

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
September 11, 2019 Kirkland City Hall, Peter Kirk Room

Note: Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhoods attending:

Central Houghton	Lisa McConnell
Everest	Anna Aubry
Evergreen Hill	
Finn Hill	Bill Blanchard (KAN Co-Chair)
Highlands	
Juanita Neighborhoods	
Lakeview	Mark Still
Market	Ken MacKenzie, Laura Harding
Moss Bay	Brad Haverstein
Norkirk	Heather Hendrix McAdams
North Rose Hill	
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails	Chris Kagen

City Staff/Elected Officials attending:

- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
- Dave Asher, City Council
- Chief Cherie Harris, Kirkland Police Department
- John Birkhalter, Public Works

Guests:

- Pat Logan, Collins Woerman Architects
- Michael Berger, BNB Construction
- Mike Koski-Harja, Hewitt Architects
- Steve Petck, Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis (CBRE) commercial real estate
- Karen Hartman, Kirkland Senior Council
- Susan Harris-Huether, Kirkland Senior Council
- Karen Koenig, Kirkland Senior Council, ED of Old Friends Club
- David Schwartz, Bridle Trails

7:01 pm Introduction

- Co-Chair Bill Blanchard called the meeting to order
- June 2019 minutes announced, pending acceptance

7:03pm Public comments

- None

7:04pm Proposition 1 update

- Chief Cherie Harris presenting

- Staffing is at a good level! Currently overstaffed, with Council approval, pending retirements next year
- Pro-Act Unit deployed on 9/3/19 with 3 officers, 2 more at end of month
 - Goal: reduce recurring crime and/or crime trends by using both traditional and innovative investigative techniques through partnerships and teamwork
 - Example: trend of organized theft of cosmetics
 - Identify and respond proactively to crime trends
 - Develop strategies and tactics to respond effectively to serial and /or unique street crimes
 - Increase arrests and clearance of motor vehicle crimes
 - Increase arrests and clearance of property crimes and recovery of stolen property
 - Organized retail theft response
- School Resource Officers (SRO): to be deployed January 2020, currently attending training
 - SROs will wear uniforms; need access to all of their tools
- One Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) and Mental Health Professional (MHP), to be deployed January 2020
- Administrative support to Pro-Act and Data-Driven Policing: in process
- Gun Safety program: January 2020
- Q&A
 - What can we do to help?
 - Continue to observe and report
 - Example: citizen reported an officer doing surveillance – that’s great!
 - Use online reporting for low-urgency items
 - How suspicious is it to see a car with no license plate at all, and no temporary license displayed?
 - Yes, that’s suspicious. Report it.
 - How about home package delivery? Can Kirkland PD leverage people’s home monitoring devices?
 - The owner of a Ring™ device can supposedly provide data directly to police, but Kirkland is not part of that program
 - But the data (description, time, photo, ...) is certainly useful to provide with a report!
 - Package theft information feeds into the data-driven policing efforts; hard to follow up on a single report
 - Reporting an incident also increases your likelihood of getting your property returned
 - What about “sting” operation where the police mail a tracking device, meant to be stolen and tracked?
 - King County Prosecutor points out that there’s an ambiguous “victim” in such a case
 - ... But it could lead to other stolen goods that can be identified and be a base for prosecution

- School zone cameras are live now, at Rose Hill Elementary and John Muir Elementary, though no enforcement through the end of September
- Thank you for traffic enforcement at Peter Kirk Elementary; officers have been present to help at new school

7:23pm Kirkland Urban update

- Pat Logan, Collins Woerman Architects
 - Currently designing Kirkland Urban South (location of old QFC)
 - 7 stories
 - 8-screen iPic Theater
- Mike Berger, BNB Construction
 - Showed entrances and exits to the site
 - Trucks will enter the site from the southeast corner (by the Kirkland Performance Center)
 - Trucks will exit from the southwest corner (by the Shake Shack)
 - This impact will go through November 2021
- Mike Koski-Harja, Hewitt Architects
 - Peter Kirk Park restoration after construction
 - Creating an urban plaza within the park area
 - Replaces the space between the children's playground and the Kirkland Urban property
 - Not removing any existing amenities (playground, skate park, Teen Center, tennis courts)
 - Preserving key mature trees
- Q&A
 - Pedestrian access between Kirkland Urban and the park, during construction?
 - Flagger will manage foot traffic across the temporary construction road along the west side of the project
 - How many new residential units are part of the project?
 - ~187
 - Parking for work crews?
 - Ideally, offsite with busing, but also exploring onsite with the client
 - Flow of trucks into the site: what happens if it backs up?
 - During previous construction, trucks often blocked the right lane of Central Way
 - Mike B: We plan to designate staging areas, both onsite and offsite, to prevent road blockage
 - Can onsite staged trucks turn off their engines, next to a park area?
 - Concrete trucks must stay on
 - We have incentive to minimize idling, to keep efficiency high
 - Are there any more water features planned?
 - No
 - If we would like a presentation to an individual Neighborhood Association, would you be willing to do so?

