



## Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

### Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

**Notes taken by:** Beth Berglund

This meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing as well as in person at the Village Green Community Center.

Co-Chair Noah Williams called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

#### **Roll Call:**

**Present (in person or by Zoom):** Kate Joncas (Co-Chair), Noah Williams (Co-Chair), Jessica Jetter, Chris Gilbreath, Tim Davis, Jet Woelke, Glenn Malin, Beth Berglund, Steve Heacock, Glen Hutchinson, Izzy Kim, Kaili Campbell,

**Excused Absence:**

**Absent:** Jeromy Sullivan, Alena Wolotira

**Also present:** Commissioner Gelder, Sheriff Gese, Jeff Menge, David Wolner

**Quorum:** Yes

**Initial Public Comment:** None

**Guest Presentation:** *Kitsap County Sheriff John Gese, Chief of Patrol Jeff Menge, and David Wolner (Community Resource Officer)*

- COVID Impacts: especially prison impacts
- Law Enforcement Reform: in response to the George Floyd death and the protests about law enforcement issues. That's affecting pursuit and other aspects of law enforcement. Patrol Chief Menge was the lead in some of those KCSO reform efforts.
- Staffing: throughout the industry staffing has been an issue. Lots of retirements. 270 total department. 50 people were hired recently, so lots of new staff. Lots of resources recruiting, hiring, training. **Washington state ranks 50 out of 50 of officers per capita. Kitsap county is in the bottom 10 within the state.**
- Crime: went down during COVID in 2020. Mental illness, drug addiction, homelessness. Increase in crime – theft, burglaries, and auto theft.
  - Change in pursuit law in 2021. Very restrictive (not allowed for property crimes). Can't do much in the moment.
  - Focus instead is on awareness and prevention efforts.
  - Robbery is relatively low in Kingston but more of an issue in other parts of WA



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- Aggravated assault is tracked. Ten year high in Kitsap. Domestic violence and crimes against children are a big part of that.
- Burglary is up in the last few years but not as high as the peak in 2015 and 2016. KCSO focuses on repeat criminals.
- Theft is up but is believed to be vastly under-reported. More organized retail theft than in the past.
- Good news...
  - Great new employees and good culture in the department
  - Good diversity in gender & race
  - Re-accredited by WA state sheriffs ...
  - The KCSO jail is also accredited. They offer lots of services to that population. One of the first jails in the state to offer medical services to those addicted as well as handoff service once they leave jail.
  - Working to source body-worn cameras
  - Regional hub for training
  - New reporting and records management system
  - Bond/levy passed which is helping to replace the radio system used by KCSO & NKFD
  - Community Crime Map (LexisNexis)  
<https://www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/Pages/crimemap.aspx>
- Q&A
  - Crime Reporting: asked if a crime reporting system is planned for upgrade. Answer No.
  - Update on Sherry (tent on Iowa): report that the person had been arrested. Cleaned up trash and removed her personal items into storage. Turned out that information was incorrect. A nearby homeowner is giving her food & shelter.
  - If businesses have a security camera, do they have an obligation to disclose? Answer No.
  - Why the delay in body-worn cameras? Body worn cameras will cost the county about \$1 million per year.
  - Trailhead car break-ins seem to be a growing problem. Anything we can do to deter?
  - What is the Kingston patrol plan? Speeding is a problem. No set routine.
  - Is KCSO aware of street racing? Jeff Menge knows of that from personal experience.
  - Jurisdictional divide between County and State: they do collaborate
  - Citizens on Patrol:
    - Are there any Kingston residents on the COP team? Answer. Not sure.
    - Where can they pick up patrol cars? Answer Silverdale
  - What is involved in accreditation? Patrol Chief Menge explained.



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- What can we citizens of Kingston do to help you provide a safer environment?

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the February meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email. *All Ayes. Motion passed. The minutes are approved.*

#### Council Announcements:

- NKSD Dr. Evans will be presenting at the April meeting
- Arborwood developers may be presenting at the May meeting

#### Reports:

- **Organization Reports:**
  - **Rotary Club** (Chris Gilbreath reported)
    - <https://rotaryknk.org/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/94210459439/>
    - Announcement of intent to support the creation of a community sports complex for North Kitsap.
  - **Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce** (Kaili Campbell reported)
    - <https://kingstonchamber.com/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376965122610613/>
  - **Kiwanis Club** (Glenn Malin reported)
    - <https://greaterkingstonkiwanis.weebly.com/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterKingstonKiwanisClub>
  - **Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock reported)**
    - <https://portofkingston.org/>
    - Lots of Kingston subarea plan work
  - **Kingston Historical Society** (Kaili Campbell reported)
    - <https://www.kingstonhistory.org/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/KingstonHistorySociety>
  - **Village Green Foundation** (Beth Berglund reported)
    - <https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/>
    - <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonvillagegreenfoundation?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
  - **North Kitsap School District** (Barbara Waggoner reported)
    - Because of snow days one day has been added to the school calendar. June 23rd
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Affordable Housing Working Group** (Charmaine Doherty reported)



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- There is a developer who is targeting Kingston for an affordable housing development. She handed out some drawings. [Add link.](#)
- **Community Services** (Chris Gilbreath passed the announcement to Stan Mack (Kingston Cares) to report)
  - An in-person community meal will be happening this Friday. Finally. First since COVID. Being prepared by the Pickballers. Opens at 5PM (probably until 6:30).
  - 2023 Homeless & Low Income Resource Guide (Sally's Guide) is available [https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC\\_p/Council%20for%20Human%20Rights%20DOCS/KHHC%202023%20Homeless%20Low-Income%20Resource%20Guide\\_01-23.pdf#search=homeless%20resource%20guide](https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/Council%20for%20Human%20Rights%20DOCS/KHHC%202023%20Homeless%20Low-Income%20Resource%20Guide_01-23.pdf#search=homeless%20resource%20guide)
- **Parks Trails & Open Space** (Jet Glavin-Woelke and Mark Libby)
  - Work parties are on the KCAC website. See footnote.
  - Learn more about what's happening with the STO Study <https://kitsap-county-projects-pages-kitcowa.hub.arcgis.com/pages/north-sound-to-olympics-trail-planning-study>
- **Transportation** (Tim Davis reported)
  - Kingston Subarea plan work
  - Sen. Rolfes letter will be discussed in April
- **Environment & Land Use** (Beth Berglund reported)
  - Kingston Subarea plan work

#### Neighborhood Reports:

- Noah reported that he's recently become aware of a new development adjacent to his community

#### Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- Kingston Comp Plan – Letter re: Subarea Plan(s) and Alternatives
  - *Kate moved to approve. Noah seconded. All ayes. Letter is approved.*
- Review and Approve KCAC 2023 Work Plan.
  - *Tim Davis moved. Chris seconded. All ayes. 2023 KCAC Workplan is approved.*

#### New Business:

- Transportation Committee Draft Letter for Senator Rolfes (postponed to April meeting)

#### Initial Public Comment:



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- Deborah (on zoom) asked for clarification about KCACs interest in volunteers to help with the Kingston subarea plan. Does Kitsap County have a citizens committee focused on the Kitsap County Comp Plan. Deborah is an Environmental and Land Use lawyer with 40 years of experience. Commissioner Gelder and Rebecca Pirtle clarified that there is no citizen advocacy team doing that at the county level.

#### Closing Items:

- Next meeting is April 12. Dr. Laurynn Evans will present on the State of the Schools in NK.

**Adjourn:** *Co-Chair Noah Williams motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kate Joncas. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned by meeting at 8:04 PM.*