



Kingston Citizens Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

Notes taken by: Annie Perry

Present: Beth Berglund, Chris Gilbreath, Mary Gleysteen, Steve Heacock, Gale Kirsopp, Jenn Leach, Mark Libby, Breane Martinez, Annie Perry, Emily Ramirez, Ruth Westergaard

Excused Absence: Glenn Malin, Bobbie Moore, Sonja Roberts

Absent: Chris Placentia

Also present: Jennifer Haro, Tom Curley (Suquamish CAC), Commissioner Rob Gelder

Quorum: Yes

Chairperson Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

OPENING ITEMS

Chairperson Berglund reminded the Council that the March meeting will feature a Business Panel so limited time will be available for business. With that in mind she asked if anyone has additional business that would require an amendment to the Agenda. No amendments were offered.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes have been circulated to Council members via email. Chairperson Berglund asked if anyone had any amendments. *Mark Libby motioned to approve, Gale Kirsopp seconded. January meeting minutes were approved by the Council without amendments.*

REPORTS

Council Announcements:

- Chairperson Berglund asked for announcements from the Council.
 - Mary Gleysteen announced that Homes of Compassion is opening a home on March 8th for 5 homeless men. They are looking for furnishings like beds, lamps, etc. They have a list of the needed items.
 - Chris Gilbreath announced that Kingston Cares is hosting Kingston Community Conversation again this year on Saturday April 4 from 8:30am to 2pm. They would like to have KCAC support as a co-sponsor. This item was added as a new New Business item.
 - Beth B. announced that on the back of the Agenda there are upcoming events for February, March, and April.



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- Jennifer Haro reminded everyone that Washington Blvd is permanently(?) closing Feb 26th.
- Steve Heacock announced that a water line is going in at the Port of Kingston so there will be some disruption in the parking lot area. He suggests going around past the boat ramp.
- Chris Gilbreath announced that Kingston Prepares will sponsor a workshop on inland tsunami preparations on March 31st from 1:30-3pm.
- Mark Libby announced that KPTOS has a work party coming up this Saturday at Village Green from 10am-noon to clear trails around Village Green and connect new fitness stations.

Organization Reports:

- Chairperson Berglund asked if Rotary, Village Green Foundation, Kiwanis, Chamber, POK, PGSK, NKSD, or FOL had reports to share. Steve Heacock reported that the Port of Kingston is now a voting member of Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC). Mark Libby noted that there is \$500 million for projects and inquired who at the Port prioritizes projects and who does the grant writing. Steve Heacock said that they are creating a strategic plan this year and looking at a couple of options for who could provide planning assistance. Mark Libby asked if the County Transportation Plan (TIPS) has to be worked through first, and Steve said No--it's a separate process.

Committee Reports:

- Mark Libby for Parks Trails and Open Space (KPTOS) reported that the Committee met on the 3rd of February. Biggest issue of discussion was the North Kitsap Heritage Park Master Plan. The Commissioners determined that the Plan was overly restrictive and gave feedback through a red-lined document. The document is available online. Hope is that the plan will be brought to a public forum so that the public can hear what the future plans are for North Kitsap Heritage Park--how will use be restricted and how will Park be maintained. Also, there is an indication that Kitsap Parks Department will no longer support Mutt Mitt (poo bags) installations in some parks. Beth Berglund asked for clarification, and Jennifer Haro said she would follow up.
- Mark Libby for the Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) reported that he has just received a list of final dates associated with WSF and WSP Master Agreement for traffic management and boarding pass coverage. In the short term, the WSP is our best tool for avoiding gridlock in downtown Kingston. FAC is asking KCAC to join them in requesting



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that the funding for State Patrol not be reduced or withdrawn. There's a fear that staffing for WSP might be reduced because of the tab initiative that passed. Long term projects such as re-alignment of 104 and the ferry Lindvog holding lot are still pending, but FAC members discussed these short term possible solutions: adjust mid-day sailing schedule, reservation system, re-align shoulder parking, and automation of control of release of cars from the Lindvog area. Beth Berglund stated that we are expecting information from the State on the funding sometime in March/April.

Initial Public Comments:

- Chairperson Berglund asked for any public comments.
- Amy Anderson is a parent in North Kitsap involved in the Options Program and expressed concern about the recent announcement that the Options Program will be moved from Gordon Elementary School to the Wolfle School in the coming school year. Reasons for concern that were stated included traffic safety and parking and noted that Options parents spend a lot of time at school, that grandparents participate. That it's not just a standard elementary school schedule (drop off and pickup) situation. Options is about 30 years old. She'd like to see the move delayed a year or more.
- A member of NKSD Administration spoke on behalf of the District Superintendent Dr. Laurynn Evans. The District recognizes that moving the Options Program is a decision that is hard on the parents and the children involved. Dr. Evans wants to speak with parents, faculty, and community and is available to talk with anyone about this move.
- Tom Curley announced that on Feb. 29th there's a Map Your Neighborhood meeting from 10-Noon. Open to all. Open House in Suquamish on April 23 from 4-7:30pm. KCAC is welcome to table at the event. April 25th is Suquamish Cleanup from 9-Noon.
- Next month is Business Panel Discussion. Most of the KCAC meeting will be devoted to giving that panel discussion time. Pope Resources has requested a brief amount of time to discuss the Arborwood Project.
- Mark Libby stated that there was a request from Dr. Evans to have a time to discuss the move of Options Program at next month's KCAC meeting which will be largely dedicated to the Business Panel. Beth Berglund questioned whether KCAC involvement was necessary given the District's willingness to meet with those involved.

