**Juanita Neighborhood Association**

***Board Meeting Minutes***

Monday, April 3rd, 2023 - 7 - 8pm

**Zoom Meeting**

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

Also in attendance: Manya Gupta with JHS

**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 –**

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

* **Community Service Student Award –** Manya Gupta is the recipient of April’s community service student award. From Peggy Shay: *She's quiet and unassuming and her accomplishments might have gone unnoticed if she hadn't been a regular in the College & Career Center and pointed out to us by her peers. Jasper and I are so proud to introduce Manya to the Juanita Neighborhood Association, and look forward to what she accomplishes in the world after graduation.* From Manya: She is in the Cambridge Program, which is the British version of AP programs. Extra: team captain for Badminton, team is 2nd place in their league, and they are looking to take out Lake Washington (as a former Kangaroo, Rob is…conflicted with this, lol!). She volunteers with Earth Corps, an after school club, for environmentally sensitive discussions, sustainability, and climate change (a wing of the YMCA) . She spoke at a LWSD board meeting on environmental plans, and to a committee for the WRAP Bill (Washington Recycling and Packaging). She also volunteers at Josten Park. She is involved with an Anti-idling campaign to promote cars not idling, and emitting pollutants. Susan Vosseller’s email (Anti-Idling Campaign): vosslers66@gmail.com. She founded Seek, a non-profit for helping students to create a curriculum of Math, Science, and English. She is also the fundraising co-chair for Key Club for food and money donations for Life Line in Seattle. She has (so far) done 200 hours of volunteering at school and local parks. She has also held a job at Russian School mathematics doing tutoring. She intends to go to university for computer science.
* **Neighborhood safety update –** Margaret sent us an email about this. There was much grumbling about the costs of projects. Generally, the annual budget is $350K/yr, $50K/project. This year the budget was doubled as the program was dormant last year during Covid. Flashing beacons are very expensive. Margaret didn’t press her opinion, as the chosen projects were chosen before she became the JNA Safety Rep. The crosswalk across 2nd St/Waverly to Heritage Park is worthwhile. Also an asphalt sidewalk along 7th Ave, connecting existing curb/gutter/sidewalk to East and West. Margaret would like to become our full-time Neighborhood Safety Project representative. We took a vote, and approved. Thank you Margaret! If we looked at the 6 year CIP, the competition is very strong. Once approved it gets funding and a dedicated COK staff.
* **Cleanup crew--have we set a date yet?** Margaret was looking at behind Lakeside Milam. It was in bad shape, so she filed a complaint with code enforcement so the property owner(s) are compelled to clean up. On a side note, Susan wants the city to install another park sign at Windsor Vista, as well as a trash can. Margaret said the city is renegotiating their contract with Waste Management, once done (maybe in June) then Waste Management will pick up the garbage.
* **Latest on Welcome event planning –** Saturday, September 16th from 12 – 3 at Juanita Beach Park. Papa John’s, Jersey Mike’s, Gyro World, Great China, Acetunio’s, and the Brazilian restaurant. Music will be by 24 Madison, games, snacks, beverages**.** We would like to find one more restaurant to add to the lineup. Susan’s FIL is in a Ukrainian music group “Singing In The Rain” Ukrainian Cover Band, some folk, some pop songs too. Rob will buy games and snacks, and welcomes anyone who would like to join shopping. Susan also mentioned Hanoon in the Village at Totem Lake.
* **Juanita village lights--do we have permission from city? If so, who wants to organize?** Jennifer said there is an email in our JNA email from Janine Brown (3/22/23). The city is responsible for the exterior road lights, but the property managers inside the village want to reinstall lights.
* **Treasury update -** $4,701.71. How much do we have from the matching funds? 3 months into our 2 year cycle. We have $6600 in our matching grant fund. From Don Robinson, it was $3300/year, now it’s $3020 in 2023, $3020 in 2024. How much of the $3020/year we have spent, do we want to take some of the $4701 out of additional spending. Doug explained that other neighborhoods pay for expenses out of board member’s pockets, then get reimbursed from the city, so it has been nice for JNA to have a surplus of $4701 so it comes out of the Association’s checking account.
* **How do we get traction on JPP?**
* **Any May general meeting agenda items? Officially we are supposed to vote for board members in May for one-year terms.** City Fruit will attend our next Board Meeting. Leo asked if someone can cover for the next KAN meeting on Wednesday, April 12th, Jennifer volunteered to cover. The meetings are in person at the Kirkland Justice Center, as well as via Zoom. Police Chief Cheri Harris will be at our May General Meeting, regarding the effect of the mental crisis center, and La Quinta.
* **Next JNA Board Meeting** - (Zoom) Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 7:00pm.
* **Next JNA General Meeting** – (Zoom) Monday, May 8th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

**VI. Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.