

Juanita Neighborhood Association General Meeting May 9, 2016

Present: Approximately 25, including all Board members: Doug Rough, Ken Albinger, Tiffany Martin, Larissa Chuprina, Ed Colio, and Brian Magee

7pm: Doug Greetings; Presenting Board members and residents

7:10 pm: Doug with Agenda + slides about the past events organized by JNA for a year.

Announcements: Cross Kirkland Corridor clean up on May 14 with Rotary. Summer Picnic will be August 20, 2016; Call to participate and volunteer. Call for new projects. Money is available.

7:15 Sound Transit team (Karen): ST3 and Cross Kirkland Corridor—Sound transit with Juanita Neighborhood Corridor Draft Plan. By 2023 Puget Sound will have 50 + miles of light rail, with 30+ stations, connecting 11 cities. This work will have been completed under voter-approved packages known as ST1 and ST2. The next package which will be on the November ballot is known as ST3. The main project tentatively set to be included as part of work in ST3 near the Juanita neighborhood is the development of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route on I-405 which will use the recently complete HOT/HOV lanes. At present, money is not included in ST3 for construction of transit facilities on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. One potential option discussed may be added which is to extend light rail from Bellevue to the South Kirkland Park & Ride on the extreme south end of the CKC.

ST2 Project is underway: University link extension. Budget: 2.8 million—2014; 3.7—in 2040, with finishing in 2016 (3rd stage, by ballot), March—Draft plan. Other highlights: BRT on I-405 and SR522. Access improvements on I-5 and I-405 (Bus on Shoulder) (for details: website of Soundtransit). Bellevue-Bothell connection, estimated cost 50 billion dollars (capital, grants, Bonds, taxes: ST1 330 dollars =about 400 a year in taxes (0.25 cents)

7:30 pm Save Our Trail (Sue Contreras): Save Our Trail is an advocacy group that opposes mass transit on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Save Our Trail is recommending a study to look for alternatives which do not place transit on the trail. Their position is that transit does not serve the population of Kirkland, and they recommend a “no” vote if ST3 includes transit on the CKC rather than on I-405.

7:50 : Jenna Higgins-Kirkland Environmental Services: Shopping bags, adopted the law banning plastic bags and 5 cents surcharge for paper bags. Discussion about bags and recycling. King County Awareness about trash and info where it goes (Woodinville).

8:00 City of Kirkland: New Kirkland Fire Station: Since our March meeting, the tentative location for the new Fire Station has moved from the northeast (NE) corner of the 100th Ave NE & NE 132nd St intersection to the property with Rite Aid west of the intersection. This location is opposite of Juanita Elementary School and some coordination has already been taking place between the school, and the City in case this becomes the final location for the fire station.

8:30: Ken: Juanita Neighborhood Summer picnic on Saturday, Aug 20, 2016. Last year’s picnic was very successful. Planning is underway for this year’s picnic which Ken Albinger is leading up.

Volunteers to help plan, collect donations/prizes, and support the event are welcome. This year's picnic will be hosted at the same location as last year's on the north half of Juanita Beach Park.

8:45 North Juanita Park Project: JNA may work with the Rotary on a Possible Improvement project for Windsor Vista Park.

Brian: 8:50 Neighborhood Safety Project update: Council Approval is pending of the top neighborhood safety projects. Juanita has one project on the list to be approved for funding which will improve a walkway from the North Kirkland Community Center towards NE 126th ST.

Ken: Finance report, hand-outs with finances of JNA: \$6,000 dollars for projects, 443 for parks and clean up. Welcome to Juanita, 1st Sat. of March.

Doug: Potential Bylaw Change. A change to the bylaws was discussed to expand membership in the Juanita Neighborhood from the City-defined boundaries by a distance of up to 5 blocks beyond the defined boundary within the Kirkland City Limit. This change was proposed to allow residents that consider themselves to be part of the Juanita neighborhood (such as those immediately west of Juanita Beach Park or near Totem Lake) to participate. After extensive debate about the merits of this proposal, the change to the bylaws was approved by a vote of [For: 18 Against:4]

2016-2017 Elections for the Juanita Neighborhood Association Board: There are up to 12 available spots. Each of the current Board members introduced themselves and the positions they were volunteering to continue/take on for the 2016-2017 Board. In addition to the current members of the board, one new member of the neighborhood volunteered for an At-Large role on the board., Jeremy Richtmyre.

Following the introductions a verbal consensus of the members present in the room agreed to take a single vote to approve/disapprove the entire set of volunteers for the 2016-2017 Board as follows:

Chair - Doug Rough

Treasurer - Ken Albinger

Co-Secretaries - Tiffany Martin and Larissa Chuprina

Neighborhood Safety Program Coordinator - Brian Magee

At-Large Members: Ed Colio, Jeremy Richtmyre

The JNA Board as listed above was approved by a vote of [For: 18, Against: 1]

Meeting adjourned.