

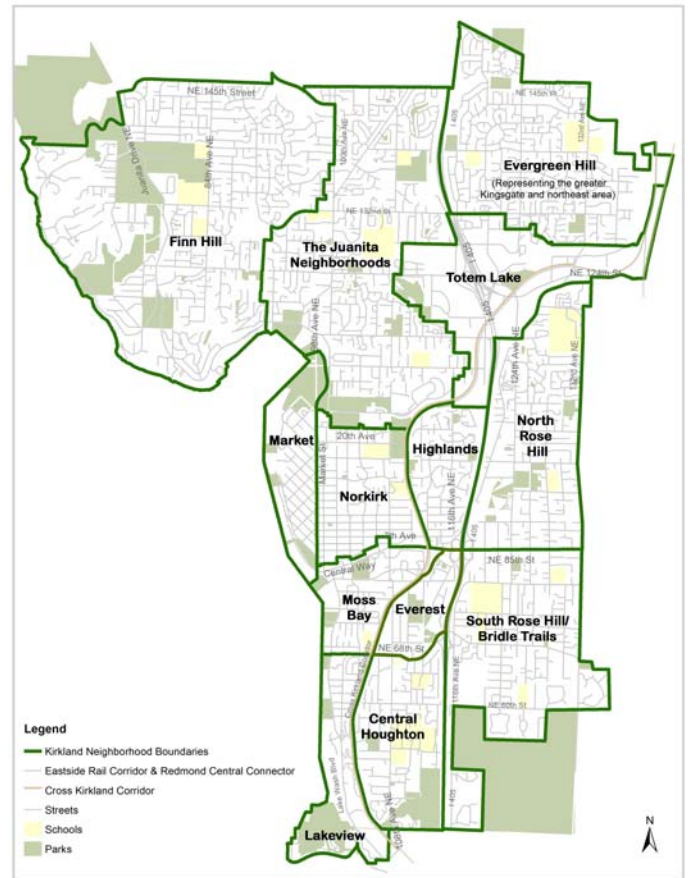


# Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods Meeting

October 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.  
**New Location:** Peter Kirk Room, City Hall  
 123 Fifth Avenue  
 (South entrance, Lower level)

## AGENDA

- 6:30-7:15 KAN Process Decisions
- 7:15-7:45 Council Conversations  
Deputy Mayor Penny Sweet  
Councilmember Jay Arnold
- 7:45-8:10 Neighborhood Plans  
Paul Stewart,  
Deputy Planning Director
- 8:10-8:35 Neighborhood Hot Topics
- 8:35-8:45 Public Comment
- 8:45-9:00 Neighborhood Services Update



*The Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN) is a coalition of the City's Neighborhood Associations. KAN fosters communication and awareness of issues affecting the neighborhoods among the Neighborhood Associations, the City and appropriate entities. KAN is an effective, collegial voice for the neighborhoods and a valued resource for the City.*

## **KAN Meeting Notes**

**10/8/2014**

**Peter Kirk Room, City Hall**

**6:30-9:00 pm**

### KAN Reps and Neighborhood Association Chairs Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell

Everest – None

Evergreen Hill – None

Finn Hill – Scott Morris

Highlands – Debbie Ohman

Juanita – Doug Rough and Karen Lightfeldt

Lakeview – Chuck Pilcher and Lori Isch

Market – Mark Nelson

Moss Bay – Bea Nahon (and as KAN Co-Chair)

Norkirk – Janet Pruitt and Karen Edgerton

North Rose Hill – Larry McKinney

South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Rodney Rutherford

Totem Lake – none

### City Staff Attending:

Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

## **KAN Process – Group discussion**

Setting meeting agenda:

Considerations for agenda item being studied by KAN and prioritization:

- Issue has a Citywide impact
- Issue may impact multiple neighborhoods
- Is there another entity that is more appropriate to comment upon the issue
- Does KAN have the capacity to take on the issue
- Is there time for KAN to take on the issue given the decision making timeline

At the end of a meeting we could look ahead to see what we want to discuss in the upcoming meeting. Then, the chair sends out a draft agenda for people to review and give input into.

As neighborhoods report out on Hot Topics, KAN can pick out items to be included on the next month's agenda.

There is still a value in having outside speakers come inform KAN of topics of interest to the neighborhoods and KAN.

Bring the agenda up at the meeting before so we can decide if we need an expert at the meeting to be able to answer questions.

