

Minutes, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods

September 13, 2017 7:00PM

Peter Kirk Room – Kirkland City Hall

Action items highlighted

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell

Everest – Owen Paulus

Evergreen Hill – Johanna Palmer

Finn Hill – Bill Blanchard (KAN Co-Chair)

Highlands –

Juanita – Doug Rough

Lakeview –

Market –

Moss Bay – Bea Nahon

Norkirk – Cindy Randazzo, Janet Pruitt (KAN Co-Chair)

North Rose Hill –

South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Martin Morgan

City Staff Attending:

Doreen Booth – Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator

Jon Regala – Planning Supervisor

Co-Chair Bill Blanchard convened the meeting at 7pm.

7:00 – 7:10 Introductions and ratification of June 14, 2017 meeting minutes

- Deana Lansing introduced herself as the new Neighborhood Resource officer. She will be making the rounds at Neighborhood Association meetings. If you'd like to contact her about coming to a meeting to address a specific topic or for general questions, she can be reached at: dlansing@kirklandwa.gov, 425-587-3451. Also, she will be starting a Coffee with a Cop program, kicking off on October 4th, 11-1, at Urban Coffee Lounge at Slater 116. This is an informal way to come and meet police, have a conversation, or get your questions answered.

7:10 – 7:15 Public Comment

- Andrew Klein – Juanita resident came to talk about a house in his cul-de-sac that has been converted to an Airbnb location with 10 – 15 guests/night. The neighbors' concern was that there is no existing code in Kirkland to deal with this issue and he was attending the meeting to hear an update (see agenda item below) and report back to neighbors.
- Peter Allender and Gene Kremer, representing neighbors from Lakeview Terrace, also have a 5-bedroom home in their neighborhood that is being used, full time for Airbnb/short term rentals. The home is not owner occupied and they have had many problems with late night arrivals, confused renters entering wrong properties, trash, loud noises, driveway blockages, no available street parking, increased traffic, etc. The neighbors are asking that owner occupation be part of the code, asking for at least 2/3 year occupation by owner, rentals limited to 2 rooms maximum. They expressed that the neighbors are supportive of home owners being allowed to participate in short term rentals, just that there needs to be some regulation to allow everyone to enjoy their residential community.
- Mary Alyce Burleigh, representing a Juanita neighbor, expressed similar problems with a short term rental, to the point that they are considering selling and moving out.

7:15 – 7:25 Owen Paulus - Crossing Kirkland Block Party Recap

The first ever Crossing Kirkland Block Party, on September 9th on the Cross Kirkland Corridor was a huge success. As you may remember, this event sprang from the For the Love of Kirkland community forum at the beginning of 2017. The family friendly event covered 2 miles, had 12-14 sponsors, and 6 stations of fun activities, like a climbing wall and mural dedication, as well as crafts, like bird feeders and face painting. KAN members present agreed to 1. Write a letter thanking all the sponsors for their generosity and 2. Ask City Council to support money to go to making the mural a permanent item, which requires a special anti-graffiti coating be applied. Encourage your neighbors to personally thank sponsors, such as Kirkland Bicycle, Google, SRM Development, McLeod Autobody, Chainline Brewery, Maelstrom Brewing, Lady Yum, B-Seen Apparel, Purified Water-To-Go, Metropolitan Market, Ben & Jerry's Kirkland, Bassline fitness, and Sirena Gelato for their time, donations, and/or energy.

7:25 – 7:40 Kari Page – Neighborhood Safety Program(NSP)

Kari Page gave us an overview of all the NSP projects from the beginning in 2014 to present. (see http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/NSP.htm for details) She also gave us an update on the current status of 2017 projects and issues. Just a reminder that the Goal of NSP is not just to get projects done but to re-energize neighbors and neighborhoods. We discussed some questions for the 2018 NSP panel and Council to think about:

1. \$50K limit? Do we need to revisit this amount as many technical solutions for projects such as RFBs are getting more expensive? When do we allow over \$50K?
2. How do we deal with valuable past projects that “didn’t make the list”? Automatic re-entry? Resubmittal?
3. NSP every other year? This might allow for more time, thought, and success on some of these projects and not have a back log of unfinished projects that create frustration for neighborhoods.

Kari also showed us an update of the Crosswalk Priority map.

In summary the schedule for the Neighborhood Safety Program is: All Suggest-A-Project items should be submitted before September 28th for consideration in the 2018 NSP. The Suggest-A-Project link is <http://maps.kirklandwa.gov/Html5Viewer/?viewer=capitalImprovement> (Click the “I want to...” orange button and then select “Submit a Project Idea” in the drop-down dialog box. The interactive map will step you through pinpointing your project location, selecting a project type and describing your idea.)

2018 Neighborhood Safety Program Schedule

Project Ideas Due: December 1, 2017

Project Conferences: February 6 or 8, 2018

Applications Available: After Project Conference

Applications Due: February 15, 2018

Staff Review/Technical Scores: February 16–21, 2018

Panel Review: February 22–March 14, 2018

Panel Decision: March 14, 2018

City Council decision: April 17, 2018

Projects announced: April 17, 2018

Projects completed by: June 1, 2019

7:40 – 8:10 Jon Regala - Short Term Rentals, (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.)

