

Kingston Citizens' Advisory Council

10.4.17

Town Hall Meeting

Present: Steve Heacock, Dennis Hedlund, Thaddeus Smith, Kathy Nikirk, Beth Worthington, Mark Libby, Glenn Malin, Mary Gleysteen, Jim Pivarnik, Rebecca Pirtle, Linda Fyfe, Colleen Carey, Chris Placentia, Susan Golden, Beth Berglund, Annie Perry. Gail Kirsopp & Beth Worthington

Chairman Hedlund called the meeting to order at 7:05 due to the homecoming parade tonight.

Chairman Hedlund asked for a motion to accept meeting minutes from September. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Beth Worthington introduced Lauryn Evans. NK Superintendent

- Public Education was founded in Industrial Age in the 1700s
- Schools were designed to separate students into two groups; thinkers & doers.

Presentation on current status of education and discussion of the gaps between education and the workforce technology needs took place.

Sub-committee reports:

Parks & Trails

- Group of work parties cleaned up fallen trees on the PUD trails.
- A survey at the KCAC Open House asked people to identify the activities for various parks.
- Next work party on the 14th. New 2018 scheduled of work parties – include in minutes –
- County is having outreach meetings 10/3, 10th & 17th.
- At the Open House there were a lot of comments about drug use at Arness Park. Police presence has helped. If people could go out of their way to park at Arness Park and be positive presence – it can help reduce the use of the park for drugs.

Community trails having boundary issues with private property.

- Need help from the county for this.
- Herons are nesting in the trees behind the community center.
- Eagles are killing herons and people have seen feathers on the trails.
- Eagles are doing what they do.
- Nothing we can do about it.
- Suggestion was made for an article in the community news or a bulletin on the community board.

Environmental

- Good success with the West Kingston Bridge project.
- Decking is going to be built quickly now.
- Once the bridge deck is done they can hang the pipe for sewer utility.

Human Service

- Severe weather shelter opens Nov. 1st.
- We really need volunteers.
- Need to go to the Department of Emergency Management training first.
- There will be a meeting about affordable housing in Kingston.
- Mary will attend.

Communication

- Electronic Community sign at 104 & Lindvog.
- It is permitted now.
- Got agreement between county & Port of Kingston for right of way.
- The sign is estimated to cost about \$40,000 Rotary is putting in about half of that.
- The amount to fundraise is relatively small.
- Will get underway in October. Port of Kingston will manage the sign.

Commissioner Gelder will be at the November KCAC meeting.

Rebecca introduced Chris Gilbreath – he will be the new representative for rotary on the KCAC.

Kitsap Transportation Forum – October 25th

- Looking at their network of buses to see which routes are the most feasible and future demands for ridership.

Open House follow up

- Some organizations said that their membership increases from being at the KCAC Open House.
- It helps generate interest in projects they are working on.
- Discussed partnering with Chamber of Commerce.
- There were 3 people that did this event. It was hard. The council needs to think about whether it has the capacity to do this and if not we need to partner with other agencies.
- Attendance – 108 including exhibitors.

New Business:

- None

Work Plan

- Need to come up with 2018's work plan.
- Next meeting will have some round tables for sub-committees and break out into committees for discussion.
- We have new members that haven't had any orientation.
- Chairperson positions is coming up. Plan to vote on it in December.
- By-laws are currently Chair & Vice-Chair.

Chairman Hedlund asked for public comment

- Asked if non-council members can be on committees. Answer is yes.
- A lot of work on the councils gets done on the sub-committees.
- Committees only have to have one councilmember.
- Discussed having one presentation meeting a month.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:37. Motion was seconded and passed.