



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

Notes taken by: Beth Berglund

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

Co-Chairperson Alena Wolotira called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

- **Kitsap Communications: Wi-Fi rollout (Andrew Horton)**

- Kitsap WiFi is being launched in Kingston (more info at kitsapwifi.com)
- \$125/mo fee
- Fiber is available for businesses
- His email is andrew@kitsapwifi.com

- **Our Forest Fund (Lynn Schorn, Kim Greenwood, Alia@ourforestfund.org)**

- 1st project is to save the trees in the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Green areas in map (see slide deck) are the focus of the organization
- They've raised ~\$32K so far with a goal of \$500K to start a dialogue with the company that owns the timber rights.
- There's no hard deadline for reaching the fundraising goal.
- Why is PGFHP still being logged?
 - Our Forest Fund did not have the funds to purchase the land fee simple at the time. The current contract allows for one harvest per forestry land unit for the next 25 years.
- Is there a priority for which trees to purchase?
 - Older and healthier trees are the highest priority.

- **Kitsap County Transportation Planner: STO update (David Forte)**

- See slide deck.
- 2011, 2013, 2018 (STO routes update)
- 2015 feasibility studies ("Divide Block")
- 2021 Port Gamble Trail (design)
- North Sound to Olympics (NSTO) - Kingston to Port Gamble
- There will be Public Open House events to collect feedback
- Project start is March 2020 (Parametrix (Fischer - Bouma, Struck Environmental))
- Website: <http://kcowa.us/nsto> (active in 3-4 weeks)
- Ride Park: 160 acres of the PGFHP (public facilities grant, RCO grant)
- John Willett (Sports Safety and Ed Assoc)



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Regular Meeting

Roll Call:

Present: Jessica Jetter (co-chair), Alena Wolotira (co-chair), Radim Dedek, Noah Williams, Tim Davis, Glenn Malin, Chris Gilbreath, Beth Berglund

Excused Absence: Glen Hutchinson, Breane Martinez, Kaili Campbell

Absent: Annie Perry, Izzy Kim, Nicholas Laurion, Jeromy Sullivan, Sonja Roberts, Steve Heacock

Also present: Commissioner Gelder, Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, and about 20+ others

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the February meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email.

Co-Chairperson Alena Wolotira asked if anyone had any amendments. Jessica Jetter made a motion to approve, Radim Dedek seconded. All ayes. February minutes are approved.

Reports

Council Announcements re: KCAC Committees:

- KCAC has 5 committees
 - E&LU (Beth)
 - Transportation (Alena but looking for a new Chair)
 - Community Service (Jessica/Chris)
 - Open House (open leadership)
 - KPTOS (Mark)

Organization Reports:

- Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Winter Auction is now April 16 at WHGC (White Horse Golf Club)
 - Stillwater joint project
 - June Golf Tournament
 - Fundraiser for Kingston CBC
 - Partnership with Port and Chamber to host 5 concerts in the Cove
- Village Green Foundation (Beth Berglund):
 - Village Green Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S8DPMKF>
 - Purpose: to understand whether VG is meeting the community's needs and help VGF address issues.
 - Kingston Convo is happening on Saturday, March 19 from 9-11AM. Register at the Kingston Cares events calendar.



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- Village Green's next free concert is this Saturday, featuring Irish music group 4 Shillings Short from 4pm-6pm at the Village Green Community Center.

Committee Reports:

- KPTOS (Mark Libby):
 - KPTOS is still looking for a liaison to KCAC (must be a KCAC member)
 - April 4 is the next KPTOS meeting
 - Work party on March 26th at the Nike Park Trail
- Transportation Committee (Alena Wolotira):
 - Ferry Traffic Control Update - state legislature has approved funding for summer traffic control funding. Still pending signing by the Governor
- Community Services Committee (Chris Gilbreath, Jessica Jetter):
 - Community Meals at the Village Green Community Center happen on the 2nd Friday of each month. They will be to go / drive up until June. Usually about 120 meals are available and they can go fast. See Kingston Cares website for the time and details. No reservation needed. Estimated cost is about \$1,200 per meal event.
 - Racial & Social Justice: there was discussion about racial violence and graffiti.
 - There was an Affordable Housing meeting this week. Discussions about the new tax are beginning.

Neighborhood Reports:

- Arborwood Development Infrastructure Impacts (Tim Davis)
 - Jennifer Haro and Rebecca Pirtle provided Tim a Fact Sheet (include link?) which details the infrastructure improvements that will be included in the project.
 - Traffic / road improvements
 - 10' paved pedestrian trail
 - Beth gave a brief explanation of the issues happening along the silt fence at the intersection of the NKHP and the Arborwood project. There is a team of people who are helping frogs, newts, and salamanders over the silt fence preventing them from accessing the wetlands & ponds who are striving to lay eggs.

Initial Public Comments:

- Lynn Schorn commented about the litter issue. Commissioner Gelder commented that a number of the programs that address trash haven't been happening because of COVID. Beth commented that the Adopt-A-Road program provides gloves, bags, and grabbing tools to help



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and that Stillwaters has adopted Barber Cut Off Rd and hosts cleanups from time to time on Saturdays.

- Phillip Godinez comments about the Gordon Elementary Field Drainage Issue. That said the issue has been addressed.

Council Announcements:

- Co-Chair Alena Wolotira raised the question of interest in in-person versus virtual meetings in the future. Chris Gilbreath mentioned that hybrid meetings could also be an option. Beth Berglund mentioned that the VGCC has new technology to facilitate hybrid meetings.
- Commissioner Gelder's comments.
 - He shared his thoughts about the choice between in-person and hybrid KCAC meetings. He also confirmed that there's no rush to making a decision.
 - Approval of the Kingston project will provide \$1.4 million dollars towards the ATMS (automated traffic management system)
 - May 14th at 10AM in association with the Kitsap Sun will be the Kingston Curiosity Walk
 - Beth asked how Commissioner Gelder's walking office hours work when there is a large group participating. He said that it's often a series of individual conversations. Sometimes he stops and speaks to everyone as a group.

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
 - None
- Upcoming meetings.
 - April 13: Nicholas Laurion, Kingston Homeless/At Risk Youth
 - May 11: Izzy Kim's Youth Presentation

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Alena Wolotira at 7:57 PM