Jon Regala, Planning Supervisor, presented a proposal for discussion about short term/vacation rental regulations. These are rentals such as those on Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, etc. Included was a list of what other jurisdictions use in regulating these rentals. This item will be brought to City

Council at next Tuesday's meeting, September 19th. See Item 11b New Business -

http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/City+Council/Council+Packets/091917/11b_NewBusiness.pdf

Some of the issues brought up were in agreement with those brought forward by audience members (see Public Comment above). Some of the discussion points:

- Karen Story from Highlands submitted a letter that was read during meeting. She stated that caution should be used in determining the number of days of rental for a business license requirement, as the cost of the license may make it untenable and onerous for home owners to participate. Also, there are numerous short term rentals in Kirkland already functioning without issue. Karen also stated that she is "strongly opposed to the City regulating owner-occupied short term rentals.
- Many people use short term rentals as a way to make up the difference in mortgage payment and increasing tax bills due to increasing property values. In particular seniors/fixed income and single income households will be most affected.
- HOA and multifamily residence rules may give some guidance.
- Clarity on how liability is handled with listing agencies (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.)
- Enforcement of any regulation will be key
- Owner occupation vs home as a business seems to be the major problem point as well as the solution.

8:10 – 8:20 Debbie Lacy, Director of Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC)

Welcoming Week will be September 15-24th. Here in East King County, we're celebrating our richly diverse communities and helping to create a welcoming culture for all, from those born and raised here to those newly arrived. There will be over 30 events, all free and family friendly, starting with Welcoming Kirkland September 16th, hosted by the Juanita Neighborhood. **KAN reps and chairpersons are encouraged to attend some of these events, and to consider how KAN might participate in putting on a Welcoming Week event in September of 2018. It was decided to start planning for that at our March 2018 KAN Meeting.**

For a Calendar of Events see <https://ericmembers.wordpress.com/welcoming-week/>

8:20 – 8:45 Doreen Booth – Neighborhood Services Report

- Doreen met with all the neighborhood association leadership over the summer to find out how they worked and what their concerns were. A few common items jumped out: 1. how to reach out to new developments, especially in multifamily units. 2. building capacity for new leadership/succession 3. increasing the mailing list and communication methods to reach more neighbors.
- January 1, 2018, the Kirkland Police Department will be taking over Animal Services to provide better and more efficient service for residents.
http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/PD/Community_Resources/Animal_Services.htm
- **NEXT 3 KAN MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE JUSTICE CENTER!**
- **November's KAN meeting has been moved from its usual date to November 1st! Please note the change.**

8:45 – 9:10 Liaison Reports and Roundtable

Norkirk – had picnic with Highlands, used Art Cart, which they said was very successful and would recommend for events.

Everest – 9th Avenue and 108th Street planned traffic signal is taking very much longer than anticipated and the neighborhood is still actively trying to push for completion. Also continuing HENC discussions,

Evergreen – Will have City Council meeting in the Evergreen Hill Neighborhood in place of their October meeting.

Moss Bay – The September meeting was a candidates' forum. They had an evening at Wilde Rover instead of neighborhood picnic. It was well attended.

Juanita – Hosting Welcome Kirkland (see above). Will have CenterCal at their October meeting. Also they will be recognizing a Juanita High Schooler with a Student Community Service Award at the November meeting.

Central Houghton – Northwest University Master Plan Zoning permit has been submitted, but still awaiting final traffic analysis. Tentative date for joint Public Hearing planned in October with Houghton Community Council and Hearing Examiner. For project info see [http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Development_Info/projects/Northwest University Master Plan Zoning Permit.htm](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Development_Info/projects/Northwest_University_Master_Plan_Zoning_Permit.htm) The Houghton Everest Neighborhood Center discussion continues ever onward with an update on Residential Suites in unfinished business at the next Council meeting, September 19th.
http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/City+Council/Council+Packets/091917/10a_UnfinishedBusiness.pdf

Finn Hill – working on finalizing Holmes Point Overlay

http://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/City+Council/Council+Packets/090517/9a_PublicHearings.pdf

They had over 700 people attend Dennyfest this summer. Quite the success.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Potential Upcoming Agenda Items:

Housing Strategy Plan and affordability
Updates on Short Term Rentals
Sign ordinance status and enforcement
Evergreen Hospital Board
Metro Long-term Transit Plan
Parking survey #2 – solutions
Sensitive Areas Regulations Update

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

- Welcoming Kirkland on September 16, 2017
1-4pm at Heritage Hall, 203 Market Street
<http://www.kirklandreporter.com/life/welcome-to-kirkland-event-set-for-sept-16/>
- September 15-24 National Welcoming Week
<https://ericmembers.wordpress.com/welcoming-week/>