- Yes. Best contact method is through David Wolbrecht

7:45pm Senior Council outreach

- Many senior support activities
- [Viva Volunteers fair](#)
 - Saturday, October 19, 10am-2pm
 - Peter Kirk Community Center
 - Learn about volunteer opportunities, throughout the city
- Isolated seniors (Karen Hartman)
 - Isolation has an equivalent health impact to smoking 15 cigarettes per day
 - Great civic resource, when people get involved
 - Want to reach out to isolated seniors
 - Efforts will also affect non-seniors; any isolated person
 - Non-profit: [Old Friends Club](#) for people living with dementia
 - Bring people into social contact
 - Give caregivers respite
 - Transportation
 - Language barriers
 - Issues are often best solved on a hyperlocal scale, block by block
 - “5 Neighbors” test: Can you look out your door and identify five neighbors?
 - That’s a good neighborhood
 - Comment: This is the wrong room to ask! We’re the nosy, engaged people
- Engaging KAN for ideas: new ideas, perspectives on existing ideas
 - Postcards
 - Block parties
 - Build a “block party kit?”
 - Synchronize or not, but work toward all blocks having their own events
- Important to place faces with names, just get to know people
 - How does KAN interact and inform?
 - How do you communicate emergency preparedness information? (has taken the CERT class)
 - How do you address inclusion?
 - Answers from the floor:
 - Signs for Neighborhood Association meetings, events
 - Cover CERT topics at Neighborhood Association meetings
 - Volunteers can do a block-by-block “Map Your Neighborhood” campaign
 - Door to door
 - (Story from Karen Koenig re: when that has worked, when it hasn’t worked in her Houghton neighborhood)
 - Requires someone to step forward to initiate and coordinate
 - NextDoor.com is a good way to communicate with people in many cases

- NAs often have their own email lists as well
- Come to NA meetings!
 - Whom to reach out to, to inform and invite to an NA meeting?
 - David W. to help connect the Senior Council with information on NA meetings and contacts
 - One can look online, at the [KAN website](#), to get contact and meeting info for all NAs
- Who does the Kirkland Senior Council partner with?
 - Partner with Bellevue, and some with Northshore, for advocacy efforts
- One barrier is that many seniors live in apartments, often in secure building
 - The facility/complex may have its own organization, board, association
 - May have a central bulletin board
 - Try contacting the rental office, to set up an event at the facility
 - This has been a thorny issue for KAN and NAs in general, so let us know if you find a good way to engage!
- (Bill) What's your ideal state, your dream?
 - Multiple ways to reach out to everyone, because no one way works
 - Multicultural engagement (used a fun cultural "bingo" card at a Finn Hill block party)
 - Establish connection
 - Direct people to resources
 - Encourage and establish immediately local help (e.g., someone who can drive you to doctor's appointments)
- (Dave Asher) Suggest that people on the Senior Council should be active in their Neighborhood Associations
 - Go to NA meetings
 - Join NA boards
 - Leverage the affinity in the missions of these organizations
- (Lisa) Houghton did a 50th-anniversary project, soliciting photos and memorabilia
 - Material went to the Heritage Society
 - Engaged long-term residents
 - This project brought new people to our meetings, connecting
- (Lisa) Try something like a "Bartell Buddy" program?
 - Connect people with a helper who can run errands, pick up meds, etc.
 - Approach local businesses – pharmacies are a prime possibility

