**Juanita Neighborhood Association**

***Board Meeting Minutes***

Monday, March 6th, 2023 - 7 - 8pm

**Zoom Meeting**

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

Also in attendance:

**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 February Board and Meeting minutes –** February Board Meeting minutes were approved

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

* **Neighborhood safety** – Margaret: Said Don Robinson reviewed Neighborhood Safety projects. RFB (Rapid Flashing Beacons) on NE 116th St in front of convalescent center before the light at 98th for students to get to the bus stop. Also, sidewalk segment on NE 140th and Juanita/Woodinville Rd (right at 106th Pl). These were based on postcards mailed out to residents for feedback; and a crosswalk at 124th and 108th. (Doug had proposed several projects connected to the JPP.) A few neighborhoods suggested other projects, which were expensive. The Rapid Flashing Beacons can be $200K-$300K. Margaret thought there could be better uses for the money, and Don said don’t endorse it unless you love it. As well as the JPP, which has a long horizon, we may want to keep targeting projects which can be implemented sooner as well. Projects were limited to $50K per year, but since we skipped a year during Covid, this year our cap is $100K. Crosswalk flags are a good idea. Margaret suggested that the city has developers add in some of the safety projects to their developments. In summary, we’re not excited about either of these projects. We don’t want to push these projects, but also not pull them back.
* **Cleanup crew**. Do we have anything to announce at the general meeting Mar 13? Margaret met with Francine and David W last week. The first priority is to select a date. By Chic-Fil-A, or by Goodwill. Or by QFC. We need to get permission to enter private property. We all agreed to keep our eyes open as we drive around. Earth day is April 22nd, Fran’s eye surgery is (???). Materials: what is our budget? Drop off trash at the Parks Maintenance Center. Doug suggested we talk with the Green Kirkland people, they seem to have a lot of supplies, tools, shovels, gloves, hand washing station, etc. Do we need vests? At a minimum, gloves and garbage cans. Ask volunteers to wear safety vests or bright clothing. David will post on the COK site and help get the word out. Susan moved near Windsor Vista Park. There is a new water station, and playground, but no trash cans. We need to identify a location for the cleanup, better weather, and make it more attractive. Plus, there will be more trash as the weather improves.
* **Latest on Welcome event planning**. Margaret met with Nicci Osborne with COK Parks Dept, concering having our next welcome event at Juanita Beach Park at one of the picnic shelters. We can’t have pop up tents. Maybe move the picnic across the street, but then there is no power, in which case Leo’s band would need to bring a generator. Either location can work. Susan said she has been at kid’s concerts, and it was okay. She suggested the parking lot where the Friday Market is held. Are picnic tables a concern? Probably not. Nicci said the picnic shelter is available. Susan suggested the band sets up on the round concrete ‘amphitheater’ pad.
* **Where are the holiday lights stored**? We all should know. They are at Rob’s house. The manager at the Sailhouse asked why we took the lights down (Janine Brown)? She asked that we put them back up. She can also coordinate with the other businesses to fund for replacement lights. Margaret said the city owns the light poles along 98th, and Juanita Drive. Should we invite the Sailhouse manager to our March General meeting? Someone needs to connect with the city to get permission to put up lights and have businesses pay for electricity, and maintain sagging/unpowered lights.
* **How do we get traction on JPP?** - City of Bothell is willing to help us with this path. The city is still looking at feasibility. Maybe focus on just the walking path to JHS for now? There are wetlands to contend with (SEPA, wetlands studies). Doug said there is an existing on the SW side. NE 124th St and 108th (this is private property, across from Heron Field). There is a bridge south of the JHS baseball field, near 105th Pl NE; Doug proposes another path to the SE of the football field, near 109th Ct NE. Margaret suggested we keep asking Public Works about what progress has been made. We can get the word out with our own friends, colleagues, etc. Margaret said the Juanita Neighborhood comp plan is being updated in the next year or so.
* **Next JNA Board Meeting** - (Zoom) Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**Next JNA General Meeting** – (Zoom) Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**VI. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.