



## **Juanita Neighborhoods Association**

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

Monday, June 7, 2021

### **Online Meeting**

In attendance from the JNA Board: Doug Rough, Leo Gilbert, Jennifer Salem,

From City of Kirkland: Ryeann Marie, Eve Henrichsen, Dave Wolbrecht

Also in attendance:

Matthew Goelzer, Calvin Tonini, Daniel Nidzgorski, Karen, Mike Wert, and other community members

**Doug Rough** made introductions and reviewed the purpose of the Juanita Neighborhoods Association.

### **Water quality in Juanita presentation by city staff**

The city of Kirkland gave a presentation on water quality in Kirkland. Daniel Nidzgorski of King County Natural Resources and Parks spoke about monitoring the beaches for bacterial counts and the criteria for closing beaches in the area. Specifically, they look for e coli bacteria by sampling all beaches. It takes 1-2 days to grow bacteria and get results. Public Health then makes decisions if there are high bacteria counts that day or if there are chronic high counts over time. To reopen they require low counts for two weeks from sampling twice a week.

Ryeann-Marie spoke about the Juanita Water Shed. At Juanita beach it is sampled at three places and Juanita creek. She outlined efforts to trace sources of bacteria from upstream.

Eve Henrichsen spoke of other City of Kirkland programs to improve water quality at Juanita Beach including landscaping to deter geese, removal of septic tanks, bioswales for parking areas and removal of skirts on the boardwalk. The City also employs outreach to the community to educate them on topics related to water quality such as natural lawn care, and proper pet waste disposal. Residents can help cut down on the bacteria that reaches the beach water by not feeding wildlife, showering before getting in the water (at home or at the bath house), making sure diapers are clean and tightfitting, picking up dog waste. Cars should also be washed responsibly. Nothing but rain should go into the storm drains. Residents should also properly maintain their septic systems. Toxic spills should be reported at 425-587-3900. You can become a water watcher volunteer to collect samples at <http://snokingwatershedcouncil.org/waterwatcher>.

**Matthew Goelzer** who is running for City Council spoke to the community. He is a resident of the Bridal Trails neighborhood and hopes to give the neighborhoods a stronger voice and turn it into action. He discussed ideas and answered questions on his plans.

### **Update on safety projects**

The project for crosswalk improvements at Edith Moulton Park is on schedule.



**Juanita Welcome Event** will be Sunday, September 12, 2021 (mark your calendars!) at Juanita Beach park, 12 - 3 pm.

**Mike Wert of the City of Kirkland** said the Neighborhood Planning Process is intended to kick off in Q3 of this year.

The next JNA Board Meeting will be **August 2, 2021**.

Meeting Adjourned.

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