

KAN Meeting Minutes

6/10/15

Peter Kirk room, City Hall

7:00-9:00 pm

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow.

Neighborhood Reps Attending:

Central Houghton – Lisa McConnell (Chair) (KAN Co-Chair), Brian Staples
Everest – Anna Rising (Chair)
Evergreen Hill – none
Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance – Kurt Brunnenkant
Highlands – Karen Story (Chair) (KAN Secretary)
Juanita Neighborhoods – Karen Lightfeldt
Lakeview Neighborhood – Lori Isch (Chair)
Market – Dawn Morse (Chair)
Moss Bay – Bea Nahon (KAN Co-Chair)
Norkirk – Janet Pruitt
North Rose Hill – Milt Olson, Margaret Carnegie (Chair)
South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails – none
Totem Lake – none

City Staff Attending:

Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
Christian Knight, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator
Jennifer Schroder, Director of Parks & Community Services
Pattijean Hooper, Emergency Services Coordinator

Elected officials present:

Councilmember Dave Asher

Co-Chair Bea Nahon convened the meeting at 7 pm.

After introductions we unanimously ratified the May meeting minutes.

Parks and Streets Levy Accountability

Jennifer Schroder and Christian Knight

- She would like our feedback on the annual Parks Levy report (see page 2 of our packet at http://www.kirklandkan.org/uploads/4/9/4/4/49441039/kan_agenda_6-10-15.pdf). She tried to make the report shorter and less paper-wasting. Send feedback to JSchroder@kirklandwa.gov.
- She explained that a Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) and the existing Park Levy are separate funding sources with separate purposes and different regulations governing them.
- Christian handed out a draft Public Works Levy annual report, and gave a quick overview of what is included in the report.
- For those who received the report, he would like our feedback on tone and content. Do we, for example, feel the story of the 2014 levy was something other than the Neighborhood Safety Program or the focus groups? Email Christian at CKnight@kirklandwa.gov.

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- We will be notified when the final report is available.

Solarize Kirkland

Paula Del Giudice, Pacific NW Pollution Prevention Resource Center

- Solarize Kirkland is a purchasing program for small-scale solar electric for homeowners and businesses. It provides:
 - reduced cost solar (due to “bulk buy” - one contractor will be vetted for best price and quality)
 - free site assessments
 - federal, state, and local incentives
 - lower electricity bills
- Community workshops will take place this summer and fall (additional dates may be added). You must attend a workshop to be eligible for a site assessment and bid:
 - July 16 (City Hall)
 - August 11 (City Hall)
 - September 19 (Justice Center)
 - September 22 (Justice Center)
- Program partners include Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center, Puget Sound Energy, NW Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED), and Solarize Washington.
- Payback time is estimated at 4-5 years. Initial cost is usually around \$15K, not including tax credits and other incentives. A system can add \$15K to your home’s value.
- The program ends in spring 2016.
- Please sign up to volunteer to help with outreach, or to receive information.
- Please distribute the info to your neighborhoods.
- Please invite Solarize Kirkland to your neighborhood meeting or picnic. Contact Paula at pdelgiudice@pprc.org.
- Details at <http://pprc.org/index.php/2015/pprc/solarize-kirkland/>.

Kirkland Emergency Services Stone Soup Initiative

Pattijean Hooper and Steve Bennett

- Kirkland Emergency Services is setting up neighborhood emergency “Stone Soup” centers (from the tale of how a community came together to make soup from small individual contributions).
- They need our help to find locations throughout the city.
- These centers will be used for the following:
 - Cooling off in a heat wave or warming up in a cold snap
 - Charging portable electronics
 - Distributing emergency management supplies (not food)
 - CERT meeting points
- These will not be overnight or feeding shelters. They are pet-friendly.
- The city provides a generator that is about the size of a full-size cargo van. They need a flat spot next to the building to pour a cement pad.
- Please invite Kirkland Emergency Services to your picnic. They even have fun activities for kids.
- Please contact Pattijean if you have any leads on possible locations for a Stone Soup center.
- pjhooper@kirklandwa.gov

Parking Task Force Update, Bea

- The KAN parking task force includes:
 - Karen Lightfeldt (Juanita)
 - Janet Pruitt (Norkirk)
 - Pete Mangouras (North Rose Hill)
 - Anna Rising (Everest)
 - Mark Nelson (Market)
 - Lisa McConnell, ex-officio (CHNA)
 - Bea Nahon (Moss Bay)
- They are working on a draft plan which will be distributed to KAN very soon (and then to Council).
- Bea explained that some residents and city staff do not see spillover parking as a problem, because they feel that the streets are public rights of way that anyone should be allowed to use. She asked us what problems spillover parking creates in our neighborhoods.

Comments:

- Reduces parking for residents, guests
- General parking problems are exacerbated by spillover volumes:
 - Many streets are narrow and if cars park on both sides, two cars can barely pass each other down the center
 - Spillover parking (especially for events) results in people parking on sidewalks, in front of driveways and mailboxes, and in travel lanes. The police are sometimes unwilling to respond to complaints that are called in.
 - Parking density reduces pedestrian and bicycle safety, especially on school walk routes. It's harder for drivers to see pedestrians standing on a corner waiting to cross, if cars are parked close to the street corner. Narrow streets do not provide adequate space for bicycles.
 - Does parking density reduce property values or increase car prowls?
- Neighborhoods can request that parking be restricted via red curb paint. If the city approves, the city provides the paint.
- Employee parking is included in allocations for new developments.
- On a related note, Council will be having a study session on July 7 about Right Size Parking (RSP; the proposal to possibly require fewer parking spaces for multi-family).

