



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 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 Kate Joncas called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call:

Present (in person or by Zoom): Kate Joncas (Co-Chair), Noah Williams (Co-Chair), Alena Wolotira (Zoom), Chris Gilbreath, Tim Davis, Jet Woelke, Glenn Malin, Beth Berglund, Steve Heacock, Glen Hutchinson, Izzy Kim, Kaili Campbell (Zoom), Barbara Waggoner, Logan Hammon

Excused Absence: Jessica Jetter

Absent: Jeromy Sullivan

Also present: Rebecca Pirtle, a number of members of the School Board and staff, and many members of the community in the room and on Zoom.

Council Announcement:

- Intro of new KCAC member Logan Hammon

Quorum: Yes

Initial Public Comment:

- Kingston resident spoke up about the importance of our local schools

Guest Presentation:

- North Kitsap School Superintendent Dr. Lauryn Evans. After the presentation Kate opened the floor to questions.
 - Q: Kate J. asked about bullying/racism/discrimination concerns. A: There's an active investigation on-going. There's a process/protocol that the schools follow. Every student should have a safe environment to learn where they feel they belong.
 - Q: Chris G. asked about how social media plays a role / challenge. A: The rule / guiding question about involvement by the school is whether it jeopardizes the learning environment / school. Social media makes the work of public schools exponentially more difficult to manage. 12% of the year the students are in the school environment.
 - Q: Someone asked about Bredablik School / Vinland School / Pearson / Finn Hill property. A: explained the plan. Briedeblik is expected to stay closed because of its age and the low population of students in the area.



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- Q: Dave B. asked what we can do to help. A: addressing the racism / bullying behavior at the community level rather than relying entirely on the school for addressing what's being reinforced in the home / community.
- Q: Daniele asked about the process / accountability and gave an example of a staff member with xenophobic, etc. posts/opinions. A: as adult staff have the right to their own public facing communications.
- Q: Noah asked about start time conversations. A: the issue has divided opinions in the community. There is no clear majority position. There are also lighting and safety issues. After school sports.
- Q: Mary G. asked about the opportunity for community participation in the racism discussion (e.g., Equity Council / Committee, etc.). A: lots of training every year with staff. Discussion about what's the role of this committee within the schools. Most recently, a Sept. 2022 meeting happened. It was poorly attended.
- Q: question about PTA activities / involvement. A: noticeable COVID fatigue.
- Q: David Coulter asked about child safety and his concerns about Barber Cutoff and speeding, etc..
- Update from Caitlin Newman, Kitsap Solid Waste, Clean Kitsap Program (https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/CAC%20Documents/Clean%20Kitsap%20Program%20-%20Kingston.pdf)
 - Many questions about litter cleanup along roadways.
 - State highways. Not under the County's control.
 - County roads. Used to have a Sheriff / inmate crew, adopt a spot program launched as a replacement to address that need. 15 large little cleanups happening this month. 409 volunteer hours logged YTD.
 - kcowa.us/adoptaspot for more information
 - SeeClickFix app and website (illegal dump sites, encampments)
 - Secure your load for safer roads (up to 40% of litter on roadsides is estimated to be from unsecured loads)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email. *Chris moved, Noah seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. The minutes are approved.*

Council Announcements:

- KCAC Member Jessica Jetter had her baby.



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Reports:

- **Organization Reports:**

- **Rotary Club** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - <https://rotaryknk.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/94210459439/>
- **Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce** (Kaili Campbell)
 - <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)**
 - Port development meetings on 4/19 and 4/27
 - <https://portofkingston.org/>
- **Kingston Historical Society** (Kaili Campbell)
 - <https://www.kingstonhistory.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/KingstonHistorySociety>
- **Village Green Foundation** (Beth Berglund)
 - <https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonvillagegreenfoundation?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
- **North Kitsap School District** (Barbara Waggoner)
- **Port Gamble-S'klallam Tribe update.**
 - Tribe representative provided an update primarily on the comp plan update that include

- **Committee Reports**

- **Affordable Housing Working Group** (Charmaine Doherty reported)
 - Affordable Housing news provided by Charmaine (included a printed report)
- **Community Services**
 - 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
- **Parks Trails & Open Space** (Jet Glavin-Woelke and Mark Libby)
 - Work parties are on the KCAC website. See link in footnote.



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- 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)
 - Tim Davis to provide report in May meeting
- **Environment & Land Use** (Beth Berglund reported)
 - Kingston comp plan work

Neighborhood Reports:

- Beth shared that Kingston Cast is now available on Spotify and that it's designed to amplify what's happening in Kingston.
- There will be a Shred-Fest event hosted by Windermere on 4/22 from 10AM-2PM

On-Going or Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- none

Final Public Comment:

- Mary G suggests we look for an opportunity to present a community forum on bullying and racism
- David C commented about the lack of effective law enforcement in NK
- Tom C mentioned that there is a cleanup on 4/22 from 9-2. Meetup at UCC (the centrally located church)

Closing Items:

- Next meeting is May 10.
- The Arborwood developers will be coming to present at upcoming meetings
- Transportation Improvement Plan

Adjourn: *Chris G. motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tim Davis. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.*