



## **Juanita Neighborhoods Association**

### ***General Meeting Minutes***

Monday, May 13, 2019, 7 pm

**Location: Kirkland Justice Center**

Approximately 20 neighbors in attendance. Board members in attendance: Doug Rough, Jennifer Salem, Rob Scarber, Antonio Skokos, and Leo Gilbert.

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. He also mentioned that JNA is a 501C4 organization, meaning we can promote businesses and politics, but donations to the group are not tax deductible.

The Welcome event is being planned for September 14, 2019, at Edith Moulton Park.

This month's Community Service Award, along with a \$100 stipend, was awarded to Juanita High School student Bryn Baker. She has volunteered in the community through Green Kirkland and has also collected school supplies for those in need in Costa Rica. She spoke about her volunteer experience.

Jennifer Matison, Kirkland's Animal Control Officer, spoke about her work. First, she addressed off leash dogs. Currently there are only two parks where off leash dogs are allowed, Edith Moulton and Jaspar's Dog Park. The city is looking into adding more. There are 55 parks in Kirkland, and she tries to visit all of them each week. Kirkland Dog Licenses will replace King County Dog Licenses. Kirkland will keep microchip information and owner information so lost dogs can be returned to their owners. She is also responsible for other animal matters in the community. She is open to questions and can be contacted through the Kirkland Police Department.

Jim Lopez, Kirkland Assistant City Manager, presented several videos on city matters. The first was Community Policing and addressed the Police Departments efforts to better connect with the community to improve safety and reduce crime.

The second video was a review of the Sustainability Master Plan. David Barnes spoke in the video. There will be an open house on June 22, 2019, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at City Hall. They will be asking for suggestions on what should be included in the plan.

The third video had Jim Lopez discussing the City-Wide Connections Map. This map shows the streets and paths that allow for emergency response, transportation resiliency if routes are blocked, and concurrency to keep up with growth. There will be an open house June 15, 2019, 9:00 am to 11:00 am to discuss this and allow for community input. The City Council will address this in October.

There was also a video being prepared on Safer Walk Routes to schools.



All videos will be available to view on the City of Kirkland web site.

Brian Magee of the Safety Committee announced that the proposed walkway that JNA proposed for Juanita Village was approved as this year's Safety project. Last year's proposal for green paint to mark the bike lanes 100<sup>th</sup> NE and 98<sup>th</sup> NE have been completed. He asked for additional Safety Project proposals from the community. Contact Brian with ideas for next year.

Antonio Skokos spoke briefly about the Grant Project and Treasury matters. The budget is being planned for next year.

The Windsor Vista park project was discussed. We have asked the Park Board for the Juanita Beach Park playground equipment when it is replaced.

The Welcome to Juanita event is being planned for September 14, 2019, at Edith Moulton Park. Ideas for entertainment and games are welcome. We have several restaurants that have volunteered to provide food at half cost.

Board members were elected. Ken Albinger resigned from the board; the rest of the board is unchanged. New members are welcome!

The next JNA General Meeting is September 9, 2019.

There was a presentation about the Crossing Kirkland event which will take place September 7, 2019, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is a city-wide block party which will take place along the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The event is in its third year. There will be three stations along the corridor: one at Google, one south of the train depot, and one at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 85<sup>th</sup>. There will be food trucks, dancers, art installations, and a fun run.

Meeting was adjourned after the presentation.

