**Juanita Neighborhoods Association**

***General Meeting Notes***

Monday, March 13, 2023, 7 - 9pm

**Location: Zoom**

**View the Zoom meeting link here:**

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

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.

Doug proposed the next General Meeting in person at the Kirkland Justice Center behind Fred Meyer. Ingrid advocated for Zoom due to its convenience. Others replied similarly. Holding a hybrid meeting was also discussed, but we were not sure we had the technical know-how to conduct a hybrid meeting. A vote was taken, we voted to approve continuing with Zoom meetings.

* **Student Community Service award** – **Keirin Clarke. A self-described “military brat”. Has a love for community advocacy. Homeless in Paradise program in Hawaii. Member of school (???) union, student government, president of school African American diversity club (??) Junior year. Working for 2 years for ??? Boba, donuts, 2 locations, works FOH. Wants to go into ethnic studies. PEGGY’S INPUT HERE IS APPRECIATED, I COULDN’T TYPE AS FAST AS KEIRIN COULD TALK!**
* **Juanita Public Pathway and other trails updates** – Doug updated about the JPP. **A logical path for people to go to and from work. The most important aspect of the JPP (from Doug’s perspective as a career insurance professional) is that repeat insurance claims tend to increase rates and ultimately cancel policies. Because there have been two JHS students killed on their way to school, if another student is killed, the insurance will skyrocket, and will be paid by all Kirkland residents. Doug described the JPP: Section A – CKC to Heronfield Park to NE 124th St (there is no way for a student to get from SE JHS to southern points including nearly 100 businesses/employers in W Totem Lake, without traveling along busy roads). Section B – connects Section A to to PSEs substation then to Edith Moulton Park to NE 140th St; Section C – Edith Moulton to Windsor Vista to NE 145th St (north edge of Kirkland). Section D – 145th St, along land owned by Sound Transit to the Brickyard P&E.**
* **Metro transit discussion** – Blair Daly, COK. Blair presented a new service called Metro Flex. Use the service thru an app, like Uber. There are boundaries you can see on the app map, as well as hours of operation. Calvin asked: what is the future of the Juanita service area? A: Currently Juanita has no weekend service. Could be funding balancing. Aaron used the service previously, said it is much quicker than taking the bus. Blair said last June they doubled the service (from one to two vehicles), now minivans. Ingrid asked, is this for regions that don’t have good bus service? Calvin noticed there is a missing hub by Juanita Beach Park. Betty asked if Totem Lake shopping area is included, yes it is. King County Metro Trip Planner has been updated. It uses Google Maps. Blair also reminded us that there is a community van located at the North Kirkland Community Center. BLAIR, PLEASE CHIME IN IF I MISSTATED ANYTHING, OR YOU HAVE MORE TO ADD
* METRO FLEX webpage:
* <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/travel-options/metro-flex.aspx>
* COMMUNITY VAN webpage:
* <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works-Department/Transportation/Getting-Around-Transportation-Division/Kenmore-Kirkland-Community-Vanhttps://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/travel-options/metro-flex.aspx>
* For anyone who would like help with customized trip planning and learning about your options to take transit from where you are to where you want to go, I'm happy to speak with you one-on-one.
* Blair Daly, Transportation Program Coordinator, bdaly@kirklandwa.gov | 425-587-3924
* **Yard Smart and Tree Rebates** – Kate Schmiett with COK. Improving water in Kirkland creeks and Lake Washington. Aaron Hussman with COK spoke about the Juanita Beach closure. The city has been collecting water samples, and with King County, decided to be cautious and close the beach pending water testing results. They will be working with code enforcement, potentially based on test results. Ingrid asked if there are homes on septic above the beach. Aaron said there is something that happened to the bypass pump in the nearby water treatment plant. The Surface Water program will include addressing septic. Brian: has there ever been enforcement in the past due to a Juanita Beach closure? Aaron said that it is written into city code. They start with education first, then move onto monetary penalties. Margaret asked, when you close the beach, is it just the beach that is closed, or does it close the entire park? No, all other amenities are available. [ahussmann@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:ahussmann@kirklandwa.gov). Kate: how to give us more money (??) Actions we can take to protect water quality. Yard Smart and Tree Rebates. Kate is the education outreach contact with COK. Discussed permeable vs impervious surfaces. This affects flooding. Also