Kingston Citizens Advisory Council

2012 Accomplishments

2013 Work Plan

Name of Advisory Group: Kingston Citizen Advisory Council

Advisory Group Staff: Scott Diener, DCD

Advisory Group Officers: Co-Chairs Betsy Cooper & Naomi Maasberg

Meeting Day/Time/Location: First Wednesday each month – 7 pm – North Kitsap Fire & Rescue Headquarters, Kingston, Washington

Part 1: Advisory Group Purpose/Mission Statement

The Kingston Citizen Advisory Council has been formed to provide a forum for community discussion on the many issues and interests found in the community. It is hoped that the formation of this council will foster enhanced communication between the residents of the Kingston area and Kitsap County government, as well as coordinate efforts of the many council and community residents currently at work on improving the Kingston community.

The Mission of the Kingston Citizen Advisory Council (KCAC) is to:
• Actively facilitate communication among the Kingston Community,
• Mutually develop and promote a sense of community vision and pride,
• Communicate to the County and other government entities the desires and concerns of the Kingston community,
• Bring to the Kingston community issues and projects of the County and other government entities, and
• Provide feedback and recommendations to the County and other government entities regarding the community’s response and concerns.

Part 2: Accomplishments in 2012

• Held monthly meetings with the Council, providing presentations of interest to all Kingston residents.
• Held a Town Meeting for the information of the North Kitsap citizens to share information on current activities and organizations
• Coordinated information sharing from other Kingston planning groups (e.g. Village Green, Stakeholders, etc.) to improve community livability and economy.
• Held second annual meeting of KCAC focused on learning more about the history and activity of each participating organization.
• Revised the bylaws to add the Port Gamble S’Klallam tribe as an active member.
• Hosted workshops by County Stormwater Management group to assist in development of the green stormwater planning in Kingston.
• Hosted the County’s presentation of the draft Shoreline Management Plan for review and comments.
• Hosted meetings for information on the Kitsap County remand process which reshaped Kingston’s UGA.
• Continued with sub-committee reviews of parks and open space, ferry system, roads and communication issues.
• Monitored and supported construction of the Stillwaters Fish Passage on S. Kingston Road.
• Reviewed the possible plans for re-routing or changes on Hwy. 104 in downtown Kingston.
• Supported the Village Green development, and parking spaces for North Beach.
• Monitored development and eventual secession of Sound Runner ferry.
• Hosted Puget Sound Energy to present on winter weather preparation and safety.

Part 3: Proposed Goals/Objectives and Plans for 2013

• Coordinate information sharing from other Kingston Planning groups (e.g. Village Green, Stakeholders, etc.) to improve community livability and economy.
• Improve outreach to the community and actively solicit community feedback.
• Transition from DCD staff support to a new relationship with the Commissioner’s assistant as county contact.
• Hold one KCAC meeting during the year devoted to learning more about each other and the organizations represented on KCAC.
• Encourage KCAC members to disseminate information to respective constituencies in order to improve community’s overall knowledge of issues affecting the Kingston area.
• Hold the Kingston Town Meeting on February 20th, exploring a new format and various new approaches to increase attendance.
• Coordinate with other county community advisory councils, specifically relating to communication with county citizens.
• Continue to participate in efforts to improve transportation issues in Kingston, specifically with WA Ferries and transit providers.
• Participate in the study and development of, and advocate for upgrades to SR 104 related to ferry access and egress.
• Continued improvement of parks and trails amenities in Kingston.
• Support and advocate for development of Village Green and the various aspects of its development.