



Kingston Citizens Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2020

Notes taken by: Annie Perry

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

Present: Beth Berglund, Jessica Jetter, Annie Perry, Emily Ramirez, Sonja Roberts, Alena Wolotira, Chris Gilbreath, Gale Kirsopp, Glenn Malin, MiaCate Kennedy, Steve Heacock, Breane Martinez

Excused Absence: Jenn Leach, Louise Kernaghan (plans to attend on an as needed basis)

Absent: Jeromy Sullivan

Also present: Commissioner Gelder, Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Laura Gronnvoll (PoK)

Quorum: Yes

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

OPENING ITEMS

Beth announced to the Council members present that Port Gamble S'Klallam Chairman Jeromy Sullivan has been appointed as representative of the PGST on the council.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the August meeting have been circulated to Council members via email. Co-chair Berglund noted that two corrections have been made since the draft minutes were distributed. One relates to a typo on the bottom of the first page and the second reflects the schedule for Community Meals under the report from Chris Gilbreath. Chairperson Berglund asked if anyone had any amendments. None. Chris Gilbreath motioned to approve, Gale Kirsopp seconded. All ayes. August minutes are approved.

REPORTS

Council Announcements: This is Gale Kirsopp's final KCAC meeting. We don't know yet who will be the Village Green Foundation rep. Gale has a national company, and works with a lot of people, and many are in awe of KCAC and its work. She shared that It's been a privilege to serve on KCAC.

Organization Reports:

- Kiwanis (Glenn Malin): Kiwanis is finishing up their fundraising drive Salmon Slam. Should have enough to do the scholarships and normal things. Steve and Beth gave a presentation on the transit plan for Kingston and it was good.
- Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce (MiaCate Kennedy): 2 weeks ago suffered a life threatening event, so she is a bit behind. COVID has eliminated the Chamber of Commerce regular events. New GKCoC phone number is 360-860-2239 which receives texts. She is working



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on communication strategy and expanding advertising. Grateful to the Port of Kingston for office space. Thanks to Commissioner Gelder and the County to help CoC stay afloat.

- Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock): Port of Kingston received COVID guidance signs for the Port property--posted over the weekend in prominent places. Social distance--6 feet, mask up, etc. Social media posts over the construction outside of Henery hardware on main street.
- NKSD (Breane Martinez): North Kitsap School District started school. One big highlight is that USDA approved school food service waivers, so now can feed all kids through the end of December 2020. Over 2,000 devices distributed. There's a shortage of Chrome books across the nation, but exploring grant options to get more devices. They are at the early stages of assessing where hot spots are needed and where people don't have internet service.
 - Questions for Breane:
 - Steve Heacock: how much each device costs? Breane can get that info. Beth will disseminate.
 - Glenn Malin: There's a grant application on Kiwanis website. He encouraged NKSD to apply.
 - Commissioner Gelder: did NKSD receive all of its CARE funding? Breane: Yes.

Committee Reports:

- **Transportation Committee (Alena Wolotira):** Safe Routes to School proposal did not get any funding. Working on data collection of Sunday traffic, hoping to turn it into a report to tell a story on traffic situation. Four people are now trained to do data collecting.
 - Comment by Beth Berglund: PSES is being contracted by WSF. PSES employs off-duty law enforcement officers. They do the tally slips for us, contract is paid directly by WSF. They are doing a great job, holding traffic out of town. Sunday traffic in Kingston has been much improved.
 - Comment by Rob Gelder: next January the budget work starts, so we want to make sure to make a good plug for continued funding for PSES support.
 - Action assignments: Beth and Alena will finalize a letter to Senator Rolfes.
- **Community Services Committee (Chris Gilbreath):** emphasis for time being will be on social justice. Jessica Jetter is taking the lead on meetings focusing on SJ. Had first meeting, decided would spend first 6 months on introspection and education--put together a list of materials. Plan to meet once a month and have productive conversations based off of the reading--but come even if you don't have time to do the reading! Next meeting is set for September 23rd at 4pm.
- **Environment & Land Use Committee (Beth Berglund):** Committee met last month--focus on County's intent to build hazardous waste site and "Road Shed" for salt, etc. We are aware of



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some community concern over the area and its proximity to a stream. Committee sent questions to the County and received responses. The Committee will look at the response as a group and present our summary at next month's meeting. One issue that turned out to be hearsay was that ground was already broken on the project--not true.

- Comment from Steve Heacock: This project is in early stages. Suquamish and Port Gamble environmental planners were just given a tour. Once people understand the environmental precautions that will be taken, they may feel more at ease. Regarding Henery Hardware project: It's a major expansion. Parking and transportation issues have been examined by County and Public Works. Even though the street is a highway, it has connectivity problems (i.e. lack of sidewalks). Public Works Dept. worked with the State Dept of Transportation and came up with a plan for that road frontage area, so a sidewalk is going in that Henery Hardware is paying for. It could be an impediment to the re-development or use of Food Market space in the future.
- **Parks and Trails Committee (Steve Heacock).** Steve had Mark fill him in on last month's meeting. Trying to advance movement of Carpenter Lake Stewardship area as parking between Hwy 104 and Gordon Elementary. Committee had a work party in August at the Village Green and finished off the gravel trails in the exercise area.

Neighborhood Reports:

- **Youth (Emily Remirez):** Emily shared what her experience has been starting school online this fall as a Senior at Kingston High School. Emily indicated that the biggest challenge is getting used to the schedule: 3 classes per semester. A course that used to be a year long is now half a year. It's challenging. Focusing on class while not in the room with everyone is also difficult. Discussion happening on how to have a Senior HS experience while not being on campus.
- **Glenn Malin:** a neighbor asked about a large PVC pipe going down into Carpenter Creek. Is that legal? Commissioner Gelder suggested the concerned neighbor contact Kitsap 1. Beth Berglund asked Rob Gelder whether this would also fall into the scope for SeeClickFix. He confirmed it would.

Initial Public Comments:

- **Rebecca Pirtle:**
 - 104 Realignment Project: she asked about the expansion and re-route--as to whether that will include sidewalks. Commissioner Gelder indicated that the 104 Realignment will plan for sidewalks but won't include them initially at least not all the up to the Henery Hardware connection point.



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- Seaside Townhouses: She asked if there is an update on Seaside townhouses. Steve Heacock said there are some individual building permits that have been submitted to allow them to construct a few models. Rob Gelder clarified that the process often allows for the construction of a few models for marketing purposes.
- **Laura Gronnvoll:** Expressed appreciation for the platform. She says she learns a lot from these meetings.
- **Commissioner Rob Gelder:**
 - Six new cases of COVID reported in Kitsap today and 2 new deaths.
 - KPTOS Hansville Road northbound is completed.
 - Next Monday the Budget planning process begins. Cuts are being made to 2020 and are anticipated for 2021 as well.
 - CARES Act funding grants on the order of \$10K are being disseminated to local Chambers. State CARES funding is potentially available and so NKSD is asked to let Commissioner Gelder know about needs.
- **MiaCate Kennedy:** Despite being tested at St. Michaels, she hasn't gotten any results back and there didn't seem to be tracing systems in place. She asked Commissioner Gelder who she should reach out to. He suggested Kitsap Public Health District. Steve Heacock indicated he had a similar experience. They were only planning to contact him if the result is positive.

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Closing Items:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th which will feature the State of the Schools.
- November meeting will be Commissioner Gelder's Town Hall.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by chairperson Berglund at 7:45 PM.