Old Business:

- None



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New Business:

- Contact lists and notification systems for KCAC and Committees (Berglund / Haro). Beth Berglund asked if there's a system to deliver a KCAC upcoming agenda to the public when they sign in at meetings to receive information. Commissioner Gelder said that there is a system for subscribing to Kingston specific news and that perhaps a category for each CAC could be created.
 - How Public Input Works (Kitsap County, Port of Kingston, Village Green MPD, North Kitsap School District). Beth Berglund said it would be good for KCAC to build a list on where to go when different entities make/post decisions. Could all persons who represent these organizations send Beth an email on where people can go for new information from each entity. Mark Libby asked if North Kitsap Heritage Park Stewardship Group could be added to this list. Beth said she will ask people to use their judgment on what should be tracked, and useful ways to guide people to find info.
- Recycling Guidance (Jenn Leach). Environment and Land Use Committee. A handout was provided on what goes into each curbside collection cart. There is often much discussion about the recycling process, and Jenn encourages everyone to be an ambassador for the process once you have the information. Tonight is the 101. Next presentation can be the 201, and so on. Goal is to have it be common knowledge. Paper smaller than a postcard cannot go into recycle--it must go into yard waste or trash. Only four kinds of plastic bottles can go in--beverage, milk/juice, food jars, and dairy tubs. Mark Libby asked if the machinery can handle flattened or squashed items. Shape change can be problematic, but that's for a more advanced class. Tom Curley asked about clam-shell containers. Jenn/Beth said they are NEVER recyclable. Frozen food trays are also NOT recyclable. MiaCate had a question about rinsing out. Jenn said everything needs to be really clean. Beth puts things in dishwasher, Jenn soaks her recyclables in dish soap. People get Yard Waste carts if they live in the burn ban area or if there's a critical mass of people in a neighborhood. There's a website where you can state your interest in having green bins in your community, but effectiveness is not known. Stickers must come off of everything before going into yard waste container. Recycle.kitsapgov.com can answer your question on where to put something. Plastic bags, wrapping plastic, plastic food bags, ice bags, most plastic bag-type material can be made into Trex building material. Not Saran wrap, or anything that crinkles--stuff like that contaminates the stream. Many stores have collection bins out front. Mary Gleysteen asked if we could dedicate one of the underused brown collection bins around Village Green for plastic bag collection.
- NKSD Options Program Changes (Libby / Martinez). Mark Libby and Safe routes to school issue. Approximately 20 years ago a teacher was died in a motor vehicle crash coming out of Highland Rd onto SR 104. There's nothing there for pedestrians. Would like to address the route to Wolfe to make it safe to access. Currently, Safe Routes to



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School does not know how much money they will get this year. While KCAC may not be the right place for a full discussion of the facts, but perhaps the Council could support a venue/meeting where that could happen. Beth asked if there's concern that a meeting would not happen without KCAC support. Representative from NKSD said that Laurynn is happy to talk to anyone, and did try speak with Mark Libby that morning. Chris Gilbreath pointed out that when KCAC decided to move to the second Wednesday of the month, it was stated that we could reserve the first Wednesday to host community meetings for specific issues. Options parent spoke that Options parents are having meetings, and that they don't necessarily want KCAC to be the umbrella to orchestrate the meetings. Amy (Options parent) said that the current meetings are limited to particular people and do not allow full public participation. Beth Berglund asked for further discussion outside of KCAC meeting to see if some kind of plan could be arranged for a future meeting with some sort of KCAC support in spreading the word about it.

- SR 104 Realignment Project (ICYM the Open House). It's still a Concept Plan at this point. There's at least 1, maybe 2, roundabouts in the plan. Simulations with a powerful data set show that a roundabout will not work with ferry unloading traffic. Steve Heacock says that the wetland work, archaeological investigation are complete. There's a consultant working on putting all info together to report on the feasibility of the project to move forward. There's one particular wetland that may require fill, but it's not known yet. Can always get an update on the Port's website. Mark Libby asked if the feasibility study has assessed whether part of the lot can be built and funding options. Steve Yes to what can be built, No to funding.
- Kingston Community Conversation: The Kingston Cares organization is asking KCAC to co-sponsor the event again this year (April 4th). They confirmed there's no financial obligation. A local vendor will supply refreshments. Port of Kingston, Chamber of Commerce, and Village Green Foundation are co-sponsoring. *Mark Libby moved that KCAC be a co-sponsor, Gale Kirsopp seconded. Motion approved by the Council.*

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments: 1) **Tania Issa stated that the 104 Realignment project does not address the WA Blvd closure project.** 2) Executive Director, MiaCate Kennedy shared that the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce is considering moving its Welcome Center location and is also working on a new website. GKCoC will be passing out candy on Valentine's Day. 3) Drew Tooney (an Options parent) commented that the decision to move the program was made at the executive level with zero parent input. This will negatively affect the community, and KCAC should be involved.
- The next KCAC meeting is Wednesday, March 11th.



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Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by chairperson Berglund at 7:58 pm.