



Juanita Neighborhoods Association

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019, 7 pm

Location: Kirkland Justice Center

Approximately 35 people in attendance, including several from Sound Transit, King County, City of Kirkland, and several JNA board members.

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.

This month's Community Service Award, along with a \$100 stipend, was awarded to Juanita High School student, Angelina Lum, for her outstanding community service which includes work with Green Kirkland in removal of invasive plants. She spoke briefly and thanked the JNA.

David Wolbrecht, Services Outreach Coordinator for City of Kirkland, spoke about the Kingsgate Park and Ride changes and Transit Oriented Development (TOD.) Cynthia P. of Sound Transit also presented information on the Bus Rapid Transit project. The changes at Kingsgate Park and Ride will include 400-600 additional parking spaces and some affordable housing units. A study session on the topic is scheduled for May 9, 2019. Community input is being sought. More information can be found on the project webpage. TOD, and specifically the Kingsgate Park and Ride Project will require zoning changes and the surrounding community will be impacted.

Some of the topics of discussion during the meeting included whether there would be a charge for parking, as this might push people to look for free parking on nearby streets. Also discussed was whether this was enough parking for commuters and the added housing residents, and whether it makes sense to add more housing there. Several people were concerned with the placement of the buildings on the property and how this would affect the views of surrounding apartments and condos. This might be mitigated by screening plants and zoning changes.

Transit Oriented Development partners are:

- Sound Transit
- WSDOT
- King County Metro
- City of Kirkland
- ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing)

Specifically, they are looking for input on zoning code changes to implement the policies. Amendments will address building height, expanded range of uses, and design standards.



Ken Albinger announced that Holiday Lights at Juanita Village will be taken down Sunday, March 25, from 1:00 to 3:00. Meet at Urban Coffee in Juanita Village.

Karen Lightfeldt of the City of Kirkland shared that the redesign of Juanita Beach Park had been shut down but is back on the table now. The group voted that a request be made that the playground equipment that is being removed from Juanita Beach Park be moved to the Windsor Vista Park site. It will have only two years of usable life left, but it would help the park have equipment.

The group was asked whether to add Indian food to the Welcome Event in September. It was voted on and approved.

The next Juanita Neighborhood General Meeting will be held May 13, 2019.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Salem