

Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN) Meeting Minutes
2/8/17
Heritage Hall
7:00 pm

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell
Everest – Anna Rising
Evergreen Hill – Johanna Palmer
Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance – Bill Blanchard (KAN Co-Chair), Amy Falcone
Highlands – Debbie Ohman; Karen Story
Juanita Neighborhoods – Doug Rough
Lakeview – Lori Isch (by phone)
Market –
Moss Bay – Bea Nahon, Dan Ryan
Norkirk – Janet Pruitt (KAN Co-Chair)
North Rose Hill – Margaret Carnegie
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails –

City Staff Attending:

Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
Eric Shields, Planning Director
Councilmember Dave Asher

Co-Chair Janet Pruitt convened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

After introductions we unanimously ratified the January meeting minutes.

Public comments

Jan Young. Concerned about traffic and growth, particularly with the redevelopment of the Houghton Everest neighborhood center and potential traffic on 108th. Worried that “mom and pop” shops will not be able to compete. Not enough green space. Does not want transit on the CKC. Her ask of KAN is that KAN “act as an important representative force in protecting our neighborhoods from unsustainable growth.”

Sandy Helgeson. Worried about Houghton-Everest plan. Neighborhood center expansion will make it too big for neighborhood. Traffic is already at maximum—worries about congestion. Worried about losing Met Market and PCC.

Dave Asher. Nourishing Networks full for winter break; watch for spring break event soon.

Paula White. With a group called Kirkland Safe. Kirklandsafe.org. Worried about hate crimes and vulnerable people. Wants inclusiveness.

Lieutenant Saloum of Kirkland Police wants to make sure leaders know a police officer is available to go to neighborhood meetings. Talked about crime mapping on the web.

Planning Commission Work Program - Eric Shields (Planning Director)

- Eric reviewed the draft [Planning Department work plan](#). Many projects are uncommitted due to staff resources, including neighborhood plan framework (template), some neighborhood plan updates, and sign code updates.
- **Correction from Eric: Feb. 23** – The Planning Commission will discuss work program priorities, voting at that time on their recommendation to Council. The Council will review and discuss that recommendation at its study meeting (jointly with the PC) on Tues., March 21. At that time, they’ll give direction to staff and we’ll bring back a final work program for the Council to adopt in April (probably April 4).
- KAN asked if there is a way to streamline the neighborhood plan process. Finn Hill plan probably won’t work well as a template, as had been hoped. **Let Janet know if you are interested in meeting with Eric to discuss how to streamline the process so we can make neighborhood plan template and updates happen.**
- Some sign codes were not enforced while the code was being updated to be content neutral (legal requirement). Eric will ask Council for direction on how to proceed with recommencing enforcement.
- Karen Story asked that **any KAN members who have an opinion about sign enforcement contact the Council Planning and Economic Development committee before their Monday meeting on Feb. 13: DMarchione@kirklandwa.gov, jarnold@kirklandwa.gov, psweet@kirklandwa.gov, and cc EShields@kirklandwa.gov.**
- Karen reported that the sign code committee will be giving Eric a scope of recommendations in early April, so he can estimate staff resources. She does not think the scope will be large.
- Planning Department is working on a **housing strategy plan, including affordable housing**. Not a solution, but a narrowing of options to address problems. They are looking to form an **advisory committee**, not of experts, but community members who have interest. **Let Janet know if you are interested.**
- Planning Commission is reviewing citizen amendment requests Feb. 9. Already have some emailed comments. See [Planning Commission website](#) for more info.

“For the Love of Kirkland” Follow-up

- [Video](#) of Bea Nahon thanking the council for the “For the Love of Kirkland” event (01:03:05).
- [For the Love of Kirkland event website](#).
- [Sign up here for projects](#). Those who sign up will be on a committee to try and get these projects to happen. Possible to also suggest new projects.

Neighborhood Involvement Workshop Monday, March 6 – Kimberly Scott

- Kimberly will lead and moderate the event (she is volunteering).
- Get notice out soon. Send out on Valentine’s Day to capture “love (of Kirkland)” theme.
- For people currently involved in their neighborhood, who have ever thought about getting involved, or who have wondered what neighborhood volunteers do.
- Goal was succession planning, but given success of Love of Kirkland event, decision was made to modify agenda to accommodate more people.
- Find ways to get more people interested in volunteering with neighborhoods.

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- Share specific ideas about how neighborhoods can more effectively welcome new people, engage neighbors, and be inclusive and relevant.
- How can we get younger folks involved? Food and drinks help.
- Some people shy away due to perception that it might be too big a commitment, and they think they are not experts.
- Break commitments down into smaller chunks to make it more appealing.

Inclusive Communities Proclamation – Janet

- Council recently adopted an [Inclusive Communities Proclamation](#) that commits to “protecting and serving everyone who resides in, works in or visits Kirkland without discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, income or economic status, political affiliation, military status, sexual orientation or physical, mental or sensory ability.”
- **Send the link to your neighborhoods.**
- Watch for more information about upcoming community conversations and how you can be involved. Council wants to provide venues for these conversations, but thinks they will be most effective if they are run by citizens.
- [Welcome to Juanita event](#) is March 4. All are invited.
- Neighborhoods can be a good networking resource for groups like Kirkland Safe that are forming.
- [Eastside March for Justice](#) in Kirkland March 25
- Janet has invited Leslie Miller, Human Services Coordinator to our next meeting to tell us more.

Neighborhood Services – Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

- Partial intelligent light timing on 132nd street now implemented.
- Construction starting on Feb. 13 on City Hall parking lot. Trying to be done by July 4.
- City is advertising for contractor for Edith Moulton Park.
- Sewer replacement on 6th street between 10th and 11th.
- Paving along 124th Ave in Kingsgate at night. Forbes Creek, too. 80th from 132nd to 122nd. NE 70th. Ready for paving on 3rd street.
- Sidewalk school walk 126th and 90th—may remove some trees.
- Fixing cracked sidewalks from 6th Ave to 6th Street. Bike lane south of downtown.

Neighborhood Round Table

- Central Houghton –
 - Concerned about traffic volumes for neighborhood center plan.
- Everest – Anna Rising
 - Concerned about traffic volumes for neighborhood center plan.
- Evergreen Hill –
 - Nextdoor boundaries are incorrect.
- Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance –
 - First annual Egg Hunt and Spring Fling to be more than just egg hunt
 - Thanked Ron Dembrowsky for a \$5000 grant.
- Highlands –
 - Meeting about Parkplace and Totem Lake had good attendance.
- Juanita Neighborhoods –
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- Norkirk –
 - Great attendance and new faces at meeting re: downtown development and a follow up to the “For the Love of Kirkland” event.
- North Rose Hill –
 - Trying to get better attendance at meetings. Mailings are effective but expensive.

Meeting adjourned 9:05

Next meeting is March 8th at City Hall.

Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Inclusive Communities
- Neighborhood Involvement Workshop review
- Sign Code update
- “For the Love of Kirkland” projects
- Neighborhood Plans
- Housing Strategies-neighborhood character, affordable housing

Upcoming Events/Deadlines:

- Saturday, March 4: 1:00-3:00pm, “Welcome to Juanita” event
Juanita Community Club, 13027 100th Ave. NE
- Monday, March 6, 7:00-9:00pm, Neighborhood Involvement Workshop
Kirkland Justice Center, 11750 NE 118th St.
- Saturday, March 25 - Eastside March for Justice. See link in minutes for more info.