

KAN Meeting Minutes
11/12/2014
Peter Kirk room, City Hall
7-9 pm

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell and Brian Staples (Chair)
Everest – Anna Rising (Chair & KAN Interim Chair)
Evergreen Hill - none
Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance – Jon Pascal
Highlands – Karen Story (Chair), Debbie Ohman
Juanita Neighborhoods - Doug Rough (Co-Chair) and Karen Lightfeldt
Lakeview Neighborhood – Lori Isch (Interim Chair)
Market – Michelle Sailor (Chair)
Moss Bay – Bea Nahon (KAN Interim Chair)
Norkirk – Janet Pruitt (Chair) and Karen Edgerton
North Rose Hill – none
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – Rodney Rutherford (Co-Chair)
Totem Lake – none

City Staff Attending:

Kari Page

Interim Chair Bea Nahon convened the meeting at 7 pm.

State of the City Address

Bea asked for a nod of heads in support of hosting another KAN “State of the City” address in February, to become an annual event. A February event gives a new mayor time to come up to speed, and coincides more closely with the address given annually to the Chamber of Commerce. A majority of heads nodded yes.

Neighborhood Services Report, Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

- Walkable Kirkland Initiative: The proposed 2015-2016 city biennial budget (http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Finance_and_Administration/BudgetandFinance/BudgetInformation.htm) includes \$400K for a Walkable City Initiative, “to accelerate efforts related to pedestrian and bicycle safety and school walk routes.” Half of this money might be added to the Neighborhood Safety Program. The other half would be used to leverage grant money for school walk route sidewalks.
- **Neighborhood grant reimbursement requests are due by Dec. 10.**
- The proposed city budget includes a 30% increase in neighborhood grant money for the 2015/2016 biennium. See page 8 of the KAN packet for a table of potential dollars per neighborhood.
- **Neighborhood Safety Program: Top two project “Priority and Scope” forms are due by Dec. 10. Note that these are not full proposals.**

- **Please send a list of your Board members to Jeannie McGivern (JMcGivern@kirklandwa.gov) as soon as possible as she is completing the Neighborhood business licenses.**

Parkplace Redevelopment

Bill Pollard, Jim Neal, Charlie Foushee from Talon Private Capital

Talon is proposing a scaled-back version of the Parkplace master plan. For details, see the KAN packet and the Talon website: <http://www.talonprivate.com/news.html>. A project-specific website is coming soon. To schedule a presentation for your neighborhood meeting, contact Natalie Price, Community Outreach Director, at nprice@allisonpr.com.

The earliest that ground-breaking on this project could occur is Spring 2016, and construction will take about two years.

John Kappler, Vice Chair, Houghton Community Council

John spoke about the history and purpose of the Houghton Community Council. The Council formed in 1968 after Houghton was annexed to Kirkland. There are seven elected members serving 4-year terms. Every four years Houghton residents vote on whether the Council should continue to exist. Currently there are about 5 zoning codes that are different in Houghton than in the rest of the city. In order to avoid any additional zoning code differences, the Council works closely with the Planning Commission. We are invited to the Houghton Community Council meetings the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

KAN Policy Document

Anna Rising moved to approve the KAN policy document, Janet Pruitt seconded, and there was no discussion. The document was unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

Secretary: Janet Pruitt nominated Karen Story. Karen accepted and was unanimously approved.
Co-chairs: Karen Lightfeldt nominated Bea Nahon and Lisa McConnell as co-chairs. They accepted and were unanimously approved.

Recognition of outgoing interim co-chair

Bea recognized and thanked Anna Rising for her contributions as interim co-chair over the past six months.

ARC Update

Bea: KAN will have a joint meeting with the Park Board in December to discuss the ARC (Aquatic & Recreation Center).

Karen Lightfeldt: The Juanita Neighborhood Association (JNA) is opposed to siting the ARC at Juanita Beach Park (JBP) due to concerns about traffic and impact on JBP. She says the ARC proposal includes insufficient parking spaces (275) and that swim meets at other local pools draw 300-400 cars.

KAN is currently in discussion and fact-finding mode regarding the ARC.

The City will have the results of site research in the spring.

Comments

Karen Edgerton: The ARC should be sited near the CKC and near 405.

Michelle Sailor: McAuliffe Park should be considered.

Jon Pascal: Juanita needs and deserves the open space provided by JBP; this is a key component of effective urban density and it should not be taken away. KAN should create a list of qualities that an ARC site should meet.

Rodney Rutherford: Consider multiple smaller locations rather than everything in one rec center.

Karen Lightfeldt: Services need to be together in one location to be economically viable.

Lisa McConnell: Would the city sell the NKCC property to help pay for a new site? (Since NKCC services would move to the ARC.)

Karen Lightfeldt: The NKCC park space is needed in that neighborhood.

Jon: We should be educated about the ARC before the Park Board meeting.

Lisa: Agreed with Jon that KAN should draft a list of qualities that the ARC site should have.

Bea: The ARC report contains such a list (could serve as a starting point for KAN).

Lisa: We should also prioritize the proposed ARC services, in case we can't afford them all.

Bea, Lisa, and Kari will meet with Jenny Schroder and Adam White, the Park Board chair, to plan our meeting with them. **Send Bea and Lisa suggestions for agenda items.**

Public Comment

Elaine Darling spoke in opposition to siting the ARC at JBP. She says the city lists the “pros” of the ARC, but also needs to list the “cons” so that voters understand the full impact of what they are voting on; she will be pushing for this. She believes that the city is “promoting” the ARC, not just studying it.

Camille DiClerico lives in Juanita and is opposed to siting the ARC at JBP. She wants the ARC at McAuliffe Park, even though her property abuts the park. She thinks that only 400 people were surveyed about the ARC and that isn't a big enough sample. She wants to see the questions that were asked in the survey.

Glen Buhlman lives in South Rose Hill. He believes that the ARC must be sited on the CKC for kid access, and because all neighborhoods will be connected to the CKC.

Liaison Reports

Right Size Parking

Lisa: The Planning Commission approved Right Size Parking with the addition of a condominium amendment, which says that condo developments are included in Right Size Parking. (Previously, Right Size Parking only applied to multi-family rental units.) The Right Size Parking proposal provides a 15% parking reduction allowance for multi-family developments if 1) They are within a half mile of the Downtown Transit Center and 2) They provide a transit pass to units in that development.

Bea: Council will consider Right Size Parking at their second meeting in January, and thus **the issue is open for comments to Council**. KAN previously sent a letter to the Planning Commission—**should we submit this letter to Council, submit a new letter, or submit nothing?**

Karen Story: Wants to submit a letter to Council.

Doug: Concerned about overflow parking from transit centers, which do not have enough spaces.

Lori: Concerned about lack of effective bus infrastructure in Kirkland, to handle new pressures from parking reductions.

Karen E: Bus access can be good, depending on where you live.

Anna: Lives on Everest bus route. Due to insufficient P&R spaces, many people park on the street.

Jon: P&R code won't be changed as part of Right Size Parking. The Planning Commission (Jon is Vice-Chair) is simply codifying what developers have already been doing by submitting parking studies and asking for parking reduction variances (plus adding the extra 15% reduction for transit center proximity). Jon reminded us that the proposed parking changes affect multi-family and condos only, not commercial or single family.

Bea: Just because developers are being given parking reductions doesn't mean it's a good idea. The condo amendment wording needs work.

Lori: Asked Bea to circulate KAN's original letter and ask for input ([see Bea's email from 11-13-14](#)).

Marijuana Interim Regulations

Janet Pruitt: In September, Council extended the interim regulations for six months. In October they added an odor control ordinance. City staff are preparing the permanent regulations, which will be based on the interim. There will be public hearings. No need for KAN involvement at this point.

Downtown Parking Study

Michelle: Called our attention to the emails in the KAN packet between the Market neighborhood and the city regarding the perceived lack of neighborhood involvement in the downtown parking study. She reiterated the importance of involving the neighborhoods before the city makes decisions.

Jon: The process should involve the neighborhoods earlier. There should be no recommendations to council without neighborhood input.

Bea: The message KAN wants to send is that "earlier is better with everything."

Neighborhood Plans

Anna: Everest didn't know about the proposed changes to their neighborhood plan.

Kari: A different planner is assigned to each neighborhood. All proposed changes are based on prior neighborhood input. Asked for a show of hands of which neighborhoods had not yet been contacted by a planner; Lakeview and Norkirk raised their hands.

Lisa: Can we add a plan update "check-in" to our December meeting?

Kari will invite planners to December meeting to give an update.

Miscellaneous

Drug Bust Houses

Doug: When asked about a recent drug bust house in Juanita, Police responded "Which one?". Apparently there have been multiple such houses in multiple neighborhoods. NAs can ask the police for more info.

Next meeting is Dec. 10

Meeting adjourned 9:02.