

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, 132nd Square Park Master Plan open house, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 13220 NE 132nd 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 7th Ave.
 - 9/7 12-4pm, Finn Hill Summer Picnic, O.O. Denny Park
 - 9/14 12-3pm, Juanita Summer Picnic, Edith Moulton Park