



JNA General Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2017

Approximately 30 neighbors in attendance.

Welcome Everyone!

Doug provided a review of JNA activities and the Welcome to Kirkland event.

Holiday lighting in Juanita Village will probably be cancelled this year. We need volunteers to install and remove the holiday lights.


Isobel Gordon is the recipient of the Student Community Service Award for her assistance with the Juanita High School student transition program.

A representative for CenterCal Properties discussed The Village at Totem Lake project. CenterCal has been developing small to large properties in 5 states. The Village at Totem Lake is a large development project with a similar vision to their other village project concepts where people can shop, stay, live, work, and play. He showed us some pictures of finished projects that are similar to The Village at Totem Lake. He discussed the Pacific Northwest - Gathering Place concept that they are working to bring to the development. Phase 1 has recently opened with Nordstrom Rack and Trader Joes. Some aerial maps and drawings were used to show the future plans for the development.

The Nordstrom Rack Store Manager spoke with us about how wonderful the store opening has been and how they are out of inventory. She has heard great comments about the new store and development. Nordstrom Rack wants to be our local retailer. She told us about how the fast pace store is growing rapidly and will soon employ 90 people!

Michael Cogle with Kirkland Parks will speak with us about Totem Lake Park at a future meeting. Today he discussed how expanding parks in North Juanita is a goal of the city. Edith Moulton Park's vision is to be a place where children can play in nature. The City has been working on construction drawings and planning. A construction company has won the bid to improve the property and will begin work in January 2018. The plans include adding a playground, pavilion, ADA accessible paths, and an off-leash dog trail. The McAuliffe Park expansion includes a property that the city acquired recently which will be added to the value of the park. Juanita Beach Bathhouse Replacement project is underway. Michael showed us the planned replacement building next to the Juanita Creek area with a new location for the playground. There were some proposed pavilion options for us to discuss and provide input to the City. The City has a goal of having parks within walking distance of every household. Many of these park projects are funded by the 2012 Park Levy.

The Friends of Juanita Beach would like to work with Kirkland Parks to solicit donations and community partner to improve the playground to something bigger and better. They have also been working on dog waste bags and bins.



The Kingsgate Park and Ride Representative could not be here tonight and will be here in January. The plan is for them to charge to park in the Kingsgate Park and Ride. Parking will be reduced while the new parking structure is built. The JNA would like to vote to formally object to charging a fee to park at the Park and Ride. (Vote: 21 for objecting to charging a fee, 1 opposed). Discussion regarding the Park and Ride difficulties for residents adjacent to the Park and Ride. (Vote: 18 in favor of having a local resident right about community difficulties with the Kingsgate Park and Ride, 3 opposed). The JNA will send letters to the County.

Kari Page discussed Walkable Kirkland and School Walk Route completions. The proposed sidewalk on 94th AVE NE is in design and the City is looking for feedback to include in the design process. Also, the proposed sidewalk on 108th Ave NE near AG Bell is in design and the City is looking for feedback.

The City of Kirkland has a grant process for the Neighborhood Safety Program. The two projects that the JNA will propose for the Neighborhood Safety Projects are bike lane improvements on 198th AVE NE and crosswalk improvements near Helen Keller Elementary School on 108th AVE NE. (Vote: 11 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstained).

Ken reviewed the Juanita Neighborhoods Association budget.

Doug reviewed the Windsor Park project idea and asked for volunteers.

Community discussion about the Arco Station and the corner of NE 124th ST and 116th AVE NE.

If you would like to join the JNA Board, please let us know!

The next JNA General Meeting is January 8, 2018.