



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

This meeting was held in person at the Village Green Community Center as well as via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Present (in person—no Council attendees over zoom today): Tim Davis (co-chair), Steve Marchese, Alena Wolotira, Kate Joncas (Co-chair), Chris Gilbreath, Glen Hutchinson, Dave Bomalaski, Shep Griswald, Steve Heacock, Cynthia Logan, Breanne Martinez, Marla Powers, Genevieve Upton, Beth Berglund

Excused Absence:

Absent: Logan Hammon, Louise Kernaghan, Kaili Roest

Also present: Alex Jarrett, Rebecca Pirtle, Commissioner Rolfes

Welcome & Call to Order: Co-chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

- Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)
 - Mike R.--4 years in the community. Puts on the fishing derby and part of the Yacht club. Lives 100 feet west of Lindvog and west Kingston. Need a crosswalk. Kids, people want to use facilities and it isn't safe to cross the road. Wants to see a 3 way stop and a crosswalk. Will slow down traffic, especially for people trying to rush to make the ferry.
 - Comment from Co-chair Tim Davis: the Transportation Committee has added a TIP request asking for Public Works to address that issue, FYI.
 - Maryanne A.-- retired microbiologist. TIP money to be spent—STO running through the Heritage Park. Developer's proposal and idea and hasn't been given to the public as a thumbs up/down. Do we want to spend millions of dollars putting a paved road through a park when we are trying to spend money on other vital things. We need nonmotorized transportation to connect us to work and schools. This road will not add functionality. Pavement is toxic.
- Introduction of members
 - Introduction of new member Steve Marchese: 3 year resident of Kingston, loves the community. Member of the Transportation and Land Use subcommittees
- Commissioner Remarks
 - Positive transportation progress: meeting today on ATMS—system not going to be 24/7 all year round. 2025 late spring is projected start date
 - Traffic safety in front of Wolfle—school district capital facilities—SD made county and state requests and looking to work together with the county to increase safety at Wolfle
 - Commissioners adopted the draft comp plan



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- Slight modifications from draft we last saw—a little less rezoning on the edges of Kingston
 - Critical areas ordinances are going to the planning commission. Staff made some modifications to protect amphibians after the lively discussion of last meeting.

Quorum: Yes

- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes for the April meeting were circulated in advance. Motion to approve: Chris. Tim seconded. All ayes.
- Approval of TIP submission from the Transportation Committee circulated in advance: Motion to approve: Tim. Seconded: Alena. All ayes.

Guest Presentations:

- **Guest Presentation: John Clauson, Executive Director of Kitsap Transit.**
 - **Commissioner Rolfe introductory comments:** all of the county commissioners sit on the KT board. KT is developing a capital project facilities plan in the fall. Director Clauson here to solicit input from the community about what to do with the Bond and 104 parcel funded by a federal grant for preliminary engineering as a park and ride.
 - Director Clauson: Bond and 104 parcel for possible development into Park and Ride. Located on the NW corner of Bond Road and Highway 104, next to the brewery and Run Dog Run. Development of a Park and Ride in this spot has been on KT's list of projects for a long time. A few years ago, federal grant received to move the project to preliminary engineering. Should we not enter PE, grant money would need to be returned. Lot is owned by WSDOT, purchased as an excess right of way. WSDOT working on transferring ownership to KT. 3-5 years before any construction would begin. Grant expires soon, provides for environmental and preliminary design. Possible to acquire ownership and do nothing, also possible to conduct the E/P design with federal funds and then do nothing
 - Since grant funding was received, park and ride usage in the area has gone down (likely due to increased teleworking and pandemic)
 - George's Corner Park and Ride Usage
 - 2019: 48.4%
 - 2023: 30.1%
 - Bayside Community Church
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 - Council Questions:



