



Kingston Citizens Advisory Council (KCAC)

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2020

Notes taken by: Annie Perry

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

Present: Beth Berglund, Chris Gilbreath, Mary Gleysteen, Steve Heacock, Gale Kirsopp, Jenn Leach, Mark Libby, Annie Perry, Glenn Malin, Andrew Nelson, Ruth Westergaard

Excused Absence: Emily Ramirez, Sonja Roberts, Alena Wolotira

Absent: Chris Placentia, Bobbie Moore, Breane Martinez

Also present: Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Commissioner Rob Gelder, Jessica Jetter

Quorum: Yes

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

OPENING ITEMS

Chairperson Berglund would like to add the topic of social justice to New Business. Mark Libby would like to add a topic to New Business on the topic of traffic mitigation, congestion, and control this summer.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the February meeting have been circulated to Council members via email. Chairperson Berglund asked if anyone had any amendments.

Mark Libby asked for a modification related to the last topic with the heading "104 re-alignment". There are 2 projects discussed that are intermingled in the paragraph so some clarification is needed. A simple fix could be to combine the heading, or make 2 bullets. Gale suggested it be split into 2 bullet points. Mark will revise and email Beth.

Gale motioned to approve with changes. Mark seconded. All ayes. February meeting minutes were approved by the Council pending the amendments from Mark.

REPORTS

Council Announcements:

- Beth noted that this will be Mark Libby and Mary Gleysteen's final meeting as KCAC members. Council members expressed respect and gratitude for all they do and their passion and dedication.
- Mary announced that there will be a silent march at Mike Wallace Park in support of Black Lives Matter this Friday, June 12th starting at 4:30pm.



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Organization Reports:

- **Commissioner Gelder for Kitsap County:**
 - There will be a BLM event in Silverdale from 1-4pm at the corner of Ridgetop & Silverdale Way.
 - 6 new cases of COVID-19 this week, the largest jump since April 2020.
 - Public Works is sending out an RFQ for architectural services to design the new county roads facility on the corner of Bond & Gunderson. The current roads facility on the corner of 305 & Bond is obsolete and the growing traffic volume is problematic for truck ingress/egress. Andy Nelson added that this new site will include a household hazardous waste dropoff for North Kitsap. Mary suggested it include a reuse shed for paints & usable household chemicals. Andy Nelson suggested that would be possible and encouraged public comment on the scope.
 - Commissioner Gelder has not been able to do his walk-and-talks. He will try to double up on August dates and find days in July to add on.
- **Glenn Malin for Kiwanis.** Kiwanis has been meeting by Zoom and it's working pretty well. They are still doing the blueberry sale (contact Dahlia Malin to place an order).
- **Chris Gilbreath for Rotary.** Fun Run is going to take place as a virtual challenge. Details will come within the next week. Each individual will register and get a pledge sheet. Jointly coordinated by KHS Athletic Booster Club and NK Rotary.
- **Steve Heacock for the Port of Kingston.** The 30% design is complete for the Lindvog Lot. Will be providing a report to the working group. Modern traffic control. No activities are planned for on the Port grounds through August. The fuel dock is open with a social distance procedure in place. The Chamber of Commerce will have an office/cubicle that they will rent from the Port in the upstairs of the building. Beth asked about the existence of the CoC Visitor's Center. Steve responded that the Port is looking into that and is working on a strategic plan. Work session every Tuesday of the week at 8:30am-- Zoom information for that is on the Port website.
- **Beth Berglund for the Kingston 4th of July Celebration Planning Committee.** There will be a "flipped" parade on Saturday July 4th from noon-1:30PM. The route will be SR 104 from Lindvog to Washington Blvd, then a right onto Central Ave, a left onto West Kingston, and then a right to Miller Bay Road. Steve Heacock asked about registration. Beth clarified that we will not be registering parade participants this year but clarified that people can't just show up on the fly. They need to get approval from the owner. There is a possibility that people who have never participated will want to participate this year, so that may take some enforcement.



