



# JNA General Meeting Minutes

## May 8, 2017

Approximately 43 neighbors in attendance.

Welcome Everyone!

Doug will not be with us tonight. He is in the hospital. Ken mentioned Doug's incident at the health club and how someone saved his life with the AED.

Ken provided a recap of annual JNA activities and events including occasional graffiti removal.


Student Award presented to William Chao. He has put in over 70 volunteer hours working in Downtown Kirkland and at the library. He helped set up lighting downtown during Christmas, sold flags at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, and works at the Farmers Market. He and his buddies have a lot of fun doing volunteer work for the City.

Michaels rezone recap (Jon Pascal – City Council) – Discussed the Private Amendment Request on behalf of the property owner for request to change zoning to allow retail on the bottom and two floors of residential above. Jon Pascal described the process and how the Michaels rezone is following the process. The Michaels rezone is pushed to 2018 because of other priorities. Jon described the challenges with the site. There is a legislative process that includes planning commission studies with public feedback. The project would be presented to the City Council at the end of 2018. At that point, the Council can accept, modify, or reject the proposal. Afterwards, the property owner would need time to design the site plan.

Other projects in the area were discussed (98<sup>th</sup> AVE NE bike lane, Juanita Beach park, wetlands enhancements, Juanita Drive improvements). Jon also discussed projects in the area of the Kirkland Justice Center (intersection improvements, church property, property next to Pump It Up). Jon also answered questions about improving water grid, water/sewage rates, parking problems, increased growth everywhere, parking concerns, traffic congestion, and population increase with/without infrastructure. Jon discussed how the City of Kirkland is addressing growth issues.

Betsy Adams (City of Kirkland Outreach Specialist) discussed the Juanita Creek Watershed Protection. The City of Kirkland is trying to protect stormwater from entering Juanita Creek utilizing grant funds. A person will come to your property and give you a report on how you can manage stormwater on your property to keep the water from entering Juanita Creek. The City will give you a 75% rebate on qualifying projects up to \$2,000. For more details contact [badams@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:badams@kirklandwa.gov)

Officer Lisa Broulette gave us an update on crime in the Juanita area. Discussed online reporting and online crime mapping as a way to find out what is going on in your neighborhood. Car prowls and drugs are two intertwined problems in our neighborhood. 250 car prowls city wide already this year. Areas by Juanita High School and by 112<sup>th</sup> are two hot spots in the Juanita area. Police officers are running 24 hour patrols and using crime analysts to predict criminal behavior. Several arrests have been made but the problem is huge. Cars are stolen to commit crimes and show up in other cities. Officer Lisa reviewed safety tips and how not to be a victim.



Mentioned that cars are broken into to access garage door openers. Criminals watch you as you park to see if your car can be a target. Violent crime is rare. Kirkland is a very safe city. Officers would like for more people to call 911 in the middle of the night when car alarms are going off. If you see something suspicious, please call 911. Do not shy away from calling 911.

Talked about homeless setting up along Cross Kirkland Corridor. Camping is not allowed and cleared out from the corridor area. Homelessness is growing in Kirkland. The Police are keeping an eye on it. Discussed door to door solicitation increases and how many of the solicitors get a license. Sometimes it is a fishing scam to see if you are home. Call 911 if you are concerned. Nobody should be coming to your door in the late evening/night. Question about private drive speed limit enforcement. Police cannot enforce speed limits on private drives. No Soliciting Signs are not enforceable legally. People can be trespassed from private property.

Ken discussed Josten Park Dedication Ceremony and the beautiful park space and showed photos!

Michael Cogle discussed our Parks Projects in the Juanita area. The majority of the projects are in the north part of Kirkland. Edith Moulton Park was transferred to the City in 2011. The goal of the park was to have a place for children to play in nature. The current project is to add play features, picnic shelter, trail enhancements, and off-leash dog play space. The project went out to bid and the bids came in way over-budget. Construction was very busy this spring, so rather than getting 6-8 bids they only got 2. City will rebid the project in the fall when the bidding environment is more competitive.

Juanita Beach Bath House needs improvements. City would like to replace the restroom. Looking at utilizing the park levy to replace the bath house before next summer. Discussed the site plan, view corridors, and adding a picnic shelter. City will try to add temporary improvements to maintain the existing bath house until next summer.


City of Kirkland is having a hard time finding people to fill the 20 to 30 temporary summer jobs. Please have anyone looking for a summer job contact the City. There are lots of job openings.

The Parks Department is looking for more park space in North Juanita. A goal is to have a park within a 10-minute walk from every household. The City will work with property owners to create park space.

City acquired land for Totem Lake Park near the lake (where Yuppie Pawn used to be located). There is a lengthy design and permitting process because of the wetlands. The park will be connected to the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Michael discussed ideas for the park space. Discussed the Totem Lake Cross Kirkland Corridor Bridge Design ideas and how the process is coming along.

Brian Magee talked about the Neighborhood Safety Program. Brian reviewed the status of the 100<sup>th</sup> AVE NE flashing beacon project and how it scored second amongst neighborhood projects. There is a request for project ideas in our neighborhood. Discussed repaving road projects (100<sup>th</sup> AVE NE and 93<sup>rd</sup> AVE NE) happening this Spring. Thank you everyone that provided input for 100<sup>th</sup> AVE NE road improvement project. The 100<sup>th</sup> AVE NE project went to the council last month and there is an ongoing dialogue about the proposed improvements for the project.

Ken discussed the 2017-2018 Matching Grants program and how the JNA will get \$6,500 for the neighborhood. Ken discussed how the \$6,500 is divided amongst different projects over a two year time frame.



One of the first Neighborhood Safety Projects in 2014 was to add a connection to the Cross Kirkland Corridor in the Forbes Creek Area. The project is under construction right now! The foot path from Avana is being enhanced with a gravel ramp! Ken showed us pictures of the project! Come ride your bike on the Cross Kirkland Corridor!

Ken gave an update on Windsor Vista Park. JNA is looking for volunteers to help with the project.

Larissa discussed Welcoming 101 event on May 31, 2017.

Board Elections were held for the JNA Board 2017-2018 session. 27 voted in support for Board Members and 0 were opposed.

- Chair – Doug Rough
- Vice-Chair – Antonio Skokos
- Secretary – Tiffany Martin (Publicity Chair)
- Treasurer – Ken Albinger
- At Large – Brian Magee (Neighborhood Safety Program Representative)
- At Large – Larissa Chuprina (Diversity Coordinator)
- At Large – Leo Gilbert (KAN Representative)
- At Large – Ed Colio
- At Large – Shirin Sherkat

The next JNA General Meeting is September 11, 2017.