

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods  
June 12, 2019 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	Debbie Ohman, Karen Story
Juanita Neighborhoods	Leo Gilbert
Lakeview	
Market	Ken Mackenzie, Laura Harding
Moss Bay	Bea Nahon
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:

- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Jim Lopez, Assistant City Manager
- David Barnes, Kirkland Planning Department
- Chief Cherie Harris, Kirkland Police Department

Guests:

- Neal Black, Houghton
- Amy Falcone, Finn Hill

7:05 pm Introduction

- Co-Chair Bill Blanchard called the meeting to order
- May 2019 minutes accepted

7:05pm Public comments

- None

7:06pm Elections

- Bill, Janet, and Chris continuing through the summer
- Will revisit elections in the fall
- Laura Harding nominated Heather Hendrix-McAdams for chair position; she'll consider it and answer in the fall

7:10pm Sustainability Master Plan

- David Barnes, Planning Department

- Purpose
  - Coordinate City’s existing master plans
  - Help execute critical pieces of those plans as related to sustainability
  - Help City staff make decisions about operations using sustainability as a lens
  - Develop a clear implementation plan to help the community live better and thrive
  - Go beyond goals and policies, to implementation steps
- Focus areas
  - Energy supply and emissions
  - Buildings and infrastructure
  - Land use and transportation
  - Sustainable business
  - Sustainable materials management
  - Natural environment and ecosystems
  - Healthy community
  - Sustainable governance
- Process
  - Community participation
    - Using the Themed Resident Engagement for Kirkland (TREK) process to involve business, community, and development groups, from May to end of summer 2019
    - Released a [survey](#) to community for input on focus areas and elements – available online through July 3
    - [Video](#) created for intro to public meetings
      - Included on City website
      - Sent out via social media
  - [Sustainability Forum](#)
    - June 22, 2019
    - 9am-12pm
    - City Hall
    - World Café format, with subject matter experts (SMEs) at each table
    - Collect feedback on focus areas, elements, and action steps
  - Next steps
    - Summer Farmers’ Markets
    - Focus groups
    - Tentative Community Summit in late September to complete a draft of the plan
    - October/November/December 2019 draft for Council review and adoption
- Survey session
  - David distributed paper copies of the survey, for KAN members to fill out immediately
  - There are many groups working on sustainability in many forms, from schools to Microsoft

- Q&A
  - (Lisa) Suggest a Neighborhood Sustainability Program, like the Neighborhood Safety Program
    - Good way to engage community
    - Generate hyperlocal projects, action
    - Check some actions off, get momentum
  - (Leo) Alternative transportation methods
    - Need more protected bike lanes, alternative transportation support
    - Vehement discussion ensued on bike lanes and safety
    - Janet: see the recent article in the Seattle Times on what kinds of bike infrastructure are safe
  - (Heather) How can we encourage and enforce responsible waste management?
    - Can we penalize people who don't recycle? Who's in charge?
    - David took down the comment; kids in school forums have also raised the point in reference to food waste
  - (Heather) Bikes and scooter update?
    - David W. will address later
  - (Neal Black) Portland shifted to 1x/2wks for trash pickup
    - Huge uproar for the first two weeks
    - Then everyone got used to it, and waste volume dropped greatly

7:50pm      Proposition 1 and Community Policing

- Chief Harris, Kirkland Police
- Reviewed the projects funded by Proposition 1, passed last year
  - Hired seven Prop 1 position officers
    - It takes roughly a year to get new hires through Academy and advanced training
    - The Academy is backlogged (lots of retirements, so everyone is hiring)
    - Hiring includes four women, two African-American men, two Hispanic men
  - Deploying/Assigning existing personnel to Prop 1 activities as well
  - Dedicated proactive police unit (ProAct Unit), August 2019
  - Administrative support assistant (ASA), August 2019
  - School resource officers (SROs), January 2020
  - Neighborhood resource officer (NRO), January 2020
  - Mental health professional (MHP) – to be determined
    - Currently analyzing WASPC grant funding availability and King County MIDD funding
  - Gun Safety Program
- Q&A
  - (Lisa) Anything to be done about mailbox vandalism and theft?
    - Federal attention only goes to organized criminal activity for this

- KPD gets lots of reports, circulate them (with videos/pictures, if available) to other agencies
- KPD prioritizes emergent, real-time crime and calls, so after-the-fact events get less priority
- (Bill) What can KAN do to help?
  - Pass on complaints/feedback from citizens to KPD
  - (Jim Lopez) There's a video that we're taking around the community to show what's being done and to collect feedback, input
- (Heather) How should people report disturbing/concerning things that appear on social media?
  - If it's an emergency, then 911
  - School resource officers attend PTA meetings; can contact them there
  - The KPD website has a [method](#) to file an anonymous report
- (Lisa) We do a lot of Neighborhood Safety work, spending lots of money on flashing beacons and such
  - But the onus of safety is always on the pedestrian/bicyclist (the vulnerable user)
  - How can we get more driver enforcement and education?
  - KPD is doing more "focus patrols" in key areas, based on crash data and such
  - People should report near misses, other concerns – as these don't appear in crash data
    - Go to the [Online Reporting site](#) and click "Tip Line: Suspicious Activity"
    - Can we get this functionality on the [Our Kirkland site](#)?

