



## Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

### Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022

**Notes taken by:** Beth Berglund & Jessica Jetter

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held using Zoom Video Conferencing.

Chair Alena Wolotira called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### Initial Public Comments:

- Mary Gleysteen reflected on the gun issues in America and whether it can happen here.
  - Commissioner Gelder indicated that the commissioners are looking at what's within their control.
- Joe Lubischer communicated three points.
  - The prior STO presentation left some with the impression that the decision had been made to route the STO thru the NK Heritage Park. This is unfortunate and inaccurate
  - I missed Joe's 2nd point
  - I missed the framing of point 3 but it seemed to relate to STO
    - When will it be open for public comment?
    - When will an information packet be available for those interested in commenting?
- Nancy Tietje spoke about the impact that the Arborwood development are having and the lack of planning. The poor infrastructure planning and the wildlife impacts the development is having.

#### GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

- **Eric Baker**, Deputy County Administrator: 2024 Comp Plan Update
  - See deck - good intro to comp planning
  - Critical Topics:
    - Housing Affordability / Affordable Housing
    - Climate Change
  - Kingston UGA
    - April Ryan: re: the Seaside Townhome Project and why the UGA doesn't extend into the shopping district in the community. Arborwood conflicts with the stated concerns. Eric indicated that it was approved (as a vested project) pre-GMA days.
  - Kingston Sub-Area Plan (augments the Kingston plan)
    - County isn't looking to overhaul, but to Tweek. Goals, policies, facility updates, cod amendments.
    - Augments, not replaces, overall Comp Plan,
    - 2020-2024
      - 3,200 new residents



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- 1,400 new jobs
  - They think this level of anticipated growth can fit inside the current UGA boundaries. This will require focused growth
  - High Capacity Transit status
  - Encourage downtown living. Incentives
  - Beth: consider joining the Environment and Land Use committee to work on these issues (does not require KCAC membership)
- At the County Jennifer Haro and Eric Baker are available to help provide the E&LU with information
  - What kind of info will be helpful?
  - Zoom would allow more County staff to engage more effectively
- Comp Plan: June 6-Aug. 18 for pre-applications
- **Marwan Cameron**, Executive Director: Gather Together Grow Together (<https://g2g2.org/>)
  - 4.5 years in Kitsap County focusing on self-sufficiency with a focus on transportation at  $\frac{1}{3}$  the price of an Uber or Cab in this region
  - Partners with Kitsap Long Term Aging & Care
  - Operating always, even during COVID
  - G2G2 also helps provide free hot meals throughout the county on Thursdays
    - Pre-Covid they were cooking at the Salvation Army
    - Last year they joined the OSPI program providing low-income children with meals
  - Commissioner Gelder commented that G2G2 was a great partner during COVID
  - New Offering: 4th Wednesday pancake breakfast at New Horizon Ministries
  - Every 4th Thursday hosting a free BBQ
  - Strives to avoid “pinballing” people around and instead “take the journey” with their clients. Continuum of care.
  - Provides eviction assistance
  - The Conduit Podcast: <http://theconduitnetwork.org/>
    - <http://theconduitnetwork.org/our-show/>
  - Questions:
    - Beth asked: Is this organization a 501(c)(3)?
      - Yes it is.
    - Ruth asked: Does G2G2 have paid staff? If so, how many? Do you use volunteers?
      - Mainly volunteer and stipend based

#### Roll Call:



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**Present:** Alena Wolotira (co-chair), Jessica Jetter (co-chair), Izzy Kim, Noah Williams, Tim Davis, Glen Hutchinson, Chris Gilbreath, Glenn Malin, Breane Martinez, Steve Heacock, Beth Berglund

**Excused Absence:**

**Absent:** Nicholas Laurion, Jeromy Sullivan, Annie Perry, Sonja Roberts, Kaili Campbell, Radim Dedek

**Also present:** Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Commissioner Gelder, presenters (Eric Baker, Marwan Cameron), Kate Joncas, April Ryan, Bert Jackson, Beverly Parsons, Mary Gleysteen, Dave Bomalaski, Joe Lubischer, Mark Libby, Mathew Hager, Nancy Tietje, Ruth Westergaard, Steven Marchese, Judi, and others.

