**Juanita Neighborhood Association**

***General Meeting Minutes***

Monday, September 12, 2022, 7 - 8pm

**Zoom Meeting**

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

Also in attendance: Ingrid Salmon, Dottie, Kate Conant, Curtis M., Diane, and Amanda Judd (representing City of Kirkland Park Board)

**I. Welcome Guests - Doug Rough began the meeting and presented the agenda.**

**II.** **Purpose Statement – Statement of our “why’s”**

*The members of JNA have fun creating community through activities and initiatives that improve the neighborhood and develop relationships in order to serve the residents and visitors in the Juanita Area.*

1.       Improve Neighborhood physically (parks, clean up, and work projects)

2.       Build relationships by developing community (events, meetings, parties)

3.       Provide Opportunities for the residents to get involved

4.       Provide input to the City of Kirkland on issues and policy

**III.** **Welcome Event**

* Doug Rough invited the community to the event to be held at Edith Moulton Park September 17, 2022.
* Five restaurants will supply food, which JNA will reimburse half to each restaurant. The five restaurants will be: Jersey Mikes, Gyro World, Papa John’s, La Corona, and Hero’s Brazilian BBQ.
* The event will also feature Ukrainian dancers, a Ukrainian opera singer, and the band 24 Madison. There will also be yard games and booths with local businesses.

**IV.** **Juanita Public Pathway**

* Doug Rough presented a Power Point about the Juanita Public Pathway. JNA had proposed this walking path from south Kirkland through Heronfield Park, past Juanita High School, through Edith Moulton Park, through Windsor Vista Park through to the north end of Kirkland and the Brick Yard Park and Ride.
* Doug spoke at the City Council meeting, and they suggested JNA would need to show that the community supports this idea. Doug stressed we are not looking for money from the neighborhood, but we need support and enthusiasm for the idea to make it happen.
* The plan would be to build the path in sections, which he outlined in the presentation, and which can be found on the Juanita Neighborhoods Association website.
* There was a discussion of what existing government and community entities might help in promoting this project. Greenways, Safe Routes to School, regional transportation, the two Kirkland Rotary groups, and Juanita High School PTSA and ASB were mentioned.
* Some of the path includes private and business property which may make some parts of the path more difficult to implement.
* Jon Pascal of the City said he couldn’t find it in the neighborhood plan from 7 years ago, though Doug said JNA had emailed him regarding this. The neighborhood plan was supposed to be revisited this year but has been postponed so there may be a chance to include it.
* Ingrid volunteered to bring the idea up at a PTSA meeting, since she is a member. An ASB member

**V. Next meeting**

* The next JNA General Meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022.
* New board members are needed.

**VI. Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned