



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Notes taken by: Beth Berglund and Co-Chair Jessica Jetter

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:

- **North Kitsap Trails and Open Space:** Eric Baker, Policy Manager for the Kitsap County Commissioners Office. Eric Baker has a new role as of this week (Deputy County Administrator)
 - Detailed presentation deck link on KCAC page
 - Questions:
 - Re: routing STO through NKHP, will the plan look for safe routes to schools synergies? *Yes, sidewalks, wide shoulders, and bike lanes throughout to connect and expand to high school.*
 - Will STO cause disruption through NKHP? *The County is working on a feasibility study to determine a safe shared use path and low environmental impact, the intent is to keep the bike path off the roadways.*
 - Describe the stakeholder groups included in the STO feasibility study: *Property owners (Parks, Rayonier, Conservancy), North Kitsap Trails Assoc., Non-motorized Trails Committee, and People with Disabilities.*
 - Request to provide the link to the Kitsap County / Rayonier MOU
- **Transportation Improvement Program:** David Forte, Kitsap County Public Works Transportation Planning Supervisor, Melissa Mohr, Kitsap County Public Works
 - Detailed presentation deck link on KCAC page
 - Questions:
 - What definition is used for safety and how is that used for decision making? *They are ranked by safety factors, which includes things like the volume of traffic on a given roadway.*
 - Impact of new ATMS (active traffic management system) on highway 104 and Barber Cutoff Rd.: *Kitsap County received a \$1.4 million grant to implement ATMS at the intersection of Highway 104 and Barber Cutoff to eliminate or significantly reduce the traffic downtown. This will require some people who live downtown to go back to Lindvog to get into the ATMS ferry holding area there. Transitioning from on and off ATMS during peak/non-peak hours would be problematic for traffic flow. No known*



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congestion problems on Barber Cutoff based on models, and no known safety hazards along 104 associated with ATMS.

- Concern regarding children walking along Barber Cutoff without a sidewalk with increased traffic due to ATMS (the proposal for sidewalks on Barber Cutoff has been submitted as a TIPS project) : *TIPS is a competitive process and other projects in the works currently score higher as a priority based on cost, safety, and traffic.*
- The competitive TIPS evaluation system may be flawed since it is very much geared toward road projects, rather than trails, pedestrian bikeways, and safe routes to schools: *The evaluation process considers safety as a factor, which elevates many non-motorized trails and sidewalks that provide safety as a benefit.*
- Comment: pedestrian safety is particularly acute in Kingston where schools are located remotely
- Comparing the relative cost of a circle at the Parcell/Highway 104 intersection versus sidewalk along Barber Cutoff: *The sidewalk would be paid for through the County whereas the traffic circle would be funded by the State, so there should not be a need to choose between projects.*
- When the traffic control signs are directing people to take Miller Bay Rd to enter the Ferry Waiting Lane, how will the design/plan prevent local traffic (e.g., from Arborwood homes) from trying to cut into the ferry traffic on 104 shoulder by turning right from Barber Cutoff? Is there a way to cut out Barber Cutoff from the ATMS traffic flow? *Barber Cutoff is best suited for the traffic anticipated through the ATMS system, even accounting for traffic increases due to the Arborwood development.*
- A resident of Barber Cutoff Rd sees a lot of near accidents associated with ferry traffic trying to get into the ferry queue. There's never been a fatality. Hopefully there won't be. But that works against us for making that situation safer.

Regular Meeting

Roll Call:

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

Excused Absence: Breane Martinez, Izzy Kim

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



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Also present: Commissioner Gelder, Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Eric Baker, Andy Nelson, Betsy Cooper, Dave Wetter, David Forte, Don Lynch, Don Proctor, Evan Stoll, Jayne Larson, Joe Rutan, Lisa Hurt, Maria Powers, Mark Libby, Melissa Mohr, Mike Reed, Ron Karzmar, Susan Pierce, Tom Curley, and a couple of people without names (e.g., 360-516-8590) in the participant list.

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Initial Public Comments:

- Dave Wetter: Pedestrian safety solution at the intersection of Lindvog and West Kingston Rd.
 - Dave Wetter came to the meeting today to relay a concern and ask for clarification about how we improve pedestrian safety and get the ball rolling with requesting either a marked pedestrian crosswalk or perhaps even a 3-way stop to mitigate the risks of crossing West Kingston at Lindvog.
 - Andy Nelson responded that they have a system for evaluating such concerns. He introduced Joe Rutan who is our County Engineer (who replaced Jon Brand after he retired).
 - Joe Rutan explained that marked crosswalks are only used in controlled intersections. The issue with West Kingston is that it's uncontrolled and stop signs have to meet 7 different "warrants". And shall not be used for speed control. He said they have an eye on the issue and are monitoring it and looking for a remedy to the safety concerns.
 - Don Proctor suggested: How about curb bulb outs for shorter crossing and traffic calming.

Reports

Council Announcements re: KCAC Committees:

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



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Organization Reports:

- Kiwanis (Glenn Malin):
 - Bike Show in association with Rotary. May 1st.
 - Volunteers are needed. Contact Glenn or Chris if you're willing to volunteer.
- Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Spring Auction
 - 4th of July planning meeting at 4pm on Monday April 18. Contact Dana Goodfellow to volunteer for Tiny Town at: Goodfellow@centurytel.net.
 - May 11 is target date for getting baskets up. Before Kingston Curiosity tour.
- Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)
 - Public Market opens May 1st. There will be a May Day celebration too.
- Kitsap County (Jennifer Haro):
 - Kingston Curiosity Tour on May 14 from 10am - 12pm, email Jennifer Haro (jharo@kitsap.gov) for more info.

Committee Reports:

- Transportation Committee (Tim Davis):
 - April 22nd will be the next meeting
- Community Services Committee (Chris Gilbreath, Jessica Jetter):
 - Working on a KCAC statement for review addressing recent racist behavior in Kingston
 - Working on an updated KCAC land acknowledgement for KCAC review.
- KPTOS (Mark Libby):
 - Site surveys on the Norman Rd entrance to NKHP. Proposal for a volunteer driven parking solution at a fraction of the cost it would take for the county installation
 - Quiet Place Park work party on Saturday, April 23rd
 - Arness Park bank erosion.

Neighborhood Reports:

- none

Member Queries:

- Tim Davis: how to distribute the "backgrounder"
 - Consider an article for the Kingston Community News
 - Backgrounder is also posted on the KCAC website:
https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/Pages/KCAC.aspx



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- Noah Williams: Kingston incorporation
 - He shared that he hears a lot of questions about it and would like to hear the County perspective and know more about both the history and process.

Council Announcements:

- None

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- KCAC meetings to continue online, hybrid, or in person.
 - Waiting for the repeal of the Governor's emergency declaration... When we find out one way or the other Alena will create a poll to see what members prefer.

New Business:

- None

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
 - None
- Upcoming meetings.
 - May 11: Izzy Kim's Youth Presentation
 - June 8: Eric Baker, DCD, 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Alena Wolotira at 8:01 PM