**Juanita Neighborhoods Association**

***General Meeting Notes***

Monday, September 11th, 2023, 7 - 9pm

**Location: Zoom**

Approximately 19 people in attendance, including board members Doug Rough, Rob Scarber, Leo Gilbert, Jennifer Salem, Margaret Bouniol, Susan Kantor, and Brad LaPlante

Also in attendance: Kurt Triplett, Sarah Rock, Allison Zike, LeAndra Baker-Lewis, Penny Sweet

Doug Rough welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the purpose of the Juanita Neighborhoods Association. Some of the accomplishments of the JNA include events, the monthly Student Community Service Award, park clean up, graffiti removal from private property, historical signage, public safety projects and the Juanita Village holiday lights.

* **Eastside Prep student William Bowers created a phone app to determine what can be recycled.** Senior, comp sci. Reasons don’t recycle. App features: scan multiple items at a time, delivers COK recycling guidelines. App is not fully functional yet, will be deployed later this fall.
* **City to talk about Park Bond Proposition 1: Aquatics, Parks, and Recreation 2023 Ballot Measure.** Kurt Triplett. Pools, year-round restrooms (new and existing, 9 total), sport courts, exercise room, teen programs (KTUB), park operations and maint. Park rangers, 1 additional, automatic locking gates, increased lifeguarding by 4 weeks, life rings, life jacket stations, Parks, Rec, and Open Spaces (PROS). 2022 PROS plan. Waitlist for Peter Kirk pool is thousands long. Only Peter Kirk and Juanita Pool. Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC). Made recommendations per 4500 citizen comments. Ordinance 0-4857 commits city to build an indoor aquatic center. Completed by 2027, at Houghton P&R, 5 acres. Purchase of the site is already funded in 2023 budget. We homeowners can view our own tax cost on the KC Tax Assessor site. For $1,000,000 home, about $228/yr. Green Loop Trail Networks. Park operations, maintenance, and improvements. Q: Calvin. The survey had a choice of location for aquatic center (NKCC vs. Houghton). What happened? A: The Houghton site was larger and had more option for development, as well as Juanita had considerable slope which would add 20% to site development. NKCC is at the end of its useful life, the city is looking at what to do with this. Doug discussed the Juanita Public Pathway. Doug sent an email to WSDOT, because he thinks the NE 132nd St interchange affects JHS peds safety. Kurt thinks WSDOT has taken good measures to consider public safety. Betty: Is light rail running anywhere near Houghton P&R? No, BRT is going into 405 (ground breaking tomorrow for NE 85th St site, to be operational in 2027.) Karen: Will fees be charged to non-city residents? Yes, recommendations for family rate, individual rate. Jennifer: will it affect programs already offered at NKCC? No, it will be add-on services. Will KTUB still have free drop-in programs? Yes, it will be open 7 days/wk. Susan asked about parking at Houghton, and likes the idea of keeping the NKCC open during construction of Houghton. City is still considering what to do with NKCC. Leo: Recently went to the Lynnwood Aquatic Center, which is amazing. Kirkland desperately needs something like that. They paid $10 for Leo and his son. Penny said that the Sammamish Center is closer to what COK is planning. Calvin: liked the story about the Lynnwood Aquatic Center. Will Kirkland’s be about the same size? Better? Worse? A: significantly better and bigger. No bus service to this lot, will bus service be returning? K-line will be running along 405, NE 85th St, S Kirk P&R.
* **Discussion of official Juanita Neighborhood plan and process.** LeAndra Baker-Lewis (with Allison Zike for support), planning and building department. (Began at 7:58). Wheels are in motion for Juanita Neighborhood Plan. Kingsgate Plan is simultaneous. City wide plan that responds to growth and change, looks at the next 20 years to anticipate needs. Sets land use policies and regs. Describe unique character and identity of the neighborhood. Typical issues like transition zones, walkability to local shops and stores. N and S Juanita combined in 2015. JPP study is being conducted, $20,000 is allocated to the study. Ask LeAndra or Victoria Kovacs about joining for a ‘walk about’. Doug: we have a walk about scheduled on Sunday 9/17 at 10am, meeting at the Kirkland Justice Center. Walk to Jasper Dog Park. The city will have a separate walk about. Potential land use changes: Goodwill site, currently commercial, and Michael’s site, commercial. Goal of Neighborhood Update. Complete at the end of 2024. Reduce redundancy of neighborhood plan vs. general plan. Evaluate the vision statement. New graphic format for Plans. Combine public outreach opportunities when feasible. Describe what is unique about your neighborhood. Understand barriers for renters, and employees who live elsewhere. Update process: Update policies, vision workshop, identify key study issues (can be found in planning commission packet, October 24th meeting). Study land use change requests. Public hearing to gather public comments. Planning commission recommendations. Working group members: Doug, Margaret, Mimi Henderson (12 members ideally). Other ways to get involved, like email updates, public page comments, help spread the word, take the survey on project website, sign up for List Serv on webpage to receive email updates [www.kirklandwa.gov/JuanitaPlanUpdate](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/JuanitaPlanUpdate) Working group, 3-4 meetings, 1-2 hours each. Held outside of business hours. Jennifer will send this out to our mailing list. <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/planning-amp-building/neighborhood-plan-updates/workinggroup_flyer.pdf> Mayor Sweet has lived in Juanita for 5 years, much friendlier than her prior community.Margaret: have other neighborhoods been combined in the past? Like Juanita and Kingsgate. Allison: Yes, 2021 Everest and Moss Bay, as there is an efficiency gained. The Comp Plan is a state requirement, the neighborhoods plan is not bound like this, so the city can extend timelines. Also concerns about traffic speeds and enforcement. Margaret understands there aren’t enough police to enforce, she has taken it up with public works and the police, she would like this added to working groups. Ingrid: interest in going on the walk about and working group; wondered if the plan will address the Juanita tree canopy, and invasive plants, and planting more trees. Will a plan deal with that? Trees in open spaces are not tended to, only trees in parks are tended to, financially. A: What factors can add to a healthier community? Allison said that some open spaces will be considered in the update. Margaret: the city can’t do a lot with private property owners. Betty: are schools on the list of institutions? What attention given to neighbors experiencing homelessness? A: yes, reaching out to Y.E.S. at Kamiakin M.S. For homeless, having materials accessible to them (paper for surveys), not personally familiar with any groups or orgs in the neighborhood, may need to loop in Human Services.
* **Welcome Event is Saturday, September 16th.** Food, entertainment, and games are figured out. Gyro World first, space out 30 minutes between pickup, and Papa John’s last. Scott Morris will be an advocate for Prop 1 at the Picnic
* **Meetings:** Board meetings are the first Monday of the month (except July), general meetings are the second Monday of odd months (except July)
* **Next JNA Board Meeting** - Monday, October 2nd, from 7:00-8:00pm (Zoom)
* **Next JNA General Meeting** - Monday, November 13th, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Zoom)
* The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm