

Kingston Citizens' Advisory Committee
12.6.17
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Mary Gleysteen, Chris Gilbreath, Dennis Hedlund, Thaddeus Smith, Beth Worthington, Mark Libby, Glenn Malin, Mary Gleysteen, Jim Pravnik, Rebecca Pirtle, Linda Fyfe, Susan Golden, Beth Berglund, Annie Perry, Gail Kirsopp

Excused absence: Chris Placentia, Steve Heacock

Chairman Hedlund called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Introductions

Motion made to approve meeting minutes for November.

- Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee:

Working on work plan.

- Having a meeting tomorrow.
- Need to figure out a speaker for February.
- Suggested a speaker from the new townhouse development.

Environment - None

Human Services

- None

Open House Committee

- None

Parks & Trails

There have been two meetings

- One in November and one last Monday.
- The development along Lindvog will impact the connector trail along Lindvog past the schools and Nike Park.
- For a development like this the permitting process moves fast.
- Submitted letter to county asking for help to keep trails open.
- Things we ask the county to help us with.
- Presenting draft letters from KCAC for the county to do the work to keep that trail as a connector trail for all the people that use that trail to get to the town's center.

Suggestion made to have the new director of community development come out and talk to us.

- Short term speak with KTPOS
- Long term schedules with KCAC a presentation about what KCDC is doing.

Transportation

- Reached out to Washington State Transportation Commission to discuss issues with traffic, ferries, buses and population growth.
- Will keep everyone advised of when the meeting happens and where.
- Working on a draft of a letter to review and sign to fully fund projects the Commissioner is working on.
- We need to get more funds to take care of our traffic problem here.

Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management presentation

David Rasmussen, Public Information Officer/Public Educator

Earthquake vulnerability in Western Washington.

- To help raise awareness and preparedness for all in Kitsap.
- Since June a lot has happened in our nation.
- Harvey settled over Houston and caused catastrophic flooding.
- Then Irma hit Florida and
- Maria hit Puerto Rico.
- Wild fires in California.
- We have been living in a season of catastrophic disasters.

The focus is: prepare, respond, recover & mitigate

Where do I start to prepare for an earthquake?

- This is the right mindset.
- Sooner or later we will have one.

An Earthquake brings a lot of disruption.

- Every 10 – 30 years there will be disruption.
- We are vulnerable to disruptive & catastrophic earthquakes.

Cascadia subduction zone—

- One on top of the other and the pressure builds over decades.
- Shifts and generates the level of impact that caused the tsunami in Japan
 - The most prepared country on the planet for earthquakes.
 - We need to be ready for the shaking to last 3-5 minutes.
 - Intercoastal communities are increasing awareness of tsunami escape routes.

- We know the date -because of municipal records in Japan - when the coastal earthquake hit in Japan.

Some of our fault lines are very shallow.

- The Seattle fault is very shallow.
- A 7.0 on the fault line would have substantial damage.
- There has been additional focus in years on the Southern Whidbey Fault Zone.
- Very shallow and could trigger a 7.4 earthquake.
- Very close in proximity to Kitsap.

Both could trigger a Puget Sound Tsunami.

- The tidal impact in the Puget Sound area could be substantial.
- There are efforts to place tsunami escape route signs along the waterfront, so people know what to do in an earthquake.
- Signs are available at the Park District.

Older homes have a higher degree of impact because they aren't built to earthquake standards.

- Brick buildings
- Facing and chimneys do not do well in earthquakes.
- Shelves & carports.

4 Steps to Earthquake Preparedness

Prepare yourself

- Drop, cover and hold on.
- Stay away from windows.
- If you have a table or counter - get underneath.
- Things falling off shelves or from the ceiling are the hazard.

7-14 days of supplies

- Food non-perishable
- Water 1 gallon per person per day.
- Store supplies in a dry and accessible location.
- Consolidate smaller items in a to-go kit.
- Check supplies every six months – when changing the clocks for daylight savings time.

Supplies

- Water
- Food
- prescriptions
- radio, flashlight,
- First aid kit
- Important documents.