8:20pm      Citywide Connections

- Jim Lopez, Asst. City Manager, presenting
- New [map](#) to show potential street developments throughout the City
- Online capability for people to submit comments
- (Lisa) Is there space on the map to suggest bike/bus lanes?
  - Sure, we'll take all connection-related comments

7:05pm      Car-Free Sundays

- Karen Story presenting
- Closing Park Lane on Sundays
- We've had two Sunday events so far, to mixed reviews
  - Businesses complain about loss of parking
  - Parking is not well advertised or marked (e.g., you can park in the garage Permit spaces for free on weekends!)
  - Businesses report that they lost revenue
- Musicians have performed; we'd like to have more!
  - Jugglers, artists, etc.

- Games? Chalk zone for kids? Beanbag toss?
  - Somebody would need to own such a thing: setup, storage, teardown, etc.
  - Kirkland Parks offered to help with funding if someone wants to propose and own an activity
- Encourage people to come downtown on Sundays and enjoy the event, patronize the businesses
- Contact Karen if you have referrals for performers
- (Bea) Maybe offer business the opportunity to sponsor a Sunday? “Zeeks Owns the Street!”
- (Leo) If parking is keeping people from participating, that tells us that our alternative transportation is inadequate
- (Neal Black) Recent Kirkland Downtown Association meeting: many negative comments
  - Retailers complained
    - Lower client volume
    - Clientele less likely to buy, more out for the event and not to shop
  - Only one restaurateur was present (Café Rococo) – reported that traffic was usual volume but with different clients
  - “ROAD CLOSED” sign was perceived as a turn-off; can there also be something welcoming, like a balloon arch or something?

8:35pm      Neighborhood Picnics

- North Rose Hill
  - Woodlands Park
  - Saturday, July 20, 12-4pm
- Norkirk and Highlands
  - Sat, 8/24, 12-4pm
  - Crestwoods Park
  - Bluegrass band
- Everest
  - Everest Park, Field D
  - Sun, 8/18, 12-3pm
- Finn Hill
  - DennyFest
  - O.O. Denny Park
  - Sat, 9/7, 12/4pm (same day as Crossing Kirkland!)
- Juanita
  - Welcoming event
  - Edith Moulton Park
  - Sat, 9/14, 12-3pm
  - Latin band and dancers, games
- Market
  - Planning one, perhaps for Sep 7
- Crossing Kirkland

- Scaling back
  - Doing the three stations south of Google
  - Closing the three northern stations

8:45pm Neighborhood Services Report

- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator
- [Our Kirkland](#) website
  - Can navigate here from the City homepage; click “Report an Issue”
  - Report non-emergency issues, request services, and ask questions
  - Links to online police reporting, request a public record, contact City Council, etc.
  - David did a live demo of reporting an issue
  - (Amy Falcone) Can you submit anonymously?
    - Some reports cannot be anonymous; the follow-up prompts require contact info
    - You do have to type in a name/contact for all submissions, but many categories will not actually report your name (though it may still be discoverable if someone is knowledgeable and diligent in trying)
- Bike and scooter share
  - City Council approved a pilot program
  - But no bikeshare companies bid for the program
    - Feedback: the market for bikeshare has shifted (e.g., Lime is moving away from bikes)
    - Other companies want to expand their base elsewhere first
  - City Council has given staff the directive to not pursue scooter share at this time
- State of the City
  - Mayor Penny Sweet and City Manager Kurt Triplett presenting
  - June 13, 7-9pm
  - Advertise this to your neighborhoods; encourage children and young people to come, too!
- Citywide Connections forum plug (see earlier agenda item)
- City staff have just received authorization to post on NextDoor
  - Now need to set policy and procedures

8:55pm Hot Topics, Liaison Reports, Neighborhood Roundtable

- Liaison Reports
  - Transportation (Lisa)
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- City Council Committee Reports
- Neighborhood Reports
  - Central Houghton
  - Everest
  - Evergreen Hill
  - Finn Hill

- Highlands
- Juanita
- Lakeview
- Market
- Moss Bay
- Norkirk
- North Rose Hill
- South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails
- (Janet) Please advertise upcoming events that are relevant to your neighborhood
  - See Janet's 6/12/10 email
  - ... or the list at the end of these minutes

9:00pm Closing

- Adjourned at 9:10pm
- Next meeting: September 11, 2019

Upcoming agenda items, events, deadlines

- Agenda items
  - Housing strategies
  - Neighborhood Plan updates
  - Transportation – City, Metro
  - KC Metro Community Van program
  - Disaster Preparedness Coordination
  - CERT/Map Your Neighborhood
  - Parking reduction proposal from Totem Lake study
  - Parks Director – Lynn Zwaagstra
  - Community Conversations
  - Parking Survey – Part II
- Events
  - 6/13 7-9pm, State of the City address
  - 6/15/19 9am-11am, Citywide Connections public mtg, City Hall
  - 6/19, “Neighbor to Neighbor Workshop” for Market, Norkirk, and Highlands residents and businesses, to prepare for Neighborhood Plan Updates. City Hall, Peter Kirk Room, 6:30-8:30pm
  - 6/20 6-8pm, 132<sup>nd</sup> Square Park Master Plan open house, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 13220 NE 132<sup>nd</sup> St.
  - 6/22 9am-12pm, Sustainability Master Plan forum, City Hall
  - 7/20 12-4pm, North Rose Hill Summer Picnic, Woodlands Park
  - 8/18 12-3pm, Everest Summer Picnic, Everest Park, Field D
  - 8/24 12-4pm, Norkirk + Highlands Summer Picnic, Crestwoods Park
  - 9/7 11am-3pm, Crossing Kirkland all-city block party, Cross Kirkland Corridor from Google Campus to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - 9/7 12-4pm, Finn Hill Summer Picnic, O.O. Denny Park
  - 9/14 12-3pm, Juanita Summer Picnic, Edith Moulton Park