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- Kate J: Is the Park and Ride going to be convenient to Arborwood? Can we shift the money to something else that is more useful to the community?
 - A: not convenient to Arborwood
 - A: Can't do anything else with the money
- Kate J: How much is the study going to cost?
 - A: \$600k-\$900k
- Tim D: What's the best way for the community to communicate their questions and opinions to you?
 - A: Send Director Clauson an email
- Steve M: what needs are there for community for this particular spot? Is there a plan for transportation in the county that includes this new spot?
 - A: This has been in the works for a long time. Related to discussions about reduced parking demands in Kingston. Ideally, KT would provide transit options that get people to and from home. Where not possible, it then builds connection points like park and rides
- Alena W: Lives equidistant between George's Corner and this proposed place. Reduced bus service to Bainbridge has led to the decreased usage of George's Corner. Sees no need for additional Park and Ride at this time.
- Beth B: Crime in George's Corner would need to diminish before people will feel safe leaving their car there. She supports the ownership of the new lot and performance of the environmental and PE studies but no clearing until there is demand.
 - A: yes, and we have cameras at GC for deterrence
- Beth: Citizens on Patrol could help increase the security measures at GC.
- Dave B: there is certainly a need for parking in our community, just not in that area. NK Heritage Park has parking problems but it isn't close enough to Bond/104. Are there ways to use these funds for parking that's actually needed?
 - A: this spot was selected years ago. Funds cannot be re-allocated to new location.
- Marla: intersection is really busy and chaotic. More development might make it even more challenging. There's another 400 acre re-zone that the tribe is concerned about. Extra development on Bond Road is not what the tribe is interested in. Would prefer to keep this area rural.
- Community Questions:



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- Mark L: Kingston is a “transportation hub”, providing access to the entire peninsula. There is certainly a future need for this spot. What was the rate of growth of utilization of the GC lot before 2019?
 - A: This lot is in an industrial area with a need for transportation. There is, indeed, discussion of developing a 400 acre lot, which could increase the transportation need.
- Audience member: transfer ownership to the Port of Kingston? Would funding still be usable?
 - A: possible, but it would be challenging
 - A: it’s easy to get grant funding for capital projects but maintenance for a lot like this is part of operational funds, of which there are very few
- Lynn S.: lives on Gamble Bay and 104. Not serviced except by an Access bus. It is possible there will be more residential development in Gamblewood. We need more KT service, rather than parking lots
- Commissioner’s closing statement: think about what you want and give KT your feedback.

Reports:

- **Council Announcements:**

- There is an opening on KCAC for a Kingston Youth rep because Genevieve is graduating. Please speak to Rebecca Pirtle if you know someone
- Discover Kingston Open House happening again in the early fall. Last year, 80 public and charity organizations got together in one room to answer community questions.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Transportation:** (Tim Davis) no additional reports.
- **Community Services** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Transportation and safety–busses leaving Gordon and trying to get out onto Barber Cutoff. Happy to hear about Wolfle plans
 - Upcoming meetings, requests for: Presenter from Kitsap Public health, Carrie Hunter, to talk about healthcare access, chronic disease, substance use, etc.
 - October: YMCA to discuss the health features that a YMCA brings to a community.
 - Hoping to meet with Principal at Kingston High
 - Hopes to meet with Kaili Roest to discuss calendar software
- **Environment & Land Use** (Beth Berglund)



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- Committee to schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks to review the approved draft of the comp plan
- **Parks, Trails, Open Spaces:** Mark Libby
 - Looking for a KCAC liaison
 - Work party was at GPCPUD trails at Whisper Creek
 - Next party will be on 5/18 at Quiet Place, focusing on roots on trails, brush clipping, and holly control
- **Organization Reports:**
 - **Rotary Club** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Tent at the port—there are tables and chairs in the tent and eager for groups to use these. Both Rotary and the Port have keys.
 - Supposed to have had a highway cleanup last weekend but canceled for rain. Rescheduled to 6/1. Please come help
 - Flower baskets going up 5/11. We have enough regular volunteers to water them but still need backup/substitute volunteers
 - Golf tournament on 6/21
 - Handing out \$20k in scholarships to Kingston High students
 - **Youth** (Genevieve Upton)
 - Noah S. on the school board is going to implement suggestion boxes for student ideas.
 - Graduation is 6/8
 - Last day of school: 6/6 (for seniors)
 - **Kiwanis Club** (Shep)
 - 6/1 Benefit Concert and Brew Fest at the Port
 - Summer will have a Coho derby—July sales, sell out quickly
 - <https://greaterkingstonkiwanis.weebly.com/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterKingstonKiwanisClub>
 - **Village Green Foundation** (Beth Berglund)
 - Celebrating 8th birthday of the VG today! Cupcakes
 - <https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonvillagegreenfoundation?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
 - **North Kitsap School District** (Breanne Martinez)
 - Tomorrow is the Government to Government school board meeting with the Port Gamble S'Klallam tribe.



