



Juanita Neighborhoods Association

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 12, 2018, 7 pm

Location: Kirkland Justice Center

Approximately 24 neighbors were in attendance. Board members present: Ken Albinger, Leo Gilbert, Antonio Skokos, Brian Magee, Edison Colio, Vishwambhara Adiga and Jennifer Salem

Ken Albinger, filling in for Doug Rough, welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the purpose of the Juanita Neighborhood Association.

This month's Community Service Award and \$100 stipend was awarded to Linda Jung, a Juanita High School student, for her outstanding community service. She spoke briefly of her accomplishments which included being a hospital volunteer and being president of the Interact Club and Earthcore chapters at the high school. Congratulations, Linda!

Vish Adiga presented his idea for cameras and an app for locating parking spaces to alleviate some of the problems with parking at Juanita High School. The construction at Juanita High School has eliminated some student parking and it is impacting the surrounding areas. Vish spoke about the work he has done on his idea.

Kari Page of the City of Kirkland showed a video about bike share programs and discussed the pros and cons. There was also some discussion of bikes left in Kirkland from other cities' programs. Kirkland is considering a one-year bike share pilot program which would involve permitting and would include a cap on the number of bikes allowed. The City of Kirkland would like Kirkland residents' input on the topic. Joel Funder, Transportation Manager for Kirkland went over what they have learned from other cities that have started bike share programs.

There was also a discussion on off leash dog parks and off leash dogs in other Kirkland parks and areas, such as the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Current law says that all dogs must be on leashes in public, except in areas designated as off-leash. There are two off-leash dog parks in Kirkland. The current enforcement is education, warning, or a ticket. The first ticket is \$25, second is \$50, and it doubles for the third and beyond. Rosa Lee from Kirkland Parks Council is asking for input as to how the City Council should respond to requests for more off leash areas. Surveys were passed out on off leash dogs and bike share programs.



There will be a public meeting to discuss bike share programs and off leash dogs at Kirkland City Hall on December 6, at 7 pm. More information on these topics can be found at www.kirklandwa.gov/bikesharepilot and www.kirklandwa.gov/offleashdogs. The surveys can be found online at <https://www.research.net/r/kirklandoffleashdogs> (off-leash dogs) or <https://www.research.net/r/kirklandbikeshare> (bike share pilot).

The holiday lights will be put up at Juanita Village on Sunday November 18 at 1 pm. About 100 light poles will be decorated.

Leo Gilbert, Juanita Neighborhood Association board member and Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods member spoke to the group about gun safety. City of Kirkland passed Resolution R-5312 on May 1, 2018, which addressed Kirkland's stance on gun safety. Sarah Franklin and Heather McKnight, of the Kirkland Coalition for Gun Safety, would like to hear the community's thoughts on this subject. The City of Kirkland Gun Safety Initiative, Proposition 1 which passed November 6, 2018, includes funding for mental health, school resource officers, firearm safety and safe storage training, including subsidized trigger locks. Leo would like the community's input on gun safety issues and implementing the proposition. Leo Gilbert has provided additional information on this subject, which is attached to the meeting minutes.

Leo Gilbert also spoke on ideas for improvement of the Cross Kirkland Corridor. He proposed paving the 5.7 mile stretch of the corridor that runs through Kirkland. The cost is projected to be approximately 5 million per mile. The benefits he pointed to were that it was an alternative to clogged north-south commute options and paving it would make it more bike friendly, as well as ease use for pedestrians and some with impaired mobility. His main concern was safety for bicyclist, but he felt more people would be willing to use it as a commuting option if it were paved, which would take some traffic off the roadways. The current gravel is not easy to steer on and not good for braking. He would like to see paving the CKC become part of the Master Plan and he would like to see more dedicated bike lanes in Kirkland. He will move forward with his idea.

Brittan Stockert of the organization Babies of Homelessness spoke to raise awareness of their cause. Her group of 35 volunteers provides resources to babies of the homeless. She mentioned that there are 2700 unsheltered families in King County. Babies of Homelessness tries to provide needed items to families within 24 hours. The



community can support their cause through donations of money or items such as diapers, formula, food, and clothing. Volunteers are also needed. The crisis number is (866) 44 BOH HELP (866-442-6443). She asked that the number be passed on to anyone in need. For more information look at the website at www.BabiesOfHomelessness.org.

Brian Magee presented three ideas from the Juanita Neighborhood Association for proposing to the Neighborhood Safety Board. Project must be under \$50,000 to be considered. The three ideas discussed were:

1. Bike improvements to NE 116th to enhance the existing bike lane by adding green pavement markings at intersections similar to last year's safety project and improvements being done elsewhere by the City
2. Walkway improvements on NE 120th St west of Juanita Village. This roadway provides a critical link for a portion of the neighborhood to access Juanita Village, but it does not have sidewalks or a continuous, safe walking route. This project would add an asphalt walkway to the most dangerous portion of the street to improve safety. Since 2013, this project has had the most entries on the City's Suggest a Project website for improvements.
3. Shared bike lane improvements on 93rd Ave NE and NE 124th St through the neighborhood linking Juanita Dr and Juanita Beach Park to the NE 124th St & 100th Ave NE intersection and existing bike lanes on 100th Ave.
Improvements would be limited to pavement markings and signage.

After discussing each idea, the group consensus was to prioritize the walkway improvements on NE 120th given that it would address the most dangerous safety issue. Brian will develop a refined project description and submit it to the City ahead of the December 3rd deadline and work with them to confirm that interim walkway improvements (typically non-standard) will be viable for the program. If it is not, then he will develop an alternate project entry using one of the two options above.

The community was asked for ideas for spending the remainder of the \$6600 grant from the city. Up to \$1500 may still be available and should be spent by December 12th.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Juanita Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be January 14th, 2018.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Salem.