runoff from vehicle fluids, wear from auto tires, car wash water, biodegradable soaps, and animal waste. Also lawn fertilizer, pesticides, weed killers. Solutions: reduce pollution inputs. Wash over a lawn, pickup pet waste, practice evergreen yard care. Yard Smart Rain Rewards program. Up to $3000 to homeowners to install water reclamation projects, like rain gardens. Cisterns to collect rain water for the summer months, plant native plants. Only homes with downspouts connected to the city storm water system are potentially eligible. Up to $6000 for multifamily/commercial. Tree Rebates. Up to $150 per tree planted, $500 max. Trees catch water on their leaves, and evaporate, is a lot. And absorb and filter water through their root systems. Provide shade and wildlife habitat. Kirklandwa.gov/treerebate. There is a pre-approved tree list, or exceptions on case by case. In r.e. the Yard Smart program, the city is targeting multifamily properties so they are aware of the benefits available to them. [kschmiett@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:kschmiett@kirklandwa.gov) KATE AND AARON, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS/REVISIONS ABOUT MY NOTES
* **Neighborhood safety updates** – Margaret and Jennifer. Follow-up meeting on 3/15. Margaret will discuss the meeting at our next General Meeting.
* **Early notice of Welcome Event at Juanita Beach** – This year at Juanita Beach Park Saturday 16th, 12 – 3pm
* **Juanita Village lights up all year?** – We discussed putting lights back up and keep them all year. Janine Brown with the Sailhouse apartments attended our meeting. Which lights are private property or city property? Janine said Sailhouse, Chelsea, and Waterscape maintain their own lights. Lights along 100th: Chelsea is responsible for. Margaret said if they are on the sidewalk, like 98th and Juanita Drive, those are city owned lights. Janine said she has spoken with the city, and will check with the city again to confirm. Janine will check to ensure that it’s okay to put up lights in internal streets to Juanita Village. We need to test all of the lights, clean them, and replace some. Janine will discuss with Chelsea and Waterscape to see if they can provide money for new lights, Doug thinks we will be okay without additional funding.
* **Clean-up crew details?** – Margaret: nothing has changed. We need to find a place to clean up in Juanita. She drove around Juanita, and couldn’t find anywhere that was littered. Preferably in the public right of way. Doug was happy that it’s hard to find areas in Juanita that need to be cleaned up. Ingrid said right above her home by 100th Ave NE, at the base of Finn Hill. Goes behind Ziply, it’s full of trash. She’ll find out the cross street. If it’s Juanita Creek, most of the land is privately owned. INGRID, DID I RECORD YOUR PART ACCURATELY?
* **Jennifer went to the KAN meeting.** Tomorrow there is a Pet preparedness presentation. [friendsoftaylorfield@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftaylorfield@gmail.com). They object to the expansion of the Houghton Transfer Station. The county is looking at 3 locations, but now they’re sticking with the current Houghton location. April 26th, 6pm, Kirkland Performance Center, community appreciation event. Discussed a little about Park Land, closing the street. Permanent closure? Some are for it, some against. They will decide in July. Brian added: there is a consultant looking at 3 options for the city council to make their decision. Full year closure, Summer all day, Summer evening. Competing interests for pedestrian safety, auto access. Park Lane is 450 feet, with 17 total parking stalls. KAN will not take a position, let the neighborhoods decide. Doug doesn’t think this is a big issue for Juanita residents. He asked us to vote via thumbs up, no thumbs went up. CERT classes are open through the parks. The city bought property at Houghton Village, wants to know what to do with it. Two meetings on 3/14 and 3/27 about this.
* **Next general meeting May 8** -- zoom or in person? We voted to keep the meeting as a Zoom only meeting. The rules are that to change the meeting format, a vote needs to be approved the prior meeting. We will keep taking a vote at upcoming General Meetings about holding the following meeting via Zoom or in person. We are opting to not hold meetings as hybrid due to our technical capabilities.
* **Other business:** Open forum for Q&A, please limit to 2 minutes per inquiry.Nobody had additional business to discuss. Ingrid added: Juanita Highschool Drama has a show now called Honk - its very funny. Based on the Ugly Duckling. 7pm, Thurs Mar 16, Thurs Mar 23, Friday Mar 24 and Sat Mar 25, (Saturday at 1pm and 7pm)
* **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 General Meeting** - Monday, May 8th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Zoom)
* **Next JNA Board Meeting** - Monday, April 3rd from 7:00-8:00pm (Zoom)
* The meeting concluded at 9:00pm