

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
September 12, 2018 Kirkland City Hall, Peter Kirk Room

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, Debbie Ohman
Juanita Neighborhoods	Doug Rough
Lakeview	
Market	Mark B. Nelson
Moss Bay	Amanda Judd
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:

- Dave Asher, Councilmember
- Kurt Triplett, City Manager
- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Kari Page, Senior Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Chief Cherie Harris, Kirkland Police
- <One more police attendee, not signed in>

Guests:

- Paula White, Kirkland Safe
- Tom Kreinbring, Race Director, Hopelink TurkeyTrot (tkreinbring@hopelink.com)

7:05 pm Introduction

- Co-Chair Janet Pruitt called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- June 2018 minutes accepted.

7:08pm Public comments

- Hopelink Turkey Trot
 - Tom Kreinbring, presenting
 - Nov. 18, 8:30am kids, 9am 5K
 - Tom would like to come to Neighborhood Association local meetings to promote and coordinate; invite him if you like
 - Kid's race, community fair, etc.
 - Hopelink.com/turkeytrot for more information

- Supporting Prop 1 ballot measure
 - Dave Asher (speaking as a citizen), speaking for the measure
 - For more information: <https://www.saferkirkland.org>
 - KAN's endorsement would be nice, but time is likely too short
 - Feel free to bring this issue to your individual Neighborhood Associations

7:15pm Update on Animal Services Program and other items of interest

- Chief Cherie Harris, Kirkland Police Department
- Animal Services program: licensing, sheltering, and a resource officer
 - Handouts: leashes and licensing pamphlets
 - Licensing numbers are somewhat lower than expected, but enough to pay for the program itself
 - It was \$1100/animal to go to the old sheltering facility; \$180/day at the new facility (contracted to Everett)
 - Jennifer Matison, the new animal control officer, has handled 508 calls so far this year (241 calls in all of 2017, before her)
 - Highest calls for service: barking dogs, dog bites, dogs off-leash in parks
 - Handles some calls that are not about dogs or cats (e.g., participated in handling the bear in Bridle Trails State Park)
 - Jul-Sep: 55 warnings, 2 infractions (dogs in hot cars), 3 criminal citations (neglect/abuse)
 - Question: since she doesn't work weekends, and that's when more dogs are in parks, how is that handled? Answer: we have one volunteer retired park ranger who has limited authority to write tickets. It's not much coverage.
 - Question: What are the rules for barking dogs? Answer: Observe the area on different occasions and issue a citation by mail if there's continual barking for ten minutes.
 - Question: What is the coverage on Finn Hill? Answer: Everywhere except Big Finn Hill Park; that's county.
 - Question: How are we promoting licensure? Answer: Pamphlets at pet stores, vets.
 - Question: How do people report issues? Answer: The non-emergency phone number: (425) 577-5656. For an animal in immediate danger: 911. See the city pamphlet.
 - Note that cats are subject to licensure and are not supposed to be unleashed off your property. (Invisible Fence works! – per the Chief.)

7:25pm Enhanced Police Services & Community Safety Ballot Measure

- Kurt Triplett, City Manager
- More info at www.kirklandwa.gov/Residents/Public_Safety/Enhanced_Police_Services_and_Community_Safety_Ballot_Measure.htm

- Cities in our area are growing more quickly than anticipated, Kirkland among them
 - 7,600 new residents and 4,500 new employees
 - Review of major new development sites
 - Adding new housing doesn't actually increase Kirkland's cut of property tax; we get a set amount from the state. Adding new housing can drop individual property taxes as the set burden is spread over more homeowners. State law limits Kirkland to a 1% increase per year in its overall property tax revenue.
- Community survey (May '18) identified public safety as a major priority and shows high satisfaction with current services
- Since the 2010 annexation, we've added:
 - 34 added police officers (100 total) (\$9.2M added cost)
 - 17 added firefighters (102 total) (\$6.2M added cost)
- Major public safety challenges
 - Property crimes (car prowling, burglary, etc.)
 - Human needs (drugs, mental illness, homelessness, domestic violence)
 - School safety, youth safety
 - Gun safety
- Community outreach to find priorities, ideas
 - May '18 survey
 - Budget exercise, at many public events (94x so far!)
 - Gun safety and community safety Town Hall
 - Public safety telephone survey, July '18, to test support for the proposed initiative
- Sources of funding
 - State sales tax credit (from the 2010 annexation) goes away in 2020
 - Leads to predicted shortfalls across the city budget
 - City is required to have a balanced budget
 - Staff and Council explored many taxes, other sources (soda tax, city reserves, diverting from other funds, sales tax, business license tax, ...)
- Ballot measure: 0.1% sales tax (\$.01 on \$10 spent)
 - Community-based policing (9 officers, \$1.26M/yr)
 - ProAct Unit (4 officers, 1 staff, \$680K/yr)
 - School resource officers in 4 middle schools (\$320K/yr)
 - Neighborhood resource officer (one additional) with one mental health professional (\$260K/yr)
 - Mental health and human service programs (\$350K/yr)
 - Women and family shelter (\$100K/yr)
 - Gun safety (\$100K/yr): training for the community, subsidy for gun locks and gun safes
- Question: What if the measure doesn't pass? Answer: We would fall behind in public safety staffing. We would still be a safe community in most ways.
- Question: New training center investment is in a "Phase 2" (2020) proposal for another property tax measure. Don't we need that training sooner for fire and police officers, as these new, denser buildings come on line? Answer: Some initial

training is accounted for in Phase 1. Phase 1 is law enforcement only; fire and emergency medical services are in Phase 2.

8:00pm “Kirkland Reads” Sept. & Oct. Community Events

- Paula White, Kirkland Safe
- Kirkland Reads program
 - *Spare Parts* by Joshua Davis
 - Four undocumented teenagers in a robotics competition ... but it’s really about youth, equity, and the American Dream
 - Screening of documentary (11/3/18, 6:30pm, Kingsgate Library), which follows the four teenagers 10 years later
 - All: if you are associated with a reading group, book club, etc., join in!
 - See www.Kirklandreads.org for events, workshops, screening, etc.
 - “Robot Garage” workshops require registration; others do not

8:10pm Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) Update

- Kari Page, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator
- All programs funded prior to 2018 are complete, except for the rapid flashing beacon at Market x 4th (due to reliance on outside funding)
- 2018 projects are under design (CKC connection at 53d St. is complete)
- LWSD added \$30K to help pay for bike lanes near Juanita High
- 2019 program kickoff this month
 - 42 suggestions currently received at “Suggest a Project:”
https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Construction_Projects/Capital_Improvements/Suggest_a_CIP_Project.htm
 - More info available at
www.kirklandwa.gov/nsp
 - Improvements in process: longer review sessions, on Tuesdays rather than Wednesdays
 - Seattle found a better way to do RFBs (buying the mechanisms, then bidding out the installations), so perhaps we can afford more ... still researching this, though

8:20pm Sign Code – Karen Story

- The existing codes for temporary signs:
<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Kirkland/?KirklandZ100/KirklandZ100.html%20-%20100.115>
- Phase 1 was to make the sign code content-neutral
- Phase 2 is now! It’s our chance to have input
- Send comments, requests, suggestions, inquiries, etc. to:
Adam Weinstein (aweinstein@kirklandwa.gov)
- City has approved a Sign Compliance Volunteer program
 - Usually on a Saturday morning, roughly 2x/month
 - Volunteer rides with city enforcement officer (Kirkland has two)
 - Confiscate non-compliant signs, leave a notice for education and so that the owner can reclaim the sign at City Hall

- Question: Can minors be volunteers? Answer: No, minimum age is 18.
- Contact Karen (karen@nwnative.us) with any broad questions about sign codes or the volunteer program

8:25pm Neighborhood Services Report

- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator
- City Hall for All
 - Saturday, Oct 6
 - Open-house-style event
 - Services open on a Saturday, including Passport services
 - Town Hall events
 - David would like KAN to help publicize the event
 - For more information:
 - www.Kirklandwa.gov/CityHallforAll
- New Communication Program Manager
 - Kellie Stickney
 - Background in public and non-profit work
 - Communication Manager at Sammamish and Bainbridge Island, and at non-profits working in sustainable energy
 - KAN leadership: schedule Kelly for a future KAN meeting
 - Anyone interested in a communications “toolkit” for Neighborhood Associations, contact David
- Opportunities for feedback on upcoming items for Council
 - Tree codes (handout at meeting)
 - <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/treecodeupdates>
 - Bikeshare pilot program
 - What would make for a successful program?
 - City is still planning what public outreach will look like
 - Anyone strongly for OR against a program, please contact David to help move outreach plans forward
 - Question: How does this play into motorized/non-motorized vehicles on the Cross-Kirkland Corridor? Answer: Great point! Could affect negotiations on motorized/non-motorized vendors.
 - Dog off leash areas in parks
 - Parks Board reviewing the draft public engagement plan for this tonight
 - If this is a passion area for you, contact David to help craft public outreach
 - Suggestion (Lisa): Consider expanding facilities in the more urban areas where density is increasing. Demand/need seems likely to rise there, rather than fencing off areas of existing parks in more outlying areas.

