



## Kingston Citizens Advisory Council (KCAC)

### Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2020

**Notes taken by:** Annie Perry

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

**Present:** Beth Berglund, Chris Gilbreath, Steve Heacock, Gale Kirsopp, Jenn Leach, Annie Perry, Glenn Malin, Emily Ramirez, Sonja Roberts, Alena Wolotira, Jessica Jetter

**Excused Absence:** Louise Kernagan (plans to attend on an as needed basis)

**Absent:** Ruth Westergaard, Breane Martinez, Chris Placentia, MiaCate Kennedy

**Also present:** Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Mary McClure, Ariana Mayorga, Laura Gronnvoll

**Quorum:** Yes

Chairperson Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

#### OPENING ITEMS

Introduction of Jessica Jetter as the newest member of the council.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

Chairperson Berglund asked if anyone had any amendments. None. *Chris Gilbreath motioned to approve, Gale Kirsopp seconded. All ayes. June minutes approved.*

#### REPORTS

##### Council Announcements:

- Alena introduced herself. She is a librarian at the UW. Is interested in transportation issues. Jessica Jetter introduced herself. She grew up in Kingston, now practices law in Kingston. Joined KCAC to get involved with her community.
- Louise is not here today. She is our new Friends of the Library representative.
- Glenn: Kiwanis announcement. Blueberry sale went well, salmon raffle has not happened. Hoping to have a Raise the Paddle fundraiser next month.
- Chris Gilbreath: Rotary is also struggling to raise funds in Covid-times. Raised close to \$5,000 with a virtual fundraiser.

##### Organization Reports:

- **Rotary and Kiwanis:** Both representatives expressed how difficult fundraising has been this year because of the coronavirus and having to cancel fundraising events
- **Village Green Foundation Report (Gale Kirsopp):** Pie in the Park is happening right now. All funds raised are going to Boys and Girls Club. Since COVID-19, enrollment in Boys &



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Girls Club has more than doubled, and their budget has been almost wiped out.

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#### Committee Reports:

- **Open House Committee Report.** KCAC Discover Kingston Open House event won't be able to happen this year. The most we are likely to do this year is offering to promote organizational info via social media. A virtual (online) open house is not likely to work because people want to show up and talk in person.
- **Community Services Committee Report.** Chris G: Kingston Cares is now doing meals twice a month on the second and third Fridays. Asking for people to co-sponsor meals.

#### Neighborhood Reports:

- **At-Large.** As an At-Large member, Beth mentioned that she is aware of some community resistance to the proposed road facility & household hazardous waste dropoff. During the June meeting we heard from Andrew Nelson on Kitsap County plans to build a plant north of Poulsbo for household hazardous waste collection. Gamblewood has a facebook page where this is being discussed.

#### Initial Public Comments:

- none

#### Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- **Ferry Traffic Letter to Sen. Rolfes:** At the June meeting KCAC voted to approve writing a letter to Senator Rolfes about ferry traffic issues. That letter did not happen for two reasons. (1) Shortly after the KCAC meeting, WA State Ferries released a traffic control schedule leverage PSES officers, and (2) Commissioner Gelder scheduled a meeting to update the Community about 104 projects.
  - **Commissioner Gelder & Port of Kingston 104 Update Meeting.** The meeting covered Lindvog holding lot project and the future state vision for the Realignment Project. A link to the recording of the meeting is posted on KCAC website. Beth played part of a presentation from the meeting that shows a computer simulation of what traffic would look like moving from Lindvog holding lot through downtown Kingston to the ferry lot. From KCAC Steve, Beth, and Alena attended. Beth thought the presentation was helpful, since the estimated cost is around \$10 million, she suggests consideration be given to a phased approach. Lindvog Lot will hold 350 vehicles. Current holding lot holds less than 300. Steve thinks this structure would lend itself nicely to a reservation system in



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the future. Steve also clarified that trees would be maintained as a buffer. Jenn Leach appreciated Steve's point that the trees will not be lost around the Lindvog Lot.

- **Social Justice.** Chris: Within the Community Services Committee, Social Justice is not currently one of the Committee's goals but the committee acknowledges that it affects the community and impacts where time and energy are put. Jessica Jetter indicated that the committee has talked about starting with an educational-outreach approach. Rebecca works with Council for Human Rights and the Race-Equity Task Force, so wondering if the Committee has capacity to take on more? Or do you need a separate group? You could open it up to the wider community to see what grows from a conversation vs. having KCAC take it on within an existing committee. Mary McClure suggested we very consciously interface with everyone working on it so that different groups don't compete and we work together. Beth offered that options include a potential sub-committee, a new committee, or identify a work-plan, and then it could morph into something else based on the level of community interest. Chris indicated that he hears from the discussion that there is a consensus that the committee can keep spearheading the effort. Please email Chris if you would like to be a part of future discussions. Beth asked the county representatives whether the Community Services committee has full discretion to create a subcommittee. Rebecca indicated that they do. Chris offered that the books on the recommended reading list are all available through the Kitsap County Library.

#### **New Business:**

- None

#### **Closing Items:**

- Wednesday, September 9th.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned by chairperson Berglund at 7:59pm.