



Juanita Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9th, 2022, 7 - 8pm

Zoom Meeting

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

Also in attendance: Kirkland Police Chief Cherie Harris, Ingrid Salmon, Mike Wert, Tina Alsadhan, Amanda Judd, Mike - Chillz Ice Cream, Heidi Schor, Tim Atkinson, Svea, D, Christian Knight, Dan Winkler, Ram H, Susan Vossler, Cindy Potter-Gus, Richard C, Laura Drake, Karen, Janet P. White

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. Kirkland Police Department Chief Cherie Harris was present to answer community questions.

- Several questions were asked about homelessness in the community and what Kirkland Police are doing to address it. Chief Harris stressed that homelessness is not a crime. The Kirkland Police has a Human Services program and has recently added a mental health professional to the staff, which has been a significant help. Usually, they try to connect people with needed help or shelter. If someone is camping on private property, the police will ask them to leave, and they will check back on them. The police usually try to avoid arrest in these situations. On public property, because of recent rulings in court, the police cannot arrest campers if no shelter beds or housing are available. Police cannot confiscate motor homes. People are not allowed in the parks after dark.
- A community member asked about encampments along I-405, some on Washington Department of Transportation (WashDOT) property. The concern being for the people themselves, but also the dangers of human waste, fires, and traffic disruption. It was asked that the police be aggressive in getting help to these people so the encampments do not become entrenched here. Chief Harris said she would investigate what could be done and said they would need WashDOT permission to address the issues on their property.
- Chief Harris was asked whether Kirkland Police think the low-income housing being provided at the La Quinta Inn site will be helpful. Chief Harris had just participated in a community meeting on the subject. She said they have not identified who will be managing the site. She thought it seemed pretty structured and Kirkland Police would work with them. She mentioned other long-term housing and shelter space in Kirkland, Helen's Place, and

Friends of Youth, and said these collaborative programs have worked well. The La Quinta Inn site being near a school has been a community concern. She mentioned that she previously worked in Monroe, which had a prison and transitional housing near a school, and it worked. She directed people to the City of Kirkland website for further information on this project.

- Have there been more incidents of gunfire in Kirkland? Chief Harris said there have been more incidents county wide, with four in Kirkland last year. There has been an increase in property crimes in Kirkland including catalytic converter thefts, car prowls, shoplifting, and organized retail theft. She mentioned a program to etch or paint catalytic converters and efforts to track down sales of stolen catalytic converters. She directed people to the crime dashboard on the Kirkland Police website to see crime trends.
- Should citizens call 911 if they see theft in a store, or should they leave that to the store? Chief Harris said to call, but do not intervene. Be a good witness, note details, and give information, but be safe.
- How is the department looking as far as staffing? Chief Harris said 108 officers are authorized and they are at 106, though fifteen are not currently available due to military deployment, family leave, or have not graduated from the academy. Several officers have retired or moved to the private sector.
- What can be done about loud exhaust pipes? Chief Harris said they get a lot of complaints, and it has increased lately. Modified exhaust is against the law so tickets can be issued.

IV. Welcome Event

- Doug Rough took the opportunity to invite Chief Harris and the community to Juanita Neighborhoods Association's annual Welcome event which will be on September 17th, 2022, 12:00 to 3:00 pm tentatively at Juanita Beach (note: after this meeting, the location was changed to Edith Moulton Park). There will be food, games, and entertainment! Spud, Gyro World, Papa John's and Acetuino's will provide food. Entertainment will be local band and Ukrainian dancers. Lawn games will be raffled off at the end of the day. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date.

V. Student Award

- Doug Rough presented this month's Student Award to Emma Artz. Emma is a senior at Juanita High School. She has been involved in gathering over one thousand pounds of food for Hope Link and has participated in DECA and Running Start. She participates in Evergreen Mountain Biking Streetlines to teach kids to bike. She competes in international downhill bike racing and will be going to Scotland and New Jersey to compete soon. She will be attending Fort Lewis College in Colorado in the fall and is interested in a major in health or business. The student award comes with \$100. Congratulations Emma!

VI. Doug Rough presented a proposal for the Juanita Public Path

- The Juanita Public Path would be a walking path, away from street traffic, from south Kirkland, through Heronfield Park, past Juanita High School, through Edith Moulton Park, through Windsor Vista Park all the way to the north end of Kirkland and the Brick Yard Park and Ride. With cooperation from Bothell, the path could continue north to connect to the Burke Gilman Trail. When Doug spoke to the city, they pointed out the Greenways path is also a north to south path. The Greenways path, however, runs along 100th NE, near traffic, and does not run close to the park and rides or schools. The community members in attendance were in support of the Juanita Public Path. Doug would like to present the plan

to The Kirkland City Council and Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods. Christian Knight of Greenways was in attendance and felt there would be support and that The Juanita Public Path and Kirkland Greenways are not mutually exclusive. He and others familiar with funding felt that perhaps Juanita Public Path could be funded in pieces through Greenways, the Neighborhood Safety Program, Safe Routes to School and other programs. There was support from the community at the meeting for pursuing this project.

VII. Christian Knight, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator of the City Manager's Office, and Laura Drake, Senior Project Engineer with City of Kirkland, gave an update on the 100th Avenue NE Project.

- The previous project along 100th, to add the Cedar Creek culvert, was completed by City of Kirkland in 2020.
- The next steps in the project will be along 100th Avenue NE between NE 139th and NE 145th. The project is planned to start between January and March of 2023 after hiring in fall of 2022. The project consists of a 5-lane road with sidewalks and sidewalk level protected bike lanes on both sides. There will be two turn lanes at Simonds Road. Traffic signals will be upgraded to Intelligent Traffic Signals (ITS), traffic control systems that can respond to changes in traffic. The section from NE 132nd to NE 139th has been designed but has not been funded. More information on the projects can be found at the City of Kirkland website: <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works-Department/Construction-Projects/100th-Avenue-Northeast-Corridor-Improvements>
- A new "Welcome to Kirkland" sign will be placed near Simonds Road.
- There was community discussion and questions about the project. A representative from a condominium board along the route requested that City of Kirkland fully inform them of changes and traffic disruption near their property due to the project. There was discussion of why roundabouts were not used in this project. Imbalanced traffic at the intersections is not ideal for a traffic circle, though it was not known whether it was considered. There was enthusiasm for the protected bike lanes. Community members would like to see more like this as it would encourage more bike riding.

VIII. Susan Vossler, a Kirkland resident, and volunteer with the City of Kirkland, gave a presentation on the Anti-Idling Public Awareness Campaign by the City of Kirkland

- The campaign is part of the City of Kirkland Sustainability Master Plan
- Turn off your engine when you are parked for more than 10 seconds.
- Idling contributes to unhealthy air quality, generates CO2 furthering climate change, can damage your car's engine, and wastes fuel and money.
- Take action! Turn off your engine when parked. Talk to your family and people in your social circle to inform them.
- Take the pledge at iturnitoff.com and then challenge five other people to do the same.

IX. Doug Rough conducted the annual election of Juanita Neighborhoods Association Board Members.

- Doug asked if anyone was interested in becoming a new board member. No one came forward.
- The following board members were elected: Doug Rough, Rob Scarber, Jennifer Salem, Leo Gilbert, Brian Magee, and Margaret Bouniol.

X. Doug Rough wrapped up the meeting by asking for any additional business or concerns.



- Ram H asked if the street behind Juanita High School could have a roundabout. Doug thought he could suggest it to the Neighborhood Safety Program. The program is currently on hold because of staffing problems, but it could be considered when it resumes.

XI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.