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Committee Reports:

- **Ruth Westergard for Community Services:** working on updating the resource flyers.
- **Mark Libby for Kingston Parks, Trails and Open Space (KPTOS).** Committee met in May. The master plan for North Kitsap Heritage Park is still being worked on. Upgrading the Kingston Wastewater Plant would mean infusion into the Grover Creek watershed, and that has caused much discussion. Agreement for public use of trails on PUD land. Big part of the meeting was about the closure of the parks when there was yellow tape up across many entrances, but the blockades were not consistent. If this were to happen again, how could it be done more consistently. Some trails are pretty overgrown. Work parties are still under restrictions. At last in-person meeting, discussion on the need to close down WA Blvd trail between 3rd and 4th because the bluff has eroded. Signs and cyclone fencing are now up. Activity on Carpenter Lake--road building, parking lot, and rough trail. Wetland discussion on what could be protected if some wetland is lost to Lindvog Lot. Possibilities: N Kitsap Heritage Park, Trillium Creek, Kingston Creek. Gave this report to the Port at a work session.
- **Mark Libby for the Transportation Committee.** Weekly Zoom meetings to work on TIPs projects. Settled on 2: completion of sidewalk that goes up West Kingston to new development by the school. There's a 500 foot stretch of sidewalk that is missing. Start a Safe-Route-to-School along Barber Cutoff Rd. The Port acquired two new traffic cameras. Now there is pretty good coverage to assess the car ferry line. Work with Ferry Advisory Committee--recommendation to the State that a second boat be added to Bainbridge run, and urging ferries to consistently apply the rules that toll takers use the plexiglass windows and the selfie-sticks to run your card.
- **Beth Bergund for Open House Committee.** The event fills the Village Green Community Center Banquet Hall with people so not feasible to host the conventional event this year because of the pandemic. The committee will be meeting to come up with an alternative. Beth invited others from the Council to join the Cmtee. Rebecca Pirtle indicated in Zoom chat that she would like to be part of the committee.

Initial Public Comments:

- None.

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:



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- The 2020 update to the by-laws has been approved. They have been posted.

New Business:

- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).** Grant request for protected pedestrian and bicycle route along Barber Cutoff road to Gordon Elementary. The Public Works Dept will do the application, but it will have to contend with other Safe Routes to Schools applications in the County. *Mark Libby motioned that KCAC approve and submit the proposed document. Chris Gilbreath seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.*
- **Status of Local developments (Seaside Kingston, Arborwood).** Unclear why the activities at Seaside Kingston have stalled in recent weeks. There was a discussion about whether the Seaside project had suitable stormwater management. Commissioner Gelder commented that there was an extensive underground system that would release accumulated stormwater slowly. As for Arborwood, Gale noted some limited activity.
- **Social Justice.** Kingston is served by two separate law enforcement agencies. Beth Berglund asked if there is interest in creating an ad hoc committee to look into this topic on behalf of the community. Commissioner Gelder suggested there could be some synergy with the Kitsap Human Rights Council (KHRC) and KCAC. Rebecca Pirtle supports the KHRC and indicated that the Council is working on a public statement based on the NAACP statement. KCAC could support that statement, make a statement of our own, or both. Chris Gilbreath asked if there would be a list of resources from the KHRC that we could help get out to our communities? Rebecca Pirtle indicated there were some hyper-links in the statement.
- **Andy Nelson for Kitsap County DPW.**
 - Washington Blvd project between Central Ave and 1st Street are substantially complete.
 - LED pedestrian lighting that is a bit different for Kingston--it's the latest/greatest solution.
 - New green painted bike lane--it's a first in Kitsap County as a contra-flow bike lane.
 - Back-in angled parking provides the best possible visibility for vehicle drivers, bicycles, and pedestrians and it directs children away from the street when getting in and out of the car.



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- Moving north on Washington Blvd the demolition of the home on the bluff is almost complete. Foundation, concrete, clean-up, and restoration of the site is left. Then the stabilization project can continue.
- On Hansville Rd the shoulder paving project is behind schedule due to COVID-19 shutdown.
- A new Kitsap County Road Engineer has been selected to replace John Brand. Joe Rutan's experience is in Whatcom County.
- Andy expressed gratitude to Mark and Mary for being such engaged citizens with Public Works in a very positive way. He wished both the best.
- Kingston Ferry Traffic Issues. Mark framed the current situation including the struggle Kingston FAC is experiencing with getting a meeting with WSF, etc.. There was extensive discussion. Commissioner Gelder is planning for a joint meeting to provide an update on the status of the 104 projects.
 - *Mark Libby moved to have the Transportation Committee collaborate with the Chair to prepare and transmit a letter to the 23rd Legislative District delegation. Seconded by Chris Gilbreath. Motion passed.*

Closing Items:

- With Mark leaving there will be an opening for an At-Large seat on the KCAC.
- Louise Kernaghan will be the interim point of contact for the Friends of the Library with Mary Gleysteen's departure.
- Because the KCAC doesn't meet in July, the next KCAC meeting will be Wednesday, August 12th.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by chairperson Berglund at 8:21 pm.