



## Juanita Neighborhoods Association

### *Board Meeting Minutes*

Monday, March 1, 2021 - 7 - 9pm

### **Zoom Meeting**

In attendance from the JNA Board: Doug Rough, Jennifer Salem, Rob Scarber, Leo Gilbert, Launa Johnson, and Peter Avelar. Also attended: Momo Boerman, Jenny Gaus, Betsy Adams, Amy Waterman, Patty Dillon, and Doreen Gavin

- **Introductions** by Doug Rough.
- **February meeting minutes** were approved
- **7:05. The March Student Community Service Award was selected by the Juanita HS counseling office.** Momo Boerman was presented the award in recognition of her efforts with safe parking at Overlake Christian Church, and going above and beyond for her customers at Starbucks. Momo will be going to the U of W in the fall, and will be majoring in Biology, with aspirations of going into Pediatrics. Rob will mail her a \$100 check as her award, and Doug will send her a certificate.
- **Treasurer Report** - Our checking balance as of 3/1/21 is \$6261.77.

**7:09 - Brian (last name?) with The Village at Totem Lake.** Brian detailed all shops already open at the Village, as well as upcoming openings.

- **Totem Lake Park - Brian discussed the green area,** more plans for developing the park, including 'curva spinners'. He discussed the water feature, and 14' high sculptures of dandelions by Polish artist Merck Struszyk (sp?)
- **He discussed the Cinemark 8-plex** which will be opening in 2 weeks. This was a topic of much interest to the board members. It will be at 25% capacity, with heated seats, feature one main large screen and 7 smaller screens, have food and beverage service including salads, sandwiches, pizza, burgers, etc. Screens are also going to be available to rent for private viewings, with up to 20 people in a theater, for either \$99, or \$99 + tickets. The theater will accommodate about 900 seats.
- **Also coming soon to the Village:** Silver Lake Ramen, Mayweather Gym, Madison Read, Sleep Number, Bok a Bok, and a Bubble Tea shop.
- **3 different apartment buildings** with a total of 850 units will be available for lease by May
- **Leo Gilbert** suggested that Brian/the Village work with the contractor to install **sound walls** to dampen road noise from 405, as it impairs the experience at The Village
- **Jennifer Salem** expressed concern at the **open fireplaces** in The Village, with special concern for unattended children and burns

- **Launa Smoot** inquired if The Village will incorporate **recycling bins**, Brian said there are no current plans to do so

## 7:32 Cedar Creek Rainwater Management Project

### Our guest speakers were:

- **Jenny Gaus**, project manager with the City of Kirkland
- **Betsy Adams**, environmental education and outreach specialist with the City of Kirkland
- **Amy Waterson** with the Wa St Dept of Ecology
- **Patty Dillon** with NW Hydraulic, consultant
- **Doreen Gavin** with AHBL, civil engineer, consultant

The project is coordinated between the City of Kirkland and other local municipalities, and the Dept of Ecology, and funded by the Dept of Ecology

## 7:35 The consulting team discussed the concept of rainwater flow control and erosion

### 7:42 They referred to the Cedar Creek King County study of the Juanita Watershed in 2012

The workable project scale for erosion control is 500-700 acres

They took us on a photo tour of the Cedar Creek from Kenmore to Juanita

They discussed the culvert recently installed beneath 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE near Simonds Rd. The culvert is 8' high and 11' wide, and along with water flow control and cleanup, will allow fish to access another 1 mile upstream

**Doug** referred to chronic water quality issues of water entering Juanita Bay. The COK has yet to determine the source of the contamination, and the effort is ongoing.

**Jennifer** asked if the Cedar Creek project work is being conducted without touching neighboring properties. The project team stated that the city has an easement over some private property boundaries, and owns other areas

### The presentation concluded, and we thanked them for their time

## 8:10 Launa discussed inspirational signs to be produced and placed throughout Juanita

- Launa discussed 10 different inspiration sayings, the board approved of them
- **Launa is working with Minuteman Press to create the signs, 2 each, with metal stakes for \$400. JNA appreciates the discounting the Minuteman Press gave us to meet our budget for this project**
- **We discussed adding any phone numbers for support hotlines to the signage, and agreed not to, as it would be difficult to read from a passing car**
- **Launa may reach out to other Kirkland neighborhood associations to see if they would like to create similar community inspirational messaging**
- **Rob suggested creating a Facebook series in which signs are photographed once placed, giving location of the sign, and then adding additional information like support hotlines**
- **On Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Launa will meet with COK Parks Dept at Juanita Beach at the sculpture to update the plants**

## 8:30 Doug discussed that an anonymous resident did **litter and debris cleanup on the Cross Kirkland Corridor**, particularly in the ¼ mile section (section 18) which has been sponsored by the JNA. Doug reminded us that the city won't allow us to have organized cleanup events yet, due to COVID

- **8:35 Doug** discussed whether the board would like to hold a general meeting next week on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. We put it to a vote and voted No.
- We then discussed inviting the public to our next board meeting, which we approved
- **Leo expressed concern for security of inviting the public to the board meeting (via Zoom)**. We acknowledged his concern, and discussed how to be able to mute attendees, or to remove them from the meeting if they Introduced inappropriate subjects, audio, video, photos, etc. Rob and Leo agreed to conduct a test, whereby Rob will be the admin, and practice muting, removing, etc.
- **Doug informed us that he would not be available to conduct our scheduled May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, nor on May 10<sup>th</sup>**, and asked if one of us would like to lead the board meeting on either of these dates, or move up the meeting to April 26; we voted to move up the meeting to April 26<sup>th</sup>. We will therefore not have a board meeting in May.
- **Doug said at our next meeting we will hand out 3 more Student Community Service Awards**
- **Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**8:38 Leo discussed KAN and the 85<sup>th</sup> St Interchange Development Project**

- **Leo** described the 405 / NE 85<sup>th</sup> St BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) project, for hop on/hop off commuter access, and the changes coming to that vicinity.
- He described the cloverleaf structures there now, and possible development of tall buildings to be occupied by Google, apartments, mixed use retail, and other uses
- **Leo** expressed the need for the community to embrace this inevitability, and acknowledged that some homeowners may be against such development due to concerns for property rights
- **Jennifer** too expressed concerns for homeowners' rights, and that there could be understandable grievance for property value declines, and impaired views, as well as higher traffic volumes and therefore road noise
- **Leo** believes improved pedestrian and bike access for commuting is the right path for Kirkland
- **Leo stated that KAN has approximately 15 members who regularly attend, of which 7-8 are against up-zoning and higher density, 5 of which are vehemently opposed. The remainder are amenable.**

**9:00 Doug** concluded the meeting, and reminded us that the next JNA board meeting will be on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm