

JNA General Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018

Present: Doug Rough, Antonio Skokos, Leo Gilbert, Brian Magee, Ed Colio, and Ken Albinger 34 total attendees

Doug started the meeting by inviting everyone to introduce themselves and share their favorite neighborhood restaurant. This was then followed by a review of what the neighborhoods association does.

Edith Moulton Park – As of today, Edith Moulton Park is closed for construction. Doug shared many of the park improvements such as new trails/boardwalks, play structure, improvements to 108th Ave NE, and dog areas.

Student Community Service Award – Joshi. Volunteers time at a leadership camp for kids.

Transit and the Kingsgate Park and Ride – Presentation on transit in our neighborhood. Reviewed what the Kingsgate Park and Ride is like today with 502 spaces which matches what it had when originally built in the 1970's. Facility is at capacity now with demand projected to continue to increase.

Planned improvements under ST3 will add 1,300 parking spaces along the I-405 bus rapid transit corridor with 400 of those spaces going in at the Kingsgate Park and Ride. I-405 bus rapid transit corridor is expected to open by 2024. The time for construction and any potential closures at the Kingsgate Park and Ride are not known yet.

Feasibility study to be completed by the end of 2018 for transit oriented development at the Kingsgate Park and Ride for submittal to the State Legislature. City of Kirkland is involved in this process and coordinating with WSDOT and Sound Transit.

Several questions were discussed including parking capacity, funding, and City code amendments.

Neighborhood Grants – Ken summarized the current status of our grant funding and expectations for the upcoming year. He also shared that he will be retiring from the Treasurer position and will be looking forward to training a new Treasurer soon before the end of his term. If anyone is interested in this position, please reach out to Ken or our neighborhood email address at jnaneighborhood@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Safety Program – Brian provided a brief highlight of the neighborhood safety program and the two projects that are being submitted by our neighborhood. He then invited

everyone to sign their names in support of the projects after the meeting as it will help when the projects are scored for funding.

Holiday Lighting – The neighborhood puts up lights every year on the pedestrian light poles around the Juanita Village to make it more festive for the holidays. We are looking for volunteers on Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00am to help take down the lights.

Windsor Vista Park – Ken talked about our plans to enhance the Windsor Vista Park. A planning meeting will be held Saturday, January 13th from 2:00 to 3:00pm in Windsor Vista Park.

Juanita Beach Bathhouse Replacement – A brief update was given on the project progress. The pavilion/picnic shelters will be 2 separate structures rather than a single large structure as originally shown which meets recommendations made by the JNA Board. The playground equipment will either be relocated as part of this project or potentially supplemented/replaced pending fundraising efforts that will be kicking off soon.

Geologically Hazardous Area Code Amendments – David (the new City Outreach Coordinator for our neighborhood) discussed work that is ongoing to identify potential hazards for landslides and other risks in the area. The City will be evaluating code amendments related to these risks.\

Open Discussions / Questions

There was one suggestion/question about how many residents or hired landscapers have been noticed blowing leaves from their properties into the street rather than taking care of them on their own land through composting or yard waste. It was suggested that there should be a City code to limit this behavior to prevent leaves from clogging storm drains.

Police update that Juanita neighborhood has not had any recent spikes of activity but there have been some notable arrests and recovery of stolen property. A new Service animal has started along with some new officers of the police force.