Communication

- Walkie-talkies.
- Hand crank radio.
- Text a message to family but it may take a while to get through.
- Batterie powered or hand crank radio.
- 1400 AM is our one station in Kitsap that will give Kitsap centric information.
- HAM radio operator – important part of communication in a disaster.

Secure your hot water heater.

- Turn off the water.
- The water may have become contaminated.
- Use the water stored in the water heater.

Talk to your neighbors.

- Plan together.
- Share contact information.
- Which neighbors have tools?
- Which neighborhoods have specialized skills?
- Map your neighborhood – a planning guide available to all Kitsap communities.

Go to Kitsap DEM

- www.makeitthrough.org

Most common injury in Northridge quake was cut feet.

- Put sturdy shoes and a flashlight under your bed.

You're not alone in a disaster.

- Outside assistance, however, will be delayed.
- You have amazing capabilities within your own workplace, neighborhood and community.

Mapping neighborhoods

How many homes should be in a group?

- The ideal number is often 10-20 homes in a given circle.
- If the neighborhood is bigger it is better to divide them into the north and south part.
- Election of New Chairperson
- Motion was made to nominate Beth Berglund to Chairperson.
- Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Motion was made to nominate Annie Perry to Co-Chair.
- Seconded and passed unanimously.

Draft of the Letter regarding including the 2017 updated version of the Kingston Trails Plan in the proposed 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments was read aloud.

- Motion was made to accept the draft.
- Motion was seconded.

Public Comment

Judy Plunkett spoke about:

There was a platted road into Hwy 104 and the trail has been used by citizens back to the 1960's. This was originally platted to be a public road. The traffic with houses on Barrett Road is bad. The county needs to do research on right of way and easements. The Commissioner said they are continuing to accept letters and comments until a week before the hearing on March 20th.

Chairman Hedlund asked for a vote on the acceptance of this letter.

- Vote was passed unanimously.

Rebecca was asked to read off a list of proposed meetings.

- Washing Boulevard update.
- Business Roundtable – Georges Corner businesses.
- Commissioner Town hall with just the commissioner.
- Kingston Youth Presentation.
- Work Session/Retreat.
- Go through the work plan and break into small groups.
- Give each committee an opportunity to program their own meeting.
- Could have a big public meeting or small council session.

Chairman Hedlund asked if KCAC approved of this approach rather than the ad-hoc approach we have been doing.

- Committee meetings don't have to be at KCAC meetings.
- Could be public meetings not during KCAC meeting time.
- Could be an invitation for a sub-committee to take the lead on a meeting.

Chairman Hedlund asked for a vote on whether this is the direction the committee wants to go.

- Rebecca asked what do we do about people that want to come and speak.
- Doctor Evans would like to come speak in February before the levy vote.
- As a sponsor we have more flexibility for relevant & important topics that people want to come and speak about.

Chairman Hedlund tabled this topic until the next meeting.

- KCAC needs to focus on high impact & meaningful topics that are timely.
- Updates to the Sub-Area plan are on the docket at KCDC.
- The meeting with the developer is time sensitive because of deadlines for public comment.
- The sub-area plan also has deadlines for public comment.

If you go to the Comprehensive Plan web page there is a very detailed timeline.

- Need to schedule the presentations to correspond to the schedule and deadlines for public comments.

The developer of the new housing subdivision is anxious to meet and discuss this project.

- The meeting doesn't have to be during a KCAC meeting.

Mark has asked that the committee endorse a letter of comment on the updates to the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The letter was read aloud.

- Motion for the approval the letter.
- Motion was seconded.
- Asked if there is any discussion? None.
- Motion was passed.

Transportation

- New director of ferries is trying to get to every group.
- The Washington State Ferries is also doing out reach, so they will be having a meeting
- Kitsap Transit's quarterly meeting is at The Village Green on Saturday, December 9th.

Work Plan Session

- Review of Open House planning.
- Adding marketing & signage to help promote the open house.

Environmental

- Review & prepare comments on the Comprehensive Plan.
- County had deferred their schedule for 2017 to 2018.
- Need clarification

Transportation

- Seeking full funding for Hwy 104 project.
- Focusing on Kitsap Transit
- Traffic calming at key locations.
- Complete Streets.

Appreciation was expressed by members to Dennis for all his work and helping us out.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm