



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 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 6:31 pm.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Kitsap County Sheriff Gese (*pronounced like Geessee*)

Key Points:

- Chief Jeff Menge joined today's Zoom mtg with Sheriff Gese
- Sheriff Gese is new to the office replacing Sheriff Simpson.
- He has been with KCSO for 31 years.
- The presentation deck is very detailed (link to slides on [KCAC website](#))
- 18 panelists, 18 attendees
- Kingston-specific:
 - Crime, traffic, homelessness, parking

Q&A:

- How do we report things like the racist graffiti at Carpenter Lake Preserve?
 - *Please call 911. A deputy will follow-up.*
 - *It appears to be an isolated incident so far.*
- Citizens on Patrol (COPs) question. Is there an advisory group? Wouldn't recruitment be more effective if the volunteer were allowed to serve either NK or their own community?
 - *Managed by the Community Resource Officer (Schon Montague).*
 - *They are open to ideas.*
 - *They need to recruit new COP volunteers.*
- How to support legislative changes re the police department:
 - *Contact your representatives*
- What can be done to enforce / prevent quads and other motorized bikes from unauthorized use of trails
 - *That is really hard for KCSO to enforce.*
- What if an individual is recording their illegal activity and sharing it on social media? Does that make it easier to enforce the law?
 - *That might position KCSO to enforce. But there is also a time issue (whether the KCSO has the time to follow-up)*



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- In light of the January 6th insurrection, like all segments of society, law enforcement has people with fringe beliefs. Is KCSO allowed to do background checks that include social media screens? How will KCSO ensure they avoid hiring people with fringe beliefs?
 - *Yes, this is included in background checks for new hires and during employment. Extensive screens including searching social media history as well as talking to neighbors of each individual is part of the first step in evaluating a candidate.*

Shaw Alire, Kingston Regional Stormwater Project Update

Key Points:

- Michelle Perdue and Tim Beachy, Kitsap County Public Works joined the presentation with Shawn Alire; also Phil Struck (consultant)
- The presentation deck is very detailed (link to slides on [KCAC website](#))
- The service area is about 50 acres.
- Proposed spot on Ohio Ave. between Main St. and Central Ave.
- Complete Streets Study was used (completed ~2015)
- Summary
 - Intent of the project is to improve water quality
 - Support sustainable economic development
 - Construction expected to begin 2023
 - Available to connect in 2023
 - Future community updates will be available in later 2022 and 2023

Q&A:

- Will Kola Kola park also house the stormwater treatment system?
 - *No...we've moved on from that option*
- You were looking at the Port of Kingston...did it turn out to be too expensive?
 - *The port location didn't work for both parties.*



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Regular Meeting

Roll Call:

Present: Jessica Jetter (co-chair), Alena Wolotira (co-chair), Annie Perry, Izzy Kim, Radim Dedek, Nicholas Laurion, Glen Hutchinson, Noah Williams, Tim Davis, Glenn Malin, Breane Martinez, Steve Heacock, Sonja Roberts, Kaili Campbell, Beth Berglund,

Excused Absence: Chris Gilbreath

Absent:

Also present: Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the December meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email. Co-Chairperson Alena Wolotira asked if anyone had any amendments. Jessica made a motion to approve, Annie seconded. All ayes. December minutes are approved.

Reports

Council Announcements:

- Make sure to fill out spreadsheet documents committee participation

Organization Reports:

- 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.
 - VG is launching a free concert series beginning with a Black Heritage Month concert on Saturday the 12th at 4pm at the Village Green Community Center.

Committee Reports:

- KPTOS (Mark Libby):
 - 26th of February upcoming meeting
 - Graffiti issue has been mentioned already. If you see it, report it. 911
 - We are working on a new parking area at the Heritage Park
 - The next Kingston Community Conversation is Saturday 2/19 from 9-11AM
- Transportation Committee (Alena Wolotira):



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- WSF is working hard to hire/retain staff but is still sometimes not able to maintain two-boat service.
- Funding issues
- Community Services Committee (Jessica Jetter):
 - This month the focus was the incident at KHS at the Basketball game in December. Students at KHS directed the “N” word directed at the visiting team. Carpenter Lake Preserve graffiti, as well as racist issues/microaggressions.
 - Community services committee met with NKSD Administration and may be asking KCAC whether to follow up.

Neighborhood Reports:

- No notes taken

Initial Public Comments:

- Nicholas Laurion: suggested we focus on caring for people before focusing on the crime.

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- KCAC Work plan approval (vote)
 - Beth moved to approve, Glen H. seconded, all approved. Motion passed.
- Welcome Tim Davis, KCAC at-large rep
- Thank you, Beth Berglund, for at-large / co-chair service
- Alena Wolotira, new KCAC co-chair

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
 - None
- Upcoming meetings.
 - March 9: Guest Presenters - Kitsap WiFi / Our Forest Fund
 - April 13: TBD
 - May 11: Eric Baker, DCD, 2024 Comp Plan

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Alena Wolotira at 7:58 PM.