Fairness issues raised by Doug Rough:

Did we finish the role of the neighborhood fairness (Juanita is larger than other groups). He doesn't want to come if they don't have a voice to talk. Are we here to just list issues and discuss issues – not so much to vote on a topic? Objection to one neighborhood one vote.

Feedback from group - Maybe do not count numbers of yes and no voting – instead provide a listing of issues from each neighborhood, such as what KAN did on the parking issue. How did the neighborhood boundaries get set in the first place? This is not the house of representatives...we are more like the senate.

### **What should KAN leadership be?**

CoChairs, Vice Chairs, Secretary,

Good to have more than one person be Chair

May not need pre-designated roles. Allow the chair to delegate.

Some in the group indicated that they would consider being chair or co-chair of KAN at some time in the future

Need to give plenty of notice to the group before a Chair wants to step down so people can give it some thought – if they want to step up

Should we mentor our chairs by having a chair elect and chair?

Is the chair person responsible for pre-meeting work/interviews/planning?

Bea and Kari will outline a proposal and bring it to the next meeting.

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

The City's is too long. We need a shorter one – we aren't a policy making group. But we want to have our voice be fair and balanced.

Suggestion was made to look at nonprofits. Most that we've received so far are too long for what would work for KAN. Need some examples from other organizations – KAN was asked to send examples to Bea

Karen Lightfeldt offered to help in Anna's absence

### **Council conversations**

Present were Deputy Mayor Penny Sweet and Councilmember Jay Arnold

Discussion around neighborhood plans, backlog, reasons, changes to the planning process, reflecting KAN's input from past meetings.

Should include Moss Bay and Lakeview on the Houghton Neighborhood District plan update process.

Will need to have broader planning areas as we move forward because there are so many cross neighborhood issues (CKC, Market, Houghton Neighborhood District), or at least for the purposes of addressing those issues which overlap neighborhoods.

Growth will impact all neighborhoods, as we are getting bigger we are also getting smaller.

The CKC will pull us all closer together as it is an important connector which will bring even Totem Lake into the picture.

What about training of neighborhood leaders on the Neighborhood Plans and update process? Finn Hill will be a good example of the Neighborhood taking a hold of their own process.

How can KAN help the City make the tough decisions about marijuana? Committee hasn't talked about this yet. State may be willing to relax some of the restrictions like day care restrictions. Kirkland has heard from people with business plans to sell marijuana in Kirkland – and the obstacles are high. We need to figure out a way so that Kirkland has one store – legally. Should write to state reps. May want to open up new areas that are now excluded. So, write to let State reps know – and do it now because there will be a lot on their plate this session because of the education funding issues.

Has the City ever talked about recycling diversion at private businesses? The amount of recyclables that go into the trash. Takes a lot of work to sort and separate out the garbage. Require recycle bin at all stores. Yes, this is on the planning radar for new buildings (commercial and multi-family).

Kirkland's water is clear – and not in the same situation as Mercer Island. Kirkland gets their water from Tolt and half from Cascade Water Alliance. We bought Lake Tapps as our future water source which allows CWA to negotiate lower rates with Seattle.

### **Planning 2035 – Eric Shields, Paul Stewart, Janice Coogan**

Good timing to talk with KAN – elements of the Comp Plan are taking shape and getting ready to do some additional work on the Neighborhood Plans.

Not a major rewrite of the Neighborhood Plans. Clean up maps, data, develop a common standard/format and come out and talk with each neighborhood about the edits. SRH/BT reviewed and sent their comments in to the Planning Department.

Each neighborhood has a specific planner to work with for their update. Planning is scheduling presentations this fall/winter at each meeting now to go over the plans.

All public comments are on the Kirkland 2035 web page. Some are being addressed in the general elements of the Comp Plan. Others may not have consensus on – didn't get updated in the Neighborhood Plan. But if there is something you feel strongly about – they can put it back in.

Presentations at the neighborhood meetings will cover the draft edits. The updated plan will eventually be posted online with tracked changes. After the neighborhood process, the edits will go to the Planning Commission (everyone is welcome to attend those meetings).

Request was made to make sure we say "Meeting Request" on emails so people know they need to put it on their calendar.

Planning asked for comments on the draft process:

Planning should lay out possible topics for neighborhoods to focus on when reviewing their neighborhood plans. Give us a framework of what we should be looking for (without telling us what should be changed). Give them breadcrumbs.

