings)
 - Alternative 3, replacing old moorings and expanding to a further-out “outer harbor line”(bigger footprint)
 - 180 total moorings, \$35.3M
 - Could be done as an extension to Alternative 2
 - Alternative 4, just adding a small-boat floating extension
 - Single phase: 41 total moorings (no change), \$600K
 - Benefit of adding a floating separate small-boat dock? Not stated.

8:00pm Police Chief Cherie Harris

- Staffing is low
 - WA state has ~1,000 police job openings; 5 open in Redmond
 - Non-patrol staff has been assigned to patrol: K-9, traffic patrol, school resource officers
 - 6 officers are in training, post-academy (riding with a senior officer)
 - 1 is in academy
 - 4 are in the pipeline to the academy
 - 4 offers are outstanding to potential candidates
- #1 crime in Kirkland is car prowling; lock your car and secure valuables
- #1 criminal profile is a drug addict
- What can KAN and Kirkland residents do?

- Call 911, including for non-emergency (or see next item)
- Use the online reporting system for non-emergency events; it's working well as information collection
- Continue hosting police at neighborhood meetings

8:15pm Elections for co-chairs, secretary

- Janet Pruitt and Bill Blanchard, re-elected as co-chairs
- Chris Kagen, new secretary (will take training from Karen Story)

8:30pm Liaison reports and Hot Topics

- IRS 990-N filing this year – Bea
 - All are filed! Well done.
- Spillover parking in neighborhoods – Bea
 - Task force is looking at effects, impact, solutions
 - Example: some businesses (e.g., strip malls) don't allow employees to park in the parking lot
 - “Upstream” transit parking, where a Park&Ride is full and users park at street stops instead
 - Loading/Unloading zones are increasingly important as we see more shuttles (Microsoft, Google, etc.) and ride services (Uber, Lyft, ...)
 - City Council passed new regulations for parking at new developments
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- Planning & Economic Development Committee – Bea
 - City Council passed new regulations for parking at new developments
 - Two current developments (Totem Lake) have already asked for variances
 - KAN Task Force was looking at effects of spillover parking into neighborhoods, impact, solutions; we should consider re-activating the Task Force
 - Comments by attendees present at KAN meeting:
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- “For the Love of Kirkland” action followups – Karen
 - Crossing Kirkland event is underway
 - Downtown summer “car-free Sundays” – one person has volunteered
 - Intersection Safety art (one volunteer)
 - Etc. – see the website for details
- Off-leash areas
 - KDOG is disbanding
 - The city is taking over Jasper's Park (off-leash area)
 - Proposal that's being investigated: designating off-leash areas within existing city parks

- Promenade on the waterfront – Karen
 - Proposal to widen Lake Washington Blvd pedestrian corridor; in process
 - Could reduce or eliminate street parking on the water side of the street

8:35pm Map Your Neighborhood

- Susan Vossler, city volunteer
- Disaster response preparation; plan for support and resources in a disaster scenario
- 20-25 neighborhoods are currently mapped
- A “neighborhood” of roughly 20 homes is appropriate in size for mapping
- Discussion of how to get the word out to potential participants (email lists, NA meetings, NextDoor, PTSA, etc.)

8:45pm Kari Page, miscellaneous topics

- Safety Grants – see recent email re: new processes
- Indemnity clauses for neighborhood activities; city holds \$5K insurance per event, and declares indemnity beyond that
- Volunteers for neighborhood activities should register with the city volunteer program to ensure liability coverage
- “State of the City” on May 22
- Fri 5pm, art dedication at 85th x CKC

8:55pm Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator interview report – Bill

- Two candidates advanced to interview with Kurt
- Offer made to Doreen Booth, Kirkland resident; has relevant background (Duvall, Sound Cities Assoc.)
- Several people in the applicant pool may be appropriate resources for other purposes

9:00pm Closing

- Round the Horn
- Dave Asher: Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, May 27, benefitting Attain Housing
- Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm
- Next meeting: Wed, 6/14/17, City Hall

Upcoming agenda items, events, deadlines

- None specified.