**Quorum:** Yes

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes from the June meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email. Meeting chair Alena Wolotira asked if anyone had any amendments. Beth made a motion to approve, Tim Davis seconded. All ayes. May minutes are approved.

- **Reports**

**Council Announcements:**

- KCAC meeting changing to in-person only (for members) in August
- Commissioner Gelder is asking CACs to start meeting in person. Since KCAC doesn't meeting in July, the first meeting would be in August. The public meeting needs to have a physical location.
  - Both Alena and Jessica voiced interest in flexibility for members to participate virtually.
  - Chris expressed that VG regularly facilitates hybrid meetings for Rotary

**Organization Reports:**

- Kiwanis (Glenn Malin)
  - Beer fest for Kiwanis last Saturday was well attended and successful. Kiwanis is hosting an open house tomorrow night from 6pm - 7:30pm.
  - Kingston 4th of July is in need of donations and volunteers.  
<http://www.kingston4thofjuly.com>
- Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)
  - Increased participation from students for the 4th of July celebration. This Friday Rotary golf tournament at White Horse Golf Club.
- Commissioner Gelder thanked everyone who participated on 14th of May for the 1st ever Kingston Curiosity Walk.



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- Village Green Foundation
  - Check out this page for upcoming events.  
(<https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/whats-happening/>)
    - Music at the Green Wednesday nights 6:30-8PM
    - Tim Davis photography is currently featured in the gallery at VG
- Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)
  - Check out the Kingston Public Market on Sundays 10-3PM
  - Special events include dog agility (during the dog days of summer)
- NKSD (Breane Martinez)
  - This weekend is graduation. NKHS on Friday and KHS on Saturday. Go to the NKSD website calendar for details as well as the summer programs. The last day of school is June 21st.
  - [https://www.nkschools.org/for\\_families/school\\_calendar\\_hours](https://www.nkschools.org/for_families/school_calendar_hours)

#### Committee Reports:

- KPTOS (Mark Libby):
  - Successful Whisper Creek trails work party. June 25th next work party on the fourth street (?) trail.
  - Next meeting after summer break is Tuesday September 6th.
  - Greater Kingston has 27 community connector trail segments in the Comp Plan (Appendix E).
  - DNR Property N of Parcels trail into Eglon. Transfer from DNR to community controlled forest (similar to Heritage park system but more local).
- Transportation Committee (Tim Davis):
  - [Washington State Ferries hosting virtual meetings on June 14 and 15, ahead of peak summer service](#)
  - Tim will send out the findings from the transportation study to the group
  - Parking spots in front of the Piano Bar in Kingston are not designated/assigned to any particular business. They don't have the right to reserve it for their own customers.
- Community Services Committee (Chris Gilbreath, Jessica Jetter):
  - Will present the draft KCAC statement regarding racism to the committee for review prior to the August meeting. Discussed incorporating monthly celebrations of diversity into KCAC meetings (e.g. Black history month, AAPI, Pride, etc., also Juneteenth). Concern re community resource guides needing translation into spanish and other languages. Concern with gun violence and gun shows being hosted on Kitsap County property.



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- Environment and Land Use Committee (Noah):
  - Reminder for people to join the committee
  - Great discussion re UGA

#### Neighborhood Reports:

- Alena asked about the George's Corner Park & Ride and seeing more people sleeping in their vehicles.
  - Commissioner Gelder will let Kitsap Transit know that's happening so they can monitor.

#### Member Queries:

- Beth asked whether any efforts under the category of "Inclusive Zoning" is in the works and/or is there any relevance to the Comp Plan.
  - Gelder says not Kingston limited.

#### Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- None

#### New Business:

##### Committee Participation Discussion:

- Draft Land Acknowledgement (move discussion to August)

#### Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
  - Mark Libby: Prior rounds in Committees vetted the feedback thru KCAC. Will that be happening this time?
    - Commissioner Gelder: Two year process, so no rush
- Upcoming meetings.
  - July: no KCAC meeting
  - August 10: no speakers lined up

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned by meeting Chair Alena Wolotira at 8:06 PM