8:40pm Hot Topics, Liaison Reports, N’Hood Roundtable

- FAR & Lot Coverage Study – Janet Pruitt

- Staff report to be delivered to the Planning Commission on 9/13:
 - <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Planning+Commission/FAR+and+Lot+Coverage+0913218+PC+Meeting+Packet+-+CAM18-00258.pdf>
 - Scroll to the bottom to see strikeouts/changes
- Opportunity for input also at Houghton Community Council, 10/25/18
- General feedback from KAN members who've been involved: it's on the right path but we have questions
 - Still allows drive-down (below-grade) garages
 - Offering incentives – appropriate?
 - Gravel and artificial turf are no longer considered pervious; now hardscape (because it's not plantable area)
 - Would like more visuals and clarification of details
- AARP issues a great free city planning guide; Karen distributed a copy:
 - <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/tool-kits-resources/info-2016/where-we-live-communities-for-all-ages.html>
- Chamber of Commerce is doing a housing crisis event on 9/19/18, as part of their Sustainable September initiative; see their website
- Liaison Reports
- City Council Committee Reports
- Neighborhood Reports
 - South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails
 - Neighborhood Plan updates being considered by Planning Commission tomorrow night, and then at public mtg 10/25/18
 - Evergreen Hill
 - Crossing Kirkland event was last Saturday! Weather held well. Ran out of prizes. LimeBikes were available at both ends, and many got used. Lisa McConnell won the Kirkie contest!
 - Juanita
 - “Welcome to Juanita” event, Saturday 9/15/18, 12-3pm
 - Celebrating diversity and inclusion in Kirkland
 - Edith Moulton Park (108th Ave. NE & NE 137th St.)
 - Games, prizes
 - Community and business information and resources
 - Free food provided by local restaurants
 - Free entertainment
 - Moss Bay
 - 125 attendees at any given time at the Crossing Kirkland booth
 - Market
 - Hopelink contacted the Nhood Association about the upcoming Turkey Trot, and that's great! Can't remember another organization reaching out like that. Also impressed that Hopelink is using volunteer leadership and the money raised will truly go to their program.
 - Houghton
 - 50th Anniversary event was successful
 - Considering moving meetings to a less-frequent schedule (bi-monthly? quarterly?) based on community feedback

- Will consider new communication methods to get word out, outside of meetings
 - Norkirk
 - Excited to see tree code reform! Residents have had trouble
 - Two homeless camps currently in the downtown area: one in Moss Bay, and Camp Unity at Kirkland Congregationalist Church; volunteer involvement available
 - Finn Hill
 - Lots of hot dogs and buns left over after DennyFest (217 pounds!) that were given to Hopelink

9:10pm Closing

- Adjourned at 9:07pm
- Next meeting: October 10, 2018

Upcoming agenda items, events, deadlines

- Agenda items
 - Housing strategies
 - Neighborhood Plan updates
 - Transportation: city, metro
 - Review the KAN website, guidelines, policies
 - Communication and Outreach Strategies
 - Disaster Preparedness Coordination
 - Parking reduction proposal from Totem Lake study
 - CERT/Map Your Neighborhood
 - Parks Director – Lynn Zwaagstra
 - Community Conversations
 - Parking Survey – Part II
- Events
 - 9/14/18 – 9/23/18: Welcoming Week
 - 9/15/18: Welcome to Juanita
 - 9/15/18: Kirkland “City Hall for All”
 - 9/15/18, 12-3pm: “Welcome to Kirkland,” hosted by Juanita Neighborhood Association, Edith Moulton Park
 - For details, see the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC) website:
<http://ericmembers.org/events/eastside-welcoming-week>