Maybe send out SRH/BT track changes so people can see what they did – as it is a great example. Having a core group within each neighborhood – helps the review process.

One of the problems KAN sees is that the Planning Commission may be reviewing something that is in one neighborhood – but the decision could impact more neighborhoods. Planners should watch for these types of issues and get the message out to the other neighborhoods about the issue. Perhaps someone could monitor the Planning Commission decisions/packets etc.

Eric distributed a list of neighborhood groupings (putting together “like neighborhoods” who share boundaries or neighborhood business districts) that could be grouped in the future neighborhood plan update process. To be decided is whether the neighborhood plans would stay separate or if they would write a new subarea type plan for each group.

Will neighborhood business districts be pulled out to be discussed in a separate process? In 85<sup>th</sup> Street and Market – they have a separate plan for that geographic area. So, it could possibly go that way. But, it is discussable. No perfect idea.

State GMA requirement is to do a Comprehensive Plan update every (requirement is every 8 years – but it takes 2 years to do the plan update). During the 6 year period – Planning could work on neighborhood plans. No timeline for the neighborhood plans has been identified yet.

## Hot Topics

Juanita:

- Placement of ARC – currently City is looking at north side of Juanita Beach
- Neighborhood Association Board is unanimous in opposition
- So many traffic problems (Juanita Village without traffic mitigation)
- Juanita Drive Corridor Study – shows you can’t widen JD (especially in the downtown).
- Working to show opposition to the project.
- Park Board first recommendation was 1) NKCC or 2) Juanita Beach. Wanted to use City property. Then, they decided to look at other sites. Then, Council put it back on the list. Then, Council and Staff still thinks the Juanita Beach is the most optimum site.
- Don’t want to lose this park (which was recently Master Planned).
- The Park is full during the summer. Both sides of the Park used for special events.
- Now staff will be reaching out to the full community in Kirkland to see what the community thinks.
- Council is now looking at private property. Also still working with Redmond.
- Would like to bring this up as an agenda item for KAN. Have a councilmember come to KAN and talk.
  - Input from the group: perhaps scale it down a bit, or put it on the CKC for better access, some wanted to know if we would vote for a levy for this.
  - Maybe the facility should be divided into functional elements and distributed to a number of sites around the City.
  - Put this on the agenda for KAN to discuss
  - Karen Lightfeldt will get speakers to come discuss with KAN and Bea will check with someone at Park Board

Norkirk

- Traffic concerns and cut through
- Traffic calming

Central Houghton

- LWSD school redistricting – maybe we should have someone come tell us about it from the District?
- Neighborhoods should tune into what the district is doing – as the decisions would be made in time for the next school year
- Have someone go to the District and be the advocate for KAN and report back to KAN – Mark Nelson was appointed.

We have been contacted by WSDOT, they would like to come to our next meeting to discuss the upcoming tolling on 405. Is the group interested? The response was yes but only for a limited time and only if they could focus more on the following items:

- Backups from metered on ramps that impact the local traffic

- Bike lanes etc. to cross I405
- Safety of vulnerable populations (making the CKC accessible to all the neighborhoods)

John Kappler from Houghton Community Council – wants to come to the next KAN meeting. We will schedule him as our Council Conversation element for November.

Right size parking public hearing is closed. Planning Commission deferred for one more meeting – as they wanted to reconcile with the public's opposition to the changes. October 23 – should have a KAN member be at the meeting. Lisa McConnell will attend.

If your Neighborhood's matching grant available funds increased by 30% what would you do:

Juanita:

Newly annexed and these people need to become educated about the process and get them involved. More signs, flyers, etc.

Finn Hill:

Need to reach out to all of their neighborhood – as they have grown going from Denny Creek to the NA. Could do a mailing at least once a year.

Norkirk:

Used to mail for \$800 every year. Would be able to do this more. Every neighborhood could do a state of the neighborhood mailing.

Group:

Maybe do some things that benefit all neighborhoods.

- Web sites – some are better than others.
- Could we fund – a neighborhood “look” template of neighborhood
- Survey monkey – need a subscription
- Some would allocate their money over to be able to do citywide things
- Centrally monitored web site
- Maybe centralize the web sites – centrally hosted and help setting it up
- People help others remove graffiti – put together volunteer groups
- Lori, Rodney to help develop requirements for web site, also should include Karen Story
- 501c3 we could get free hosting
- Scott Morris may look into the transferability of their site
- Common platform is a great idea
- Reminder how to sign up for list serve