



Juanita Neighborhoods Association

General Meeting Notes

Monday, January 10th, 2022, 7 - 9pm

Location: Zoom

View the Zoom meeting link here: (recording of the meeting began approximately 10 minutes after the meeting commenced, missing were introductions of attendees by JNA Chair Doug Rough)

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Approximately 26 people in attendance including board members Doug Rough, Rob Scarber, Leo Gilbert, Jennifer Salem, Brian Magee, personnel from the City of Kirkland, personnel from WSDOT.

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.

- **Student Community Service award** - Matthew Hopkins, Sr at JHS, member of various clubs, Interact, National Honors Society (volunteering), ASB (Communications Chair, Rotary Club of Kirkland). Volunteers inside and outside school. Find college that has Rotoract (the college version of Interact). Undergrad in Nutritional Science.
- **Plaque awarded to Evergreen Health Emergency Room Staff** - Doug presented the staff (Lexi) a plaque from JNA, thanking them for their service. Doug shared a story with them about Dale, who created the plaque, whose daughter is a nurse, and experienced hostility from patients and their family members regarding COVID. Doug also presented them with 250 gift certificates from Jersey Mike's owner, Tim Trieb, with JNA and Jersey Mike's sharing in the cost
- **JNA Letter of Support for Juanita's First People, the Duwamish Tribe** - *Jon and Joyce Frost*
- There are a number of rights and programs the Duwamish tribe are not allowed due to no Federal designation, including in public school history curriculum. Had a winter village near tennis courts at Juanita Beach park.
- Jennifer asked where COK stands on this designation. Joyce said Kirkland has already given their support. This does not give the Duwamish tribe any land. Rob will send Jon Pascal the letter of support. The Duwamish tribe is buying land across the street on the Duwamish river (Terminal 90 park, near the Boeing complex), by the longhouse. Also includes health benefits. They did get recognition at the end of the Clinton admin, then revoked with Bush admin.
- Jon and Joyce Frost said they didn't know CoK's stance on federal tribal recognition of the Duwamish. Jon Pascal offered to take a copy of the letter and look into it. (Rob sent Jon a copy of the letter of support).



- **NE 132nd Street/I-405 WSDOT presentation - Victoria Miller (WSDOT), Evelyn Pao (WSDOT), Matt DeGooyer (Graham Construction)**
- Since 2017, under contract with WSDOT and Graham Construction
- On ramp to NB 405, offramp to SB 405. Fish passage, storm water improvement. Improves pedestrian and bicycle connections. Includes two roundabouts on E/W sides of 405.
- Improves access to Totem Lake regional growth center, and Juanita neighborhood.
- Roundabouts are safer than intersections, and improves traffic flow
- Substantial completion Nov 3, 2023
- Now in pre-construction stage, Geotech borings, clearing, survey, erosion mitigation
- Stage 1 - April 2022 to October 2022 - shift traffic on S side of NE 132nd, temporary signals, widening N side of NE 132nd
- There will be dedicated pedestrian and bike lanes
- Outreach and notifications - flyers, signage, briefings quarterly, pop-up events, website updates
- Best way to receive updates: hotline 425-224-2433
- Doug invited WSDOT and Graham for the JNA General meeting May 9th
- Karl Westby graded the current intersections "F" (high delay. With roundabouts, "B" or "C"). There will be "Roundabout 101" instructionals
- Leo asked about bike access on W side of 405. Jon asked for more detail on ped/bike lanes

- **NE 85th Street/I-405 Google presentation - Ian Goodhew, Google**
- Started discussion in 2018 to resolve congestion of employee commute. Calculus has changed since Covid.
- Google was interested in the Lee Johnson property. Spoke with Tod Johnson, who said their company would like to remain in Kirkland.
- Looking at TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Zoning needs to be upzoned, with taller buildings, and a Google campus for up to 6000 employees. Timing: start construction in 2024/2025, first completion 2027, final completion in 2032.
- Concerns by neighbors with traffic and environmental impact.
- 6 Star Sustainable Campus. Carbon/water neutral, actually carbon/water/waste positive. Solar power, natural ventilation, green roofs, buildings constructed with Mass Timber (cross lam timber). Up to 180' high. Rooftop appurtenances up to 200'. Could go up to 250', but not anticipated. Buildings would also have public benefits. Pedestrian overpass, connector trail to existing overpass, several parks, mixed retail on lower floors, no residential units.
- Conversations with LWSD for instructional space.
- Concern with traffic next to BRT. Encourage employees to use BRT, biking, pedestrian, provide employees with showers, lockers, bike storage. Also instituted parking disincentive (charge for parking), pay employees (\$8/day) to not drive. Google employee's single occupancy vehicle goal is 15%, currently 52%, still lower than general population.
- Currently have 85% of non-Kirkland employees commuting in single occupancy vehicles, but that drops to 52% among employees who live near the campus (not clear on the area defined, but in the close vicinity of the Google campus). With the new buildings and aggressive transportation goals, they would like to reduce the overall use to 62%. He also said the deal on the Lee Johnson site is contingent on acceptance of the Environmental Impact Statements. Also, that they would



encourage and assist other developers to add residences to the area, though there were no immediate plans.

- Ingrid asked if Google can work with Sound Transit, King Co Metro on some policies, like 'ride-for-free' trials.
- Doug invited Ian to the next General meeting in May
- **Transportation/Capital Improvements** - Rod Steitzer, COK, Public Works Capital Projects Manager, Rosalie Wessels, COK, CIP
- **Project 1 (in presentation)** - aging and failing infrastructure storm water drainage at NE 132nd St and 100th Ave NE, begins mid-late February
- **Project 2** - turn lane on SB 116th Ave NE at NE 124th St - dedicated right turn lane (about 370'). Will begin mid-late February, longer timeframe, it's a WSDOT limited access project. A roundabout was considered, but not right for this situation.
- **Project 3** - dedicated right turn lane from WB NE 132nd St to 108th Ave NE
- **Project 4** - dedicated right turn lane from EB NE 132nd St into JHS
- New fire station at 121st Ave NE - timing, early demo soon. This will provide a training opportunity for Kirkland FD.
- **Juanita Neighborhood Plan update** - Janice Swenson, COK, Senior Planner
- Neighborhood Plan update process, Citywide Comprehensive Plan update 2022-2024
- Regarding the process, purpose, schedule, code implications, and authority for this year's update to the Juanita Neighborhood Plan. Describe the process ahead and the expectations for involvement by the JNA.
- View the Juanita Neighborhood Plan update here: [JNA Neighbor Plan Update Process 01102022](#)
- After Doug had officially adjourned the meeting, but there was a short discussion with Margaret Bouniol calling attention to speeding on NE 112th and asking for support from other community members to get traffic and speed calming measures put in place
- **Other business:** Open forum for Q&A, please limit to 2 minutes per inquiry.
- **Meetings:** Board meetings are the first Monday of the month, general meetings are the second Monday of odd months
- **Next JNA General Meeting** - Monday, March 14th, 2022, 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Zoom)
- **Next JNA Board Meeting** - Monday, February 7th, 2022 from 7:00-8:00pm (Zoom)
- **The meeting concluded at 9:07pm**