Public Comments

- Councilmember Asher said he believes that if KAN and neighborhoods don't speak up about the issues of spillover parking, he doesn't think Council will take any action on it.

Summer Break and Priorities for Fall

- KAN will not meet again until September 9.
- We went around the room three times, and each person stated very briefly what they'd like KAN to focus on in the fall:
 - Stone Soup Initiative
 - Strengthening the enforcement of neighborhood plans
 - Neighborhood University to teach people about neighborhood plans and what they are
 - Oversight on the use of city consultants for studies (particularly surveys), to save money and make them more effective

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- How to make neighborhood meetings more effective and worthwhile; how to increase neighborhood involvement (6 dittoes)
- How to get the next generation to meetings
- Understanding the “General” elements of the Comprehensive Plan and their relevance to the individual neighborhood plans
- Long-term parking solutions to reduce spillover
- Metropolitan Park Districts (1 ditto)
- Creating a clearer and more effective neighborhood planning process
- Proactive (instead of reactive) collaboration with the Planning Commission (1 ditto)
- Transit (2 dittoes)
- Ensuring that development plans are actually followed (2 dittoes)
- Picnic standardization
- Neighborhood handbook, meeting standardization, speaker bank (4 dittoes)
- Walkability and sidewalks
- Parking task force (1 ditto)
- Work with registered non-profits for green space acquisition (1 ditto)
- Get more help and support within each neighborhood for the Neighborhood Safety Program

Neighborhood Services Report – Kari Page

- Let Kari know if you have not received your signed grant paperwork
- Make sure your picnic applications are submitted
- Neighborhood Safety Program: the 2014 bids came in too high, and the city is working to find creative ways to get the projects done less expensively.
- CIP Projects:
 - NE 85th:
 - South sidewalk demolition will be done by mid-July; new sidewalks will be done by the end of summer
 - Overlay will be in the fall and will be done at night
 - Park Lane will be open to traffic soon
 - Norkirk water main project to begin soon
 - Planned 2015 street overlays will begin soon
 - Transit Center improvements this summer include replacing the only OLD transit bay – left from the transit center before the new one was built. The new one will be larger and align with the aesthetics of the new Transit Center.

Liaison Reports

Planning Commission (Lisa)

Lots of important public hearings coming up this summer:

- June 25, 2015
 - Open House from 5:00-7:00 pm.
 - Public Hearing at 7:00 pmTopics: Element Chapters (except tables in Capital Facilities); Neighborhood Plan amendments for Bridle Trails, South Rose Hill, Moss Bay, Everest, Juanita, and Kingsgate (new); Citizen Amendment Requests or Comprehensive Plan amendment to rezone property for Newland, Waddell, Nelson/Cruikshank study areas, and MRM request.
- July 9, 2015 Public Hearing at 7:00 pm
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Comprehensive Plan Update

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- July 23, 2015
Open House and Community Meeting from 5:00-7:00 pm
Public Hearing at 7:00 pm
Topics: Neighborhood Plan amendments for Norkirk, North Rose Hill, NE 85th ST Subarea, Highlands; Citizen Amendment Requests to rezone property for Basra, Griffis, Walen and Norkirk Light Industrial study areas; and Totem Lake Planned Action EIS community meeting.
- August 13, 2015
Open House from 5:00-7:00 pm
Public Hearing at 7:00 pm
Topics: Totem Lake Business District Plan; Citizen Amendment Requests to rezone property for Morris, Raardon, Astronics, Totem Commercial Center, Evergreen Healthcare study areas; tables in Capital Facilities Element and Totem Lake Planned Action EIS public hearing.

Neighborhood Round Table

- Everest (Anna):
 - Let's share picnic planning information (possibly on our website). Please send a list of your picnic vendors or other resources to Karen S. (karen@nwnative.us).
 - Their last meeting was at Chainline Brewing and they got a good turnout with a lot of new, younger people.
- Houghton (Lisa):
 - They hosting a second joint meeting about neighborhood business centers. They discussed transportation and the types of buildings they would like to see. They asked people "What DO you want?" instead of what don't you want.
 - South Kirkland Park and Ride: Bellevue has added sidewalks and crossing beacons on 108th!
- Lakeview (Lori):
 - They attended the above CHNA meeting.
- Highlands (Karen S.):
 - The 116th stair connection to the CKC (NSP project) starts June 20. We will need lots of volunteers. Karen will be getting the word out.
- Finn Hill (Kurt):
 - They had their meeting with Council and about 50 people attended, which is a light turnout for them, probably due to the nice weather.
- North Rose Hill (Milt/Margaret):
 - The 124th road cleanup had a bigger turnout than usual.
 - Their picnic is July 18.
- Norkirk (Janet):
 - They had almost 40 people at their last meeting, which is a big turnout for them; she thinks a big draw was the new Cannery owner, who spoke about his plans for refurbishing the building.
 - She noted that every neighborhood has interesting residents/business owners who might make good meeting speakers.
- Market (Dawn):
 - They are scaling back and simplifying their picnic this year. Instead of a big event, they are planning smaller, weeknight block parties, and an ice cream social.
 - They have a preferred vendor list (painters, yard work, auto repair, etc.).
- Juanita (Karen L.):
 - Their picnic will be August 30.

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➤ Moss Bay (Bea):

- She attended the Market NA meeting and thinks it's good to go to other neighborhood's meetings; you can learn a lot.
- She learned that you can park for free at the Lake Washington Park building across from Houghton Beach Park on evenings and weekends. Public Works is looking into adding signage so people will know about it.

Next meeting is Sept 9.

Meeting adjourned 8:57.

