

**KAN Meeting Minutes  
September 9th, 2015  
Peter Kirk Room, City Hall  
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

**NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow.**

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton - Lisa McConnell (Chair) (KAN Co-Chair)

Everest – none

Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance - none

Highlands – Debbie Ohman

Juanita Neighborhoods - Doug Rough (Chair), Karen Lightfeldt

Market – Doug Sollitt

Lakeview Neighborhood - Lori Isch (Chair)

Moss Bay - Bea Nahon (KAN Co-Chair)

Norkirk – Birgitta Hughes (Chair)

North Rose Hill - Milt Olson

South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails –Jim McElwee

Totem Lake - none

City Staff Attending

Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator

Elected officials present:

Council member Dave Asher

Co-Chair Bea Nahon convened the meeting at 7 pm.

After introductions, the minutes of June meeting were unanimously ratified.

**Senior Council Presentation.**

Carolyn Kelso and (was it Barbara Flagg or was it Betty Stevens?) presented for the Kirkland Senior council. Founded in 2002, they serve Kirkland as an advisory board to the City Council on matters concerning Kirkland seniors especially with increase in the number of seniors in the next 15 to 20 years. They advocate for seniors and co-partner with City of Bellevue.

Much of their focus is on affordable senior housing working with ARCH. They reported that waiting lists for senior housing are 3 to 5 years for low income. They are encouraging neighborhoods to have a representative from the council to the neighborhoods so residents can appreciate the ongoing need to help low income seniors.

Imagine Housing (provides housing for very lowest income families) has a waiting list of 2,150. They have raised 75% of what they need for 90 units.

Kirkland Senior Council has the following events planned:

October 13th: Council meeting with Senior Deputy, King County Prosecutor discussing Elder Abuse. 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Peter Kirk Community Center.

October 24th: Viva Volunteers! Volunteer Fair at Peter Kirk Community Center. 10:00 to 2:00 pm.

November 10th: Sr Council meeting with mortgage counselor with Solid Ground regarding reverse mortgages. 5:30 to 7:30 at Peter Kirk Community Center.

They also hold a senior art fair at Merrill Gardens annually in the spring where senior art is displayed.

They have a program that teaches emergency preparedness for older adults.

They are also currently working on a resource guide for seniors

Transportation is #2 issue on list of challenges for seniors. Access bus is a problem with people often waiting 1 to 2 hours. Kirkland Senior Council has programs that trains people how to use the bus. It was noted that sidewalks are important to seniors.

Lisa asked what Neighborhoods can do to assist. Responses included encourage Accessory Dwelling Units, Mother-in-law apartments and renting bedrooms in the home and implementation of a fee for developers who demolish affordable/ low income housing that could be used to fund housing.

The Senior Council is also focusing energy on encouraging people in their 40's and 50's to get prepared now for their senior years.

There is a need for more universal design in homes so seniors can stay in their homes such as wider doors into rooms.

Bea encouraged Kirkland Senior Council to stay involved with KAN.

### **Parking Task Force update**

Bea reported that the task force had met regularly over the summer. They decided that first it was important to identify the actual causes and effects with overflow parking in the neighborhoods, identify problems and trends and impacts of those problems. The task force developed a survey to be sent out to Kirkland residents. This was then improved after submitting to the city staff for their input. Bea and Karen also met with Councilmember Jay Arnold, who chairs the Economic Development Committee which is also charged with exploring this issue, for additional input. Council is not planning, at this time, to move forward with this issue until KAN presents its findings/recommendations.

The survey will be distributed in September/October with subject on KAN agenda in November.

### **Month of Concern for Hungry.**

This is the annual food drive coordinated by KAN for Hopelink in Kirkland to be held Sept 26 and 27th from 10 to 4. Kari had sent out information requesting volunteers to help collect food at

most grocery stores in Kirkland. Several representatives indicated that they had not received information so Kari is resending. Several KAN representatives volunteered to help pick up collected food from individual grocery stores and delivered to Hopelink. More information at [kirklandwa.gov](http://kirklandwa.gov) and enter "month of concern"

### **Public comment:**

Elaine Darling asked if KAN really wants a neighborhood representative that lives outside of the neighborhood they are representing. Bea responded it may be a topic on the agenda in 2016.

Rick Collela made a short presentation in support of Prop 1 which forms a Metropolitan Park District to fund the Aquatic and Recreation Center. Website for supporters of prop 1 is [buildthearc.org](http://buildthearc.org).

Jamie Rechter spoke on importance of having aquatic and recreational facilities for kids.

Michelle Sailor (Market Neighborhood) presented information about off leash dog areas and the need to have one off leash dog park in each neighborhood. Requested that KAN work with neighborhoods to promote off leash areas Doug (JNA) commented that the master plan for Edith Moulton includes an off leash trail. Michelle also noted that KAN should await updated information via Michael Cogle in the Parks Department.

Councilmember Asher commented that Neighborhoods should prioritize the sidewalks they would like to have. Neighborhoods should consider affordable housing. Most neighborhoods don't realize the importance. He also expressed, on a personal level, his concern about fear as a tactic in discussion of Prop 1 and how important it is to consider all information.

Brooke LaWalla (spelling) spoke and also supported funding the ARC. Kickoff event is Wednesday October 16th, 5:30 at Wild Rover in downtown Kirkland. Everyone welcome. Website supporting Prop 1 is [buildthearc.org](http://buildthearc.org).

Bea noted that the October KAN agenda will include:

- Presentation from Parkplace developer Bill Leedom of Talon. Current businesses will be leaving starting November.
- Discussion of Prop 1. Suggested that Tracey Dunlap would begin with an impartial presentation of the facts and figures. Both pro and con sides would then have opportunity to present. As we will be having this in the Peter Kirk room, we are required to have equal time for both sides.

### **KAN Survey**

KAN solicited input from neighborhood representatives at our June meeting re what issues they would like to see addressed in the fall. A survey was conducted to determine highest priorities. Results of the survey were reviewed. Survey revealed that importance should be placed on getting more people to come to neighborhood meetings, especially involvement from younger residents. This was indicated by 54% of respondents. Discussed possible ways to deal with this issue and we will continue this discussion and strategies in the coming year. It was also noted that providing babysitting at neighborhood meetings might reduce the barrier for participation for some younger residents.

The survey also included comments about how KAN, the planning commission and the neighborhood associations can better work together, including more communication and improved understanding of the neighborhood planning process. A date for our joint meeting with Planning Commission is still in process.

### **Process on Neighborhood Safety Projects**

This was also in our survey, including possible ways to improve process and criteria and how information gets out to the neighborhoods.

### **Neighborhood services report - Kari Page**

Lake Washington School District will hold two meetings on long term facilities:

- Wednesday, September 16th at Juanita high school
- Thursday, September 17th at Rose Hill Middle School

CIP - preliminary projects have been identified for 2015 to 2020 based on 2035 planning. Public hearing was earlier this month and can be reviewed and any comments can be made at any council meeting between now and December. They are scheduled to be adopted in December.

### **CIP update**

Staff has worked closely over the past 9 months with Sound Transit staff and Sound Transit Board members to include options for transit on the CKC connecting the Totem Lake Urban Center to Eastlink light rail line in Bellevue (Wilburton Station).

On August 27, 2015 the Sound Transit Board adopted a "Candidate Project List (CCL)" of projects that might be included in a 2016 ST3 ballot measure. The CCL includes two options for transit along the CKC.

- 1) The first is a light rail line from Totem Lake to Bellevue along the CKC and continuing to Issaquah along I-90.
- 2) The second is a Bus Rapid Transit line (BRT) from Totem Lake to Bellevue.

Both CKC projects will be evaluated for costs and ridership along with the rest of the CCL projects and ST staff will make a recommendation to the Sound Transit Board for a final package to be included in any potential ballot measure around the end of the year.

Staff believe that the most practical, effective and affordable outcome would be to build BRT along the CKC soon.

To help ensure any such BRT plan is compatible with Kirkland values and scale, a budget request for \$250,000 for BRT pre-design and cost-estimating is in front of the Council at the September 15th Council meeting. Kirkland staff and Councilmembers will be following the Sound Transit process closely to ensure that any final system provides robust but appropriate transit service to Kirkland.

Goal is to have ST build a two lane road on the east side of the corridor (30 foot envelope)  
We think we can design something very affordable.

## 2. Art Integration Plan:

Work will begin in September and run through November, with the expectation that a draft Art Integration Plan for the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC PAIP) will be presented to City Council for adoption as an attachment to the Master Plan by the end of the year.

In the ensuing months Berger will be gathering input from City staff, arts and heritage constituents and the larger public and coming up with a plan as well as decision tree for art selection in the future. The Cultural Arts Commission will play an important role as conveners of public meetings as well as working closely with the consultants to revise and craft the recommended plan that will go to City Council

Copies of the new CKC map were distributed and suggested they be shared at neighborhood meetings.

### Neighborhood Safety Projects:

Kari handed out info on status of current projects.

### Schedule for 2016 projects:

Project idea due: December 1, 2015  
NSP workshop: January 21, 2016  
Applications available: January 21, 2016  
Applications due: no later than February 9, 2016  
Staff technical review: February 9 - March 9, 2016  
Panel review: March 9, 2016  
Panel decision: March 23, 2016  
City Council decision: April 19, 2016  
Projects announced: by end of April 2016  
Projects end: June 1, 2017

Each neighborhood is to pick two projects to be submitted from list of suggested projects. Kari will send list to each neighborhood later this month. These should be reviewed at individual neighborhood meetings. There will be time for each neighborhood to come in to discuss their projects. There is a cost estimating workshop in January.

### Development activity Report:

Traffic suffers tomorrow on 85th due to traffic signal switchover. Two-day operation. 124th and 120th: 8pm. To 6 am, crews on grinding tonight, overlay Thursday night. Project still on schedule to be complete by end of October.

Rose Point Lift Station: design began June. At 30%. Meeting with Market neighborhood Sept 23.

Art installed today on Park Lane.

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### Liaison Reports and Neighborhood Roundabouts

Lori suggested KAN have a booth at the volunteer fair scheduled to be hosted by Senior Council.

North Rose Hill (Milt) reported that Margaret Carnegie will be retiring as neighborhood chair, and that he will be moving to Camano Island. We thanked him for his participation and all that he has done for his neighborhood and KAN.

Juanita (Karen and Doug). Reported on picnic and importance of help received from KAN members when recommendations were needed. Doug reposted on agenda for the upcoming general meeting.

Norkirk (Birgitta) they are working on their website

Market (Doug) they are having ice cream social the coming weekend instead of their usual picnic.

Moss Bay (Bea). Jay Arnold provided information on Advanced Technology Conference.

Houghton (Lisa). No picnic this year as not enough people to put it on. This is the first time haven't had one.

Bea noted that the City Council passed ordinance that their standing committee meetings will now be open to the public starting in 2016. Attendees can attend and listen, but not participate or speak. We will get more information and we should have KAN reps attend these meetings to help keep us up to date.

Next meeting is October 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.