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- Friday, Governor Inslee will be walking one of our buildings to look at energy efficiency and school construction
- Board Member in Poulsbo stepped down to serve on Poulsbo City Council. Position open to applicants, closes tomorrow. Interviews will be public and held next week
- 5/22 Kingston High scholarship and awards ceremony
- 6/4 Native American graduation honoring at the House of Awakened Culture in Suquamish.
- <https://www.nkschools.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/nksd400>
- <https://www.nkschools.org/about-us/departments/communications/parentsquare-for-families>
- **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (Marla)**
 - KPUD is moving a water line across Hansville Road down 288 to Heronswood
 - Next month, tribe will be continuing its separated multi-use path, adding a mile of trail with construction in Little Boston
 - Warrior Ridge–will add 30 more affordable housing units for tribal members
 - Another month of RFP/RFQ for a fix to the creek to allow for salmon
- **Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)**
 - TJ Quantt accepted a new position as the Port’s Director of Operations and Real Estate.
 - Kingston Public Market is on Sundays.
 - 5/19 Fiber Fest with weavers and music
 - 6/8 Pirate Fest
 - <https://portofkingston.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/portofkingstonwa>

- **Neighborhood Reports:**

- none

On-Going or Unfinished Business:

- none.

New Business:

None.



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Guest Speaker Presentation # 2: Kitsap Co. Public Works: David Forte, Transportation Planner Supervisor and Melissa Mohr, Transportation Planner

- **Transportation Improvement Program**

- 6 year cycle, identifying capital projects
- Funding always constrained—comes from property tax and the road levy and fuel tax
- TIPs suggestions can be made by anyone in the community through the TIPs website: <https://www.kitsap.gov/pw/Pages/Project-Planning-.aspx>
- Kingston-area TIP success: sidewalk along West Kingston Road connecting the bridge and the high school
- They are hiring and need engineers, grant managers, operators, and road crews

- **Questions:**

- Audience member: Resolution 209 with pages and pages of tables that are hard to read and can't be searched. Concerned about accessibility per the ADA? In addition, difficult to read what's been proposed, approved, etc.?
 - A: This is a scanned version of an internal document.
- Audience member: Why is the Sound to Olympic Trail is on the TIP document?
 - A: because the feasibility study was funded by a federal grant, which requires that it be documented in this way
- Mike: Do we have to wait 6 years for a cross walk?
 - A: You could put it in for a TIP, while this particular thing is not a capital project, Roads sifts through and sends them to the right area
- Jane L: Indianola. Study and report about STO Trail were so detailed that they were hard for a layperson to digest. Reports funded by public money should be accessible by the public
 - A: TIPS provide us with candidate projects as do STO type projects. Things get funded by TIPS if they're part of a study and they get scored.
- Kate J.: where does the public get to say when they have an opinion on a project?
 - A: The department goes through analysis by David, then the adoption of the TIP goes through a public meeting process in front of the commissioners, typically the last Monday of November
- Lisa: from Poulsbo. \$1M slotted for NSTO. What is that for?
 - A: Money allotted is for finishing up the study. Port Gamble trail is moving forward.



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- Audience comment : people not being directly asked whether they'd like to spend \$100M on one thing, or on another thing
- Mark L.: when is your due date for TIPS submissions?
 - A: End of May
- Mark L: Can a crosswalk be handled by an omnibus TIP submission?
 - A: sidewalks are often part of a TIP
- Steve M: when you're doing your ranking, it's county wide. How do you handle community-level issues given the lower population here in Kingston?
 - A: Scoring spits out a number but the number is not the be-all, end-all. PW makes sure all parts of the county gets some projects. Balanced over time. By geographic area, types of projects.
- Beth B: if we send it to you, you'll push it somewhere where it fits?
 - A: Yes
- Dave B: can we format the TIPS suggestions to have influence on your process. What are you looking for from us?
 - A: we look at what is the need and what is the problem?
 - A from Commissioner Rolfes: Melissa has done an analysis of all the schools in the county and where they have sidewalks and bike lanes and where kids walk. The area on WK has a lot of potential for kids to walk out of neighborhoods so that project rose to the top as a place to get money from the state to do.
 - A from Commissioner Rolfes: Re: STO—commissioners haven't yet considered the study or determined whether its a parks or a transportation issue
- Breanne: was the Gordon route considered?
 - A: Yes. Barber Cutoff traffic will increase risk to pedestrians in front of Gordon
 - Comment by Genevieve: reality of traffic—students walking up barber cutoff through trails and then to the middle school or high school
 - Comment by Steve: local knowledge about conditions, how can we help you get the useful info you need to make the most informed decisions. Invitation to have these kinds of conversations on a more frequent basis. Funder SRTS wants to fund a project where it has the maximum amount of students per dollar spent.

Remaining Public Comments:

- Beth N.: written comment



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Closing Items:

- June 12–North Kitsap Fire and Rescue
- July - KCAC doesn't meet in July
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December–no meeting

Adjourn: *Davis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Joncas. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.*