



## **Juanita Neighborhoods Association**

### ***General Meeting Minutes***

Monday, April 26, 2021, 7 pm

**Location: Zoom**

Approximately 12 people in attendance including board members Doug Rough, Rob Scarber, Launa Smoot, Leo Gilbert, Jennifer Salem, and Brian Magee. Also in attendance: Kim Scrivner (COK), Joy Wang (JHS), Jon Pascal (COK), Calvin Tonini, Shreva Chirumamilla (JHS Key Club Board), Christina Nis (JHS Key Club), Paul Cooper (JHS CSA recipient)

Doug Rough, welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the purpose of the Juanita Neighborhood 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. The Welcome event will be in September again this year and volunteers are welcome.

1. **Review and approve previous meeting** minutes - correct Brian's name, minutes approved
2. **Student Community Service award** - Paul Cooper - Eagle Scout, volunteers with his church, built a gravel path for LW Christian Church. Paul will receive a certificate and \$100!
3. **Neighborhood Safety projects:** our crosswalk project at Edith Moulton Park was approved! Jon Pascal described the safety project tiers as high, medium, and low. COK got the top three projects approved.
4. **NE 128<sup>th</sup> St Corridor Study** - Kim Scrivner - Transportation Planner with COK led a discussion of the NE 128th Street Corridor Study. More information on the project can be found on the City of Kirkland website at <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works-Department/Transportation/Plans-and-Studies-Transportation-Division/NE-128th-Street-Corridor-Study>. Kim presented information on and discussed the Stride Bus Service at NE 128<sup>th</sup> St, upgrades to Kingsgate P&R (Transit Oriented Development and parking garage), and walking and biking improvements throughout Juanita/Totem Lake/405 area. Calvin Tonini brought up the need for people to get to the hospital and the mall and Kim said that need would be addressed by a multi-modal transportation area in Totem Lake. Leo expressed that he was happy to see that the study is to the north of 405 and asked that the city please protect bikes along NE 128<sup>th</sup> Street by perhaps widening the sidewalk, or the street. Kim referred people to some existing requirements already approved by City of Kirkland that require new developments to connect to the area. Doug asked about secured bike storage at the P&R. Rob asked that they consider a dedicated right turn lane at 116<sup>th</sup> to 124<sup>th</sup>. Kim said this is starting later this year. Kim said more information could be found on the website under Kirkland



Capital Improvements Projects. Doug expressed concern that the default for lowering bike accidents is to lower the speed limit, but that it has an adverse effect on commerce. Brian says that studies show 40mph = 80-90% death rate but lowering speeds (to 20 mph) has a huge effect on survivability and referred to “Vision Zero”. Vision Zero is Kirkland's goal for zero fatalities and serious injuries on our streets. Barriers are more effective and is lower cost than lower speeds when looking at the cost/benefit analysis, though possibly not when considering Vision Zero.

5. Christina Nis from the Juanita High School Key Club asked if there were any projects the club could help with. They have done some fundraising for Fred Hutchinson and were looking for other projects that could be done within Covid restrictions. Joy Wang and Shreva Chirumamilla, the incoming president and vice president of the club were also at the meeting. An Arbor Day clean up with JNA was discussed and 6-7 members of the Key Club might be interested in volunteering. JNA can supply food, the city can provide gravel, wood chips, haul away branches. Doug let the JHS Key Club know that they are welcome to join the JNA board, as long as they live within 5 blocks of the Juanita Neighborhood boundary and encouraged them to join the JNA. It was pointed out that the JNA bylaws state board members must be 18 years old.
6. **Signs project** - Launa - Minuteman Press took too long to get back to Launa, so they doubled our order for signs to 40. Launa wants more ideas for messages, like inviting CSA winners to add a quote. Rob likes Bob Ross quotes.
7. **Cleanup project** - Launa - Juanita Beach flowers planted last month.
8. **Set date and place for fall Welcome Event:** the JNA board voted to hold this year’s event at Juanita Beach Park, September 12th or 18th. We will use both shelters. Launa has a friend who creates balloon arches and balloon art. The board approved. Launa will find out price. Brian volunteered to submit the application. We need entertainment: music, dancing, gymnastics. Leo will take care of music, and may still have contacts for dance or gymnastics. Leo was voted as entertainment director. Doug will coordinate food from restaurants. If the city lets us have the shelters for free, then get the whole day. Brian will coordinate with the city. David Wolbrecht or Jason Filan are our contacts. Rob will buy yard games, online or at the store, as well as drinks and snacks. Launa suggested bubble machines, face painting, chalk (knows art teacher at her children’s school). Brian will help with it as well.
9. **Voting on board members:** A vote was held to approve current members to continue on the board. All were approved! Doug, Jennifer, Leo, Brian, Rob, Launa are the current board members.
10. **Other business:** Launa asked if JNA can sponsor recycling containers at Juanita Beach. Just got it at Everest Park. Snapple donated recycle bins to 22 city parks. Doug asked her to write a letter to Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN), and the city will possibly get behind it. Leo said if it has been tried recently then don’t bother; if it’s been years ago, then let’s try again. Doug asked Launa to reach out to KAN / City of Kirkland, JNA would like to support this. At Marymoor has recycling in blue bin, so it is being done in other parks.
11. **Next board meeting on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**
12. **The meeting ended at 8:38.**

