

Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods Meeting Minutes

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October 12, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Norkirk Room City Hall

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell
Evergreen Hill – Johanna Palmer
Finn Hill – Jon Pascal (KAN Co-Chair)
Highlands – Karen Story, Debbie Ohman
Lakeview – Lori Isch
Moss Bay – Dan Ryan, Aimee Voelz
Norkirk – Janet Pruitt (KAN Co-Chair)
North Rose Hill – Margaret Carnegie
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Golden Larson

City Staff Attending:

Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Kathy Cummings, Communications Program Manager

NOTE: Action items or key items are highlighted in yellow.

Co-Chairs Jon Pascal and Janet Pruitt convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Introductions were made around the table

Minutes of the September meeting were approved unanimously.

From the audience:

No items from the audience at the beginning. Dave Asher spoke at the end of the meeting.

Meet your City Council – Jay Arnold

Jay talked about development in Totem Lake, The Village at Totem Lake, the NE 132nd interchange, and transit. The Council is interested in siting a women and children's shelter in Kirkland, and also adding additional public safety personnel. The Council is looking at the funding for the Neighborhood Safety Program, and noted that Rapid Flashing Beacons are popular. He also briefly discussed neighborhood plans. He answered a couple of questions from KAN members.

Kathy Cummings, new Communications Program Manager

Kathy was recently hired as the Communications Program Manager for the City of Kirkland. She said current communications are print heavy, and she is planning on moving to more social and immediate media. Weekly Newsbites is a combination of news releases and neighborhood news. She welcomes stories that are about a paragraph long by Thursday morning each week. She will be continuing the City Update both online and in print (in limited quantities).

She will be promoting the City's use of Facebook and Twitter. There will be video on two TV channels. The present monthly video "Currently Kirkland" is 3 or 4 videos packaged into one video. The videos will be separated into the shorter episodes.

She is planning four short videos to communicate the budget process. The first is "why should I care about the budget?" Followed by one focusing on the Public Safety budget, the Human Services budget, and the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) budget.

There was discussion on making signing up for listserves easier.

Neighborhood Engagement Proposal update

Neighborhood Summit

- Meeting date, Monday, January 23rd Note the date change
- The committee is looking for another member. Current Summit Committee is—Bea Nahon, Aimee Voelz, Lisa McConnell, Debbie Ohman, Jon Pascal, Janet Pruitt
- Next planning meeting with the Summit Committee is November 8, 12:30pm.
- Each neighborhood should be thinking about what they are proud of, and how they can convey that in several video presentation slides.

Neighborhood Services Reports—Kari Page

- **CIP Update**
 - 80th Street construction is complete except for striping.
 - Design continues on 100th Avenue Northeast.
 - Overlay program, Slater Avenue Northeast, between 120th and 124th Streets is complete, 93rd Avenue NE, between J-Drive and 124th is next followed by 100th Avenue NE, between 124th and 132nd.
 - The design for the NE 124th and 124th NE bridge has begun.
 - There is water main/sewer work being done on 3rd Ave S. and 2nd Street
 - There is work being done to add two new signals on 6th Street in 2017
- The transportation department is looking into being able to "pay by phone" for downtown parking.
- The City Council may change special event banners to no longer go over a road and would change from a horizontal format to vertical.
- NSP: schedule – one month earlier – help get projects done sooner

2017 Neighborhood Safety Program Schedule

Project idea due: November 3, 2016

Project Conference: January 10 or 12, 2017

Applications Available: January 10, 2017

Applications Due: January 23, 2017

Staff review: January 24–31, 2017

Panel review: February 8, 2017

Panel decision: February 22, 2017

City Council decision: March 21, 2017

Projects announced: April, 2017

Projects completed by: June 1, 2018

Liaison Reports and Hot Topics

- **Lisa McConnell** reporting on Transportation Commission noted that they are working on the 6th Street corridor study.
- **Karen Story** reported that the City Council Committee meetings are public, and encouraged KAN to have a rep at each of the meetings, especially the **Planning and Economic Development** meetings, where a lot of important things are discussed that affect neighborhoods:
<http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/council/Meetings/Committees.htm>

Each neighborhood gave a brief report on their neighborhood happenings.

From the audience

Council Member Dave Asher spoke on the upcoming review of the City of Kirkland's sign ordinance. The first phase, to make the ordinance content neutral has been completed. The second phase is to review the entire ordinance. The process will take six to eight months. Karen Story and Dave Asher will coordinate an information meeting.

Meeting adjourned at about 9:00 PM

Next meeting is November 9th at City Hall

Potential Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Metro Long-term Transit Plan
- Parking survey #2 - solutions
- Sensitive Areas Regulations Update
- Evergreen Hospital Board
- Neighborhood Services Budget
- NSP Program Evaluation & Feedback
- Neighborhood Plan Updates

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

- NSP Project Ideas Due – Nov 3rd
- Neighborhood Summit – Jan 23rd Note the date change
- Neighborhood Matching Grants – Final Reports for 2015-2016 and Applications for 2017-18 grants are due Jan 31, 2017