



Kingston Citizens Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

Notes taken by: Sonja Roberts, Jessica Jetter, Beth Berglund

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held using Zoom Video Conferencing.

First Roll Call: Beth Berglund (co-chair), Jessica Jetter (co-chair), Jenn Leach, Emily Ramirez, Sonja Roberts, Alena Wolotira, Noah Williams, Glenn Malin, Chris Gilbreath, Chelsea Tate (for the VGF)

Excused Absence: Annie Perry, Breane Martinez, Radim Dedek, Nicholas Laurion

Absent: Jeromy Sullivan

Also present: Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Rob Gelder, John Garing (presenter), Betsy Cooper, Dave Muller, Steve Stein.

Quorum: Yes

Co-Chairperson Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

PROGRAM: Presentation about Park Music Program proposal (John Garing)

<https://www.percussionplay.com>

*John was inspired by a trip to Sitka, Alaska with his wife coming across musical instruments (in a park) and wanting the same for Kingston, Wa. John shared two videos with audio with the group to demonstrate his experience and desire to bring this park experience to Kingston. Michael Mckerdy, a percussionist in Kingston, paired with John to put this park experience in motion. The proposal involves the Village Green Park. A response to whether this can occur is expected this coming Tuesday. John shares additional photo and video to provide an example of what the park experience would look like with various instruments. John discusses cost of installation of instruments: roughly 13k. Currently there are funds set aside totaling 10k. A committee needs to be created with the purpose of raising the remaining funds. Also a group would need to be formed to install the equipment as well as a group that would maintain the equipment, which with John's research he has realized the maintenance is very low. John wraps up the presentation for questions at 6:46 p.m.

Mr. Gelder chimed in (pun intended) to comment that it is a very good idea and inquired as to whether the Village Green Foundation could use their funds towards the project.

John responded that the Kiwanis Club could very well be the catalyst towards this project.

Elena asks how she can participate/volunteer. John Garing says to contact him at his gmail



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address nanjoh284@gmail.com. Beth inquired about noise concerns. John says there should be no issue based on the experience on BI.

Glen asks about the “key” of the instruments, asking about harmonization. John responds that when you purchase instruments you do get to choose the “key” of the instruments.

Steve comments that he is involved in the park trails around the Village Green and mentions that vandalism has been an issue in the past on the park trails workout equipment and is concerned about the potential vandalism of the instruments.

John responds that there are places that have installed this equipment and have had no issues. He brings up that camera installation would also be an option.

Questions and comments come to a close at 6:58 p.m.

Update Roll & Quorum Check

Steve Heacock and Jenn Leach joined in the interim. All other participants still in attendance.

Quorum: Yes.

Initial Public Comments:

- None at 7pm

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email.

Chairperson Jetter asked if anyone had any amendments. *Beth Berglund motioned to approve, Elena Wolotira seconded. All ayes. Motion passes. April minutes are approved.*

Reports

Council Announcements:

- New Members
 - Noah Williams (present)
 - Radim Dedek (not present)
 - Nicholas Laurion (not present)

Organization Reports:

- Glenn mentions that Kiwanis has a zoom open house coming up. They will be posting the announcement on their facebook page and they are in the process of announcing their scholarship opportunity.
- Rotary is promoting local restaurants and how to support them during the pandemic. Next week will be Westside Pizza, following Sullys. Sully's is not in Kingston per se but Rotary represents the greater Kingston area for example Indianola. The Rotary will host



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a fundraiser tomorrow for ShareNet's relocation expenses. Yesterday there was an affordable housing working committee. The Rotary has been trying to help with vaccine clinics, one of which would be held this Saturday. To that they are looking for volunteers to help with parking, etc. The requirement however requires you to be 18 or over. Beth read Commissioner Gelder's question about whether RSVPs are needed both if dining in or taking out. Poulsbo Rotary is hosting a DEI series over May/early June

<http://poulsborotary.org/dei-series/>

- Port of Kingston facebook page will be publishing something BiWeekly to share what's going on at the Port. They are working to help promote local downtown business.
- The Kingston Chamber of Commerce is working on their website.
- Village Green Foundation: Look to the Village Green website for info about an upcoming fundraiser and how to buy tickets. Tickets are also available at the Village Green Community Center if you'd like to pay by check.

Committee Reports:

- Kingston Parks Trails and Open Space (KPTOS) (Mark Libby): parks and trails report. A KCAC member is needed to represent the parks and trails committee. Cub Scout tree planting coming up on May 3, Earth day. 7 pm via zoom. The meeting is always the first Monday of the month not including summer months.
- Environment & Land Use (Jenn Leach): reported as a liaison to the local Heritage Tree Appreciation effort. The first field trip was to a large tree in Cowling Creek Preserve.
- Affordable Housing Committee (Chris): asks Mary to discuss her letter that she is currently drafting regarding affordable housing to our state government officials.
- Social Justice Part of Community Services: the committee debriefed the March 10, 2021 SURJ presentation and take-aways / potential action items for KCAC. The committee also discussed vaccine updates and access.

Neighborhood Reports:

- Kitsap Great Give (Chris Gilbreath) - is the 20th of April so a reminder to support that fundraising. Beth brings up the 4th of July, hopefully the planning committee can address things we can do to celebrate the holiday. The current plan is to go forward with the Sunday public market. Steve mentions as a representative of the Port of Kingston, a 4th of July "celebration" may not occur. They are however, very excited about the "Sunday Market"
- Rebecca Pirtle provided the following in chat. Meant to ask Services Committee to share: If you know of anyone who is having trouble paying rent and/or utilities or got behind on rent, a new grant program opened this week: Kitsap County and Kitsap Community



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Resources partnered to launch a new rental and utilities assistance program, Grant funds are available for eviction prevention and utility assistance for renters impacted by COVID-19, who are behind on rent and at risk of losing their housing. To learn more, go to www.kcowa.us/kepa

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- None unless someone adds something
- Jennifer mentions Public Works Facility on Gunderson Road.

New Business:

- Noah to introduce himself: Moved from Seattle before pandemic. He is married and has a son who is in kindergarten. Signed up to get more involved and find out how he can contribute. Asked about the Lindvog activity right off of 104. Steve Heacock responded that it is related to the new fitness/gymnasium business moving into the old Kingston Lumber Building.
- Alena Wolotira asked Commissioner Gelder to provide the Council an update on the Kingston ferry traffic control and infrastructure needs. Commissioner Gelder indicated that we haven't been provided the funding we've requested and suggested that interested citizens of Kitsap County send a message before the end of next week to Jake Fey, WA Representative and Chair of the House Transportation Committee to include funding for the Kingston Ferry Congestion Mitigation Projects on the legislature's future projects list.
 - Included is some sample language prepared by Commissioner Gelder's office below.

Rep. Fey,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Kingston community. Thank you for including the Kingston Ferry Congestion Mitigation projects in your new law project list at the value of \$2,830,000. This is a vitally important group of projects and we appreciate your support. The Senate's proposed new law project list also includes funds for the same project at the higher level of \$16,538,000.

In the interest of compromise, I support the two Kitsap County compromise proposals for your consideration. Both of these options will be of great assistance to WSDOT and Kitsap County in addressing the transportation demands. Details from Kitsap County about the funding and projects appear below.

Thank you, Chair Fey. We are available if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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- All CAC Meeting Takeaways: Jessica Jetter and Beth Berglund shared a few points as did Rebecca Pirtle.
- Rob Gelder mentioned that there is recently a lot of movement on the issue of Broadband because of COVID. There are two bills currently moving forward. HB 1336 will give counties the ability to get into broadband communications. KPUD has been doing some of this on their own in the recent past.

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions)
- Upcoming meetings
 - May 12th meeting will feature the Kingston Youth Presenters
 - June 9th meeting will feature the topic of Community WiFi
 - No July meeting

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by co-chair Jessica Jetter at 7:49 PM.