



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 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 6:32 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Alena Wolotira (co-chair), Jessica Jetter (co-chair), Kate Joncas, Radim Dedek, Tim Davis, Glen Hutchinson, Glenn Malin, Steve Heacock, Kaili Campbell, Beth Berglund

Excused Absence: Izzy Kim, Breane Martinez

Absent: Jeromy Sullivan, Annie Perry, Jet Woelke, Chris Gilbreath,

Also present: Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Joe Lubischer, Mary Gleysteen, Rae Holt,

Quorum: Yes

Initial Public Comments:

- Joe Lubischer: regarding the NK Heritage Park, cross country trail restoration work will be beginning this week. Also, GPC will be doing a patch clearing across the street from the Miller Bay Road.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

- **Reports**

- **Council Announcements:**

- The 2024 Comp Plan Kickoff Meeting announcement and invitation will be forwarded by Alena to the KCAC.

- **Organization Reports:**

- Kiwanis (Glenn Malin)
 - Sept. 24: Kingston Coho Derby (co-sponsored by the Point and the Port).
 - Kiwanis & Rotary are joining the Interact and the Key Club together.
- Village Green Foundation (Beth Berglund)
 - Pie in the Park the annual fundraiser is happening tomorrow (8/11). Events start at 4:30pm with free pie slices available to all participants starting around



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5:15pm. The pie auction starts at 6PM. All are welcome to this free community event.

- Check out the VGF page for upcoming events.

[\(https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/whats-happening/\)](https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/whats-happening/)

- Music at the Green Wednesday nights 6:30-8PM

- NKSD (Jessica Jetter)
 - school will be starting soon! First day of school for grades 1-12 is Wednesday, August 31st. The first day of kindergarten is Tuesday, September 6th.
 - There is lots of Back to School information on the website including details about Jump Start Kindergarten and Bridge to Middle/High School.

Committee Reports:

- Transportation Committee (Tim Davis):
 - Ferry needs \$0.5 million in repairs
- Community Services Committee (Jessica Jetter):
 - Cooling station in Kingston was open for one day during the most recent heat wave, but no one except the volunteers showed up. Considering whether there might be a problem getting the word out.
 - Talked about possible QR code for resource guide (Sally's list) to combat vandalism and restocking issues concerning current flyers.
 - Discussed whether KCAC could write a letter to representatives regarding county property being used for gun shows.
- Environment and Land Use Committee (Beth Berglund):
 - Comp Plan work is getting started.
 - The committee will meet regularly on the 2nd Tuesdays from 4-5PM
 - We will be meeting 2x per month for the first 4-5 meetings (8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11) also from 4-5pm.

Neighborhood Reports:

- Glen Malin: mentioned that the Kingston Food Market is closing in November.
- Jessica Jetter: mentioned that there is a new donut shop next to the Roberts & Bryan Law Office in the space where Cookie Creations and a hair salon used to be.



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- Beth Berglund: Black Goat eatery is moving into the Kingston Hotel and the Mercantile in addition to operating its food truck.

Member Queries:

- Tim Davis: is curious about how KCAC will engage in the Comp Plan changes and the deadline coming up. Jennifer clarified that the September 2022 deadline is for owners or interested parties requesting classification changes by the County. Beth clarified that the heavy lifting on the CP amendment will be managed by the E&LU Committee.

Welcome new members!

Kate Joncas

- Moved recently from Hansville to Kingston
- Downtown Seattle Association
- Deputy Mayor of Seattle
- Experience negotiating with WSDOT

Then we did a round robin so KCAC Members could introduce themselves to Kate.

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- Draft Land Acknowledgement: Jessica will check with Commissioner Gelder to reach out to Jeremy Sullivan, send edits to Jessica, pull graphics from kingston conversation slide deck
- Draft KCAC Statement
 - Jessica queued up why this statement has been drafted. In response to recent events.
 - Rebecca asked about distribution strategy. Jessica shared that the committee hadn't really focused on that yet. Just that it'd be on the KCAC webpage. They would be interested in whatever suggestions and connections people have.
 - Rebecca referenced that the Council on Human Rights has written a similar statement.
 - *Motion to approve with amendments by Alena Wolotira. Seconded by Beth Berglund.*
- In-person versus online meetings (mandatory? vote?)
 - Alena provided some context about the history of meeting online versus remotely.
 - What's been proposed is that the expectation would be that members attend in person.
 - Alena would prefer normalizing remote participation.
 - Jennifer referenced the discussion in the office. Commissioner Gelder would like the KCAC to consider returning to in-person once the Governor's order is changed.
 - Radim would not make it to 80% of the meetings if he had to attend in person.
 - Alena would need to cut her work day in half on Wednesdays to attend in person.
 - Glenn has had positive experiences with hybrid meetings. He also shared that we are far from past the risks of COVID.



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- Glen H. acknowledged that it'd be trickier for him to participate in person. It's easier for him and thinks that others have similar interests. Perhaps we could plan for face-to-face meetings from time to time.
- Jessica echoed what others have said. She thinks it makes it more accessible.
- Mary Gleysteen shared that she thought the online meetings aren't

New Business:

- Discover Kingston Open House (Beth)
 - Pre-COVID KCAC hosted an open house on behalf of the community, which has not occurred since COVID. Historically, it has been held on the third Thursday of September (September 15th this year).
 - Glen H. concerns re COVID for in person open house, suggested a spring date alternative.
 - Mary G. concerned that one month is not enough time to plan for the open house.
 - Beth B. agreed with spring date
 - Mary G. suggested that the open house be in conjunction with the Kingston conversation
 - Kaili C. noted that the after hours event for Chambers occur every third Thursday
 - Rebecca P. suggested combining the open house with the chambers after hours event
 - Beth B. suggested March 16th as a possible date with April 20th as a potential fall back option

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
 - Glen H. Suggested a greeting card to thank Linda Fyfe for her service at Village Green
 - Mary G. Suggested that Beth's/Environment Land Use committee involve inclusive zoning in KCAC's comments. Beth agreed.
 - Joe L. the Park Stewards lost members when switching to in person meetings. Concerns with meetings where participants cannot speak to ask questions. Does not feel that written questions have the same effect.
- Upcoming meetings.
 - September 14: DCD Planner Melissa Shumake (bike and electric vehicle code update)
 - October 12: no speaker confirmed

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by meeting Chair Alena Wolotira at 8:13 PM