7:16pm Neighborhood Services Report

- David Wolbrecht, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator
- City Hall for All
 - October 12, 2019
 - Truck-a-Palooza!
 - More than just Touch-a-Truck
 - City program booths
 - City services open for business
 - Giveaways!
 - Sustainability Summit, 2-5pm
 - Last big, in-person activity of the Sustainability Plan process
 - Sustainability resources
 - Booths for neighborhood resources, such as KAN itself
 - Anyone up to coordinate a KAN booth?
 - (Lisa) How about a big map, with business-card handouts for each neighborhood?
 - David to arrange a map, and to coordinate creating cards for each neighborhood
 - If a NA already has such a thing, then send them along to David
- Community Safety Advisory Group for November 2020 fire ballot measure
 - City will look to each neighborhood for a delegate
 - Want delegates identified by October 18
 - Each NA: use your own process to identify a delegate
 - Will include corporate members, at-large members
 - Target: 40-ish members
 - Evening meetings, once or twice a month, through November 2020
 - Provide recommendations to City Council on measure line items and funding
 - See blue handout from this meeting, with curriculum and timeline (and follow-up emails from City)
- Neighborhood Safety Program update
 - Project lists are due December 2
 - “Safer Routes to School” initiative has created a larger pool of possible projects
- Paving for 116th in Bridle Trails
 - Mid-September start
- Totem Lake improvements in September
- Tree code update
 - October 10, public hearing
 - Early November, City Council study session
 - Series of videos have appeared in *This Week in Kirkland*
- 6th St. S project progress
 - Night work this week
- Flooding season
 - Arriving a bit early this year!

- Please remove debris from catch basins
 - [Flyer](#) available with winter resources
- Free extra yard waste pickup in November
 - Place extra yard waste in kraft paper bags or labeled personal containers
- Bike share
 - There were no bids in response to Kirkland's invitation for bids this year
 - Many companies are jumping over bikes to scooters; fast-moving trends
 - Kirkland is not pursuing scooter share programs at this time
 - Scooters appear to have a shorter life span
 - End up ditched into awkward locations
 - Transportation Commission is considering options, talking to the [Gotcha](#) company right now
- Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan
 - Upcoming evaluation of City infrastructure, access to programs, communications, etc.
 - City has published its transition plan
 - Want to learn more from the community, beyond the scope of the plan
 - More to come: targeted outreach to agencies, those in our community affected by disability
- Viva Volunteers event
 - [See flyer](#)
- Urban Core designation
 - Sits now with the Puget Sound Resource Council (PSRC)
 - How do these policies interact with Neighborhood Plan Update processes?
 - (Dave Asher) The documentation did not establish any new policy
 - (Brad) I saw new policy; perhaps it was in the Council study packet
 - David W. to follow up with Planning staff and get back to Brad and Heather

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

- Liaison Reports
 - Transportation (Lisa)
 - Took August off, no September meeting yet
- City Council Committee Reports
- Neighborhood Reports
 - Central Houghton
 - Crossing Kirkland event went well
 - Making up a flyer to advertise the NA, through US postal service
 - Pretty reasonable price: 3 postal routes for Houghton, ~\$500
 - Hits every address on the route, including each apartment
 - Delineates the difference/overlap of NA with Houghton Community Council
 - People appreciate our electronic mailing of meeting notices, minutes, bulletins

- Everest
 - Crossing Kirkland event went well
 - We distribute a printed notice before every monthly meeting
 - 10 volunteers, each with a 30-minute route
 - Deliver paper notice to the door, not in the mailbox
- Evergreen Hill
- Finn Hill
 - DennyFest went well
- Highlands
- Juanita
- Lakeview
 - New condos coming, off Lake Washington Boulevard, up to \$10M
- Market
 - Had summer picnic on a rainy Sunday
 - 84-yr-old woman attended; said that the only way she saw the picnic announcement was a roadside sign
 - Would like to invite Council candidates to a meeting; how to do it?
 - (Chris) Send a group email invitation
 - Get email addresses from the [Elections](#) website
- Moss Bay
 - Introduce Brad Haverstein
 - Council Candidate Forum on 9/9, video posted at [Moss Bay NA](#) page on Facebook
 - Working on increasing social media outreach
 - Considering livestreaming meetings (Finn Hill gets 40-50 viewers)
- Norkirk
 - Trying to keep our meeting in-person
 - Considering adding a liquor license, for enhanced social time attached to the meeting
- North Rose Hill
- South Rose Hill / Bridle Trails
 - Had City Council candidate introductions last night
 - Low attendance every September; does everyone have this problem?
 - Yes. Finn Hill and Norkirk hold off their first meeting until first week of October for this reason
 - Looking ahead a year or so to a Greenway opening party

9:01pm Closing

- Adjourned at 9:01pm
- Next meeting: October 9, 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
 - 9/14 12-3pm, Juanita Summer Picnic, Edith Moulton Park