**Juanita Neighborhood Association**

***Board Meeting Minutes***

Monday, January 2, 2023 - 7 - 8pm

**Zoom Meeting**

In attendance from the JNA Board: Doug Rough, Jennifer Salem, Rob Scarber, Leo Gilbert, Margaret Bouniol

Also in attendance: Susan Kantor

**I. Welcome Guests - Introductions.**

**II.** **Purpose Statement – Statement of our “why’s”**

*The members of JNA have fun creating community through activities and initiatives that improve the neighborhood and develop relationships in order to serve the residents and visitors in the Juanita Area.*

1.       Improve Neighborhood physically (parks, clean up, and work projects)

2.       Build relationships by developing community (events, meetings, parties)

3.       Provide Opportunities for the residents to get involved

4.       Provide input to the City of Kirkland on issues and policy

**III. Approve December Board and Meeting minutes -** minutes were approved via email and during the Zoom meeting by the board.

**IV.** **Goals /Business Carried Forward –** Current report of JNA’s Activities

* **Leo needed coverage at the KAN meeting** Wednesday, January 11th. Doug offered to attend in Leo’s place.
* **Doug invited Susan to join the JNA Board**. We unanimously voted to let her join!
* If we want to change the date for a Board meeting, we can do so by voting at the previous board meeting. If we want to change the date for a General meeting, we must do so at the previous General meeting.
* We don’t do fundraising, due to the City of Kirkland Matching Grant program, which equals $6,488 per biennial, or $3,244/year (signage, clean up events, welcome to Juanita picnic). But the city requires that we match volunteer hours (at the rate of about $26/hr) to match the city grant. So, every year requires about 115 volunteer hours. In regards to utilizing volunteer hours:
* **Margaret** - suggested we contact a Juanita resident who has gained notoriety for her efforts in cleaning up area parks and neighborhoods. We can search her out on Facebook – Be Neighborly Kirkland. Great idea!
* **Doug** – Kirkland provided food and tools, and a dump truck full of gravel. Boy Scouts (20 + ~ 5 other people) came in and lent a hand, spreading gravel at Edith Moulton Park.
* Since Brian is no longer a JNA board member, **Doug has taken over as the Safety Committee rep**. Don Robinson with COK has denied our previous Neighborhood Safety project submissions (which were all aspects of the JPP) because parts require negotiating with property owners. Instead, Don suggested: Missing sidewalk segment on 145th; Proposed RRFB crosswalk at 111th Pl NE and 132nd St NE; RRFB crosswalk at 116th St and 101st Pl NE. (these are RRFB crosswalks, Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons).
* JNA can compete for a **safety project**. The neighborhoods get together and vote, for $50,000/yr. Last year this was skipped.
* **Holiday Lights at Juanita Village**. We need to schedule the take down. COK wants them to be taken down by the end of January. We agreed on **Saturday, January 28th at 10am,** in front of Urban Coffee. Rob will bring totes, Doug’s ladders, and get coffee and donuts.
* **Welcome to Juanita Neighborhood Picnic.** Margaret offered to work with the COK permitting for the 2023 Welcome Picnic. Doug explained that we will provide food, but not food service. We will have a live band, and other entertainment, like gymnasts, dancers, and karaoke once. We have lawn games. We also invite Juanita area businesses to setup a popup tent. We ask that they offer some kind of give away as well as selling their products and services, to comply with city regulations. We also invite Kirkland police and fire departments. Susan gave us kudos for last year’s Welcome Picnic! Leo said that it’s preferable to not have music at Edith Moulton, Doug said there was power available by running a cord over the bathroom door. Juanita Beach has many power outlets available.
* **We voted on where to hold the 2023 Welcome Picnic, this year at Juanita Beach Park, September 16th.**

**V.** **Next JNA Board Meeting** - (Zoom) Monday, February 6th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**Next JNA General Meeting** – (Zoom) Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 7:00pm. Preliminary agenda to include:

- Student Community Service Award, Nikita Shukanov

- Juanita Public Path discussion

- Heidi Schor will talk about trails

- Ingrid Salmon will talk about open space and invasive vegetation

**VI. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.