



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

This meeting was held in person at the Village Green Community Center as well as via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Present (in person or by Zoom): Cynthia Logan, Glen Hutchinson, Dave Bomalaski, Logan Hammon, Alena Wolotira, Noah Williams, Chris Gilbreath, Glenn Malin, Kaili Roest, Beth Berglund, Breane Martinez, Steve Heacock, Shep Griswold, Genevieve Upton.

Excused Absence:

Absent: Louise Kernaghan, Marla Powers

Also present: Haylee Anderson, Rebecca Pirtle, and Commissioner Rolfes

Welcome & Call to Order: Council Chair Tim Davis called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

- Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)
 - Comment: Person who lives on Iowa street. Hasn't heard anyone talk about the issues with traffic leaving Kingston. On their side of town, people have waited and think they are on a highway. No marking on the street for people to cross 104. Often takes 30 cars. Ongoing issue.
- Council Chair comments:
 - Jet Glavin is resigning from KCAC
 - Noah stepping down at the end of March—2 member at large openings
 - New member: Shep Griswald, representing Kingston Kiwanis
- Commissioner Christine Rolfes Comments -
 - Accepting applications for the two openings
 - Haylee Anderson—will be taking time off next month
 - Alex Jarrett will help until Haylee comes back
 - Thanking Glenn Malin for over 10 years of service
- **Quorum:** Yes
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes for the February meeting were circulated in advance. *Glen Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Chris Gilbreath. All ayes. The minutes from February are approved.*

Ongoing or Unfinished Business:

- Future meeting topics:
 - April—Carl Lundgren to discuss comp plan
 - May is still open
 - Idea: Healthcare?



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- Sometime past June: Port presentation by Steve Heacock

New Business:

- KCAC going to staff the 8/9 Kingston Cares event
- Approval of amended Transportation Committee Comprehensive Plan. *All ayes. The amended Transportation Committee Comprehensive Plan is approved.*
- Jett leaving—need a KCAC PTOS member
 - Logan willing to join!

Reports:

● Organization Reports:

- **Rotary Club** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Scholarships for Afghan education
 - Chamber of Commerce Concerts in the Cove
 - Highway cleanup—cleaning up the south side of 104. Went to the board to do an additional mile. Parcels to Port Gamble. Just the south side.
 - Two local rotary clubs work on a trail in the Port Gamble Heritage Park
 - 20th—20th anniversary of the Kingston North Kitsap Rotary Club coming up on March 20th
 - <https://rotaryknk.org/>
- **Community Service** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - March 16—Fix the Ferries 10-noon meeting with Rep. Nance
 - April 25—Community Service—emergency preparation meeting called “Until Help Arrives” 5-8pm
 - Idea for future speaker: Healthcare—have Ray Fergus or Harold Shea
 - NEW BUSINESS: for next meeting: addition to the community services work plan to include healthcare as part of their work plan
 - Racism as a public health crisis
- **Kiwanis Club** (Shep Griswold)
 - Weeding party on March 16
 - Spring food drive 3/23
 - Community bike fest on 4/28
 - 6/1 Brew Fest
 - <https://greaterkingstonkiwanis.weebly.com/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterKingstonKiwanisClub>



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- **Village Green Foundation** (Beth Berglund)
 - <https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonvillagegreenfoundation?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
- **North Kitsap School District** (Breanne)
 - District looking to restart the facilities advisory committee—looking for broad perspectives with people from every school. Application process open through 3/29. Notify by 4/15. First meeting April 23.
 - Meeting tomorrow night—changes to the format. Starting at 530. Public comment—period for signing up will open at 4 and close at 5:20. 2 periods for public comment in the meeting. Priority given to people who have comments on the agenda. All meetings will also now be recorded.
 - <https://www.nkschools.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/nksd400>
 - <https://www.nkschools.org/about-us/departments/communications/parentsquare-for-families>
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces** (Mark Libby)
 - Quiet Place Park maintenance
 - **Port of Kingston** (Steve Heacock)
 - Renovation of public restroom this summer
 - Public market will open on Mother’s Day—vendors, food, and music
 - 2 hour parking area is now going to be staffing it so don’t park more than 2 hours!
 - Does the 2 hour limit apply to handicapped spots? Steve will find out.
 - On Sundays, it’s been difficult for the market to have parking for patrons because there are a bunch of people using more than two hours.
 - <https://www.thekingstonpublicmarket.com/>
 - <https://portofkingston.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/portofkingstonwa>
- **Enironment and land use**—no meeting
- **Transportation Committee**
 - Drafting a letter for a Transportation Improvement Plan submission
- **Neighborhood Reports:**
 - Beth Berglund: Chuck Holland and Bruce Moore have organized a road cleanup on Gamble Bay Road. Monthly.



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- **Rebecca Pirtle:** Kingston Projects List is updated on the county website. Anyone can join any of our groups, don't have to be KCAC member.
 - Commissioner: this is the list of projects in permit phases at the county level so folks can understand anything in Kingston of community interest.

Guest Speakers: Andy Nelson, Tim Beachy (Public Works) + John Vezina (Wash. State Ferries) to speak about Automated Traffic Management System

- **Andy Nelson**—county Public Works Director
 - Public Works is Transportation BUT ALSO Sewer Utility Services, Recycling and Garbage, and Stormwater—the Ohio stormwater project just got finished.
 - Also here: Tim Beachy, Project Manager for ATMS and many other Kingston projects
 - Ferry Initiative for Kingston Solving Issues with Traffic—46 year old poster also about ferry congestion
 - 104 Working Group—10 years of work in Kingston with people from various agencies and local members
 - Slides Presentation
 - Kingston—One of the 3 major crossings of Puget Sound. Considered a High Capacity Transit Hub
 - Initial objective was to create a holding lot to the west of Lindvog
 - Phase 1: Automated Traffic Management System to remove the need for human LE intervention.
 - Phase 2: 104 realignment. Funded by Move Ahead WA legislation. 18ish million dollars.
 - QUESTION: have you worked with local businesses?
 - A: Yes, Working Group includes Chamber
 - QUESTION: is Coffee Oasis going to have to go away?
 - A: No.
 - QUESTION: Does current plan address fast ferry issues for parking?
 - A: No. Does not include parking.
 - QUESTION: Impact on 1st street: homes north of first (Ohio, Iowa, Lindvog)--Several hundred homes with people who are going to be impacted by the ferry offloading?
 - A: in all of the convos we have had with the WG, we understand that we are not removing ferry traffic. Still have an important function of state highway through Kingston. Conversation about 1st street will be part of next phase of discussion.
 - QUESTION: Are you going to prioritize pedestrian safety with your plans? Walking along 1st now is very dangerous. No visible crosswalk.



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- QUESTION: Sound barriers?
 - A: we have to think about this.
- **Tim Beachy:** three objectives for this presentation
 - 1. Leave understanding the concept
 - 2. Understand the positive and negative ripple effects
 - 3. We'll be here til the building closes
 - ATMS intended to replace the officer on Lindvog
 - Detection loops buried in the pavement will give a signal to not send more cars down
 - When both loops clear, signal to send more cars down.
 - Halfway between WA and Ohio will be the measurement place
 - License plate readers at Lindvog and the toll booth. If you don't go through both, you get sent back
 - Barber Cutoff will be the spot where people who live in town will have to reroute
 - Continuous or noncontinuous—back and forth on that.
 - If non-continuous, they'll be working with WSF app to understand usage and communicate with the world about whether the system is on
- QUESTIONS:
 - Comment from Commissioner Rolfe: purpose of this project is not to make it easier for ferry traffic to get to the terminal, it's for the chaos to be outside of the town center
 - Comment from Tim Davis: ATMS is mid-engineering. Needs to happen soon. The rest will be years. And it's independent from the realignment which will take more time. Focus on ATMS
 - QUESTION: if traffic goes beyond BC, there's no shoulder?
 - A: Correct.
 - BETH BERGLUND: Appreciates the willingness to be flexible. Key conflict is going to be the schools. Saturday, Sunday, holiday would be the simplest
 - A: acknowledging John Vezina and ferry staff.
 - QUESTION: However this operates, it needs to align with how people are going to behave. If you create a system that isn't logical, people will ignore it and the toll booth clerk will be the arbiter
 - QUESTION: Can we get good signs and markings? 104 sign near BC—make sure they say "holding lane in effect" (variable signage) in all of the places where necessary



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- COMMENT: Helps to go on WSF site to find out how long of a wait there is. Encourages cameras for the different points of congestion.
- QUESTION: design deadline—does that include signs?
 - A: Yes. But adjustments possible as the federal and state people
 - Signage is easier to change but location of sign will not. She will not download an app. Tourists don't know what's going on.
 - A: Tim—signs are great but they are better to be static because it's so hard to pay for variable signs. Always referring people to the wsdot website, which is the best way.
 - A: John Vezina: WS Ferries. Thanks us for the tenor of the conversation. Commissioner Rolfes collaborates a lot. He's heard from the community loud and clear. They want to be good neighbors but terminal staff cannot be arbitrators. Needs to support the community but not put the burden on our staff. Terminal staff can't be responsible for turning things on and off. Stressful to work at our terminal in the summer.
- QUESTION: Shiny new object. How much is it going to cost? Toll booth folks shouldn't be referees. Lindvog can get plugged up. People can be "poo poo heads".
 - A: no plan to turn this into a tolled system.
- ZOOM QUESTION: encourages non-continuous operations. Motorcycles should be able to go through and not wait.
- ZOOM QUESTION: Is this used in anywhere else?
 - A: No.
- ZOOM QUESTION: Can this not be routed through a school zone?
- QUESTION: Can the fast ferry run more?

Adjourn: *Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.*