



Kingston Citizens Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021

Notes taken by: Annie Perry

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

Co-Chairperson Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

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

Excused Absence: none

Absent: Jeromy Sullivan, Sonja Roberts

Also present: Jennifer Haro, Rebecca Pirtle, Thomas Doty, Joe Lubischer, Aaron B Kitsap Parks (Zoom profile), Nancy D'Archangel

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Co-Chairperson Berglund asked if anyone had any amendments. *Chris Gilbreath made a motion to approve, Noah Williams seconded. All ayes. September minutes are approved.*

Reports

Council Announcements:

- Glen Hutchinson is new At-Large member, and Izzy Kim is new Kingston Youth representative. Each said a little bit about themselves.

Organization Reports:

- Kiwanis (Malin): we are hosting a Halloween Carnival at the Village Green Community Center on Oct. 31st 5-7pm. Dana Goodfellow is coordinating the event.
- Rotary Club (Gilbreath): is gathering food and funds for local food banks out of the Firehouse Theater in partnership with Sharenet. Plans to have "Order Bomb" every other week to support local restaurants.
- Port of Kingston (Heacock): there is a study underway looking at future development. We have a permit application into Kitsap County for a zoning change.
- North Kitsap School Board (Martinez): will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14th. There is a Dashboard on the website that has COVID updates.



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- Village Green Foundation (Berglund): A few months ago the Foundation paid off the last of the construction debt.

Committee Reports:

- Kingston Parks and Open Trails Committee (KPTOS) (Libby): Trail work Parties are the 4th Saturdays of the month from 10AM-noon. Committee needs a KCAC rep. Nicholas Laurion plans to join as the liaison. More trail work party opportunities can be found at this webpage <https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/Volunteer.aspx>.
- Transportation Committee (Wolotira): The big issue the Committee is dealing with right now is the ferry worker shortage and the resulting cancelled sailings. Kingston sailings are on a 1-boat schedule for the foreseeable future. See link: <https://www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/bulletin.aspx#58476>
- Community Services (Jetter / Gilbreath): Port Madison dialogues (history of tribe and current challenges). Link for Port Madison Dialogue recordings: https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/Pages/Port-Madison-Dialogues.aspx. Kingston Community Conversation will be a series of Zoom events starting in January 2022. Kingston Cares offers 1 community meal each month from VGCC on second Fridays.

Neighborhood Reports:

- White Horse Neighborhood (Hutchinson): has a tremendous amount of deforestation going on with the Arborwood development.
- Gamblewood Neighborhood (Berglund): Cougar sightings have been happening. Suggests we spread the word to be both cougar and bear aware in the region. SeeClickFix phone app is a great way to report issues that you see to the County. https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/KdK81HVxX5bGgFMBzssWX6Xt/report/category.

Initial Public Comments:

- Joe Lubischer: Started to make a statement about the NKHP STO issue. Beth asked him to hold that comment for the New Business agenda item.
- Nick Laurion: There have been sexual assault accusations in the NKSD schools and there have been walkouts in protest of the perceived lack of response from the leadership.

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- Proposal to amend the name of KCAC from Kingston Citizens Advisory Council to Kingston Community Advisory Council to be more inclusive. *Motion from Beth to Approve the Red Line*



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which will be submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Nicholas seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

- Waste Management Service Issues. WM stopped picking up recycling every other week and moved to one time a month because of driver shortages. Customers are paying the same for what was 2X a month pickup and now is 1X a month. More transparency would be helpful. Could the County change the county Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) so curbside waste service is separate from recycling.
 - Letter from County Commissioners to state agency that manages compliance issues <https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Pages/Missed-waste-collections.aspx>
 - Jennifer Haro offered the following context. The curbside service contract with WM is managed by [Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission \(UTC\)](#) not Kitsap County. Recycling does not bring in money since China's Green Fence began. WM is guaranteed a profit by the State under their type of license. If people are allowed to stop their recycling pick-up, WM may not be able to provide curbside recycling to anybody.
 - Beth Berglund suggested people who are concerned about the service issues and the SWMP consider Kitsap Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Unincorporated North District communities have a representative on SWAC. Those Committee meetings are open to the public, held once a month. Link to SWAC: <https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Pages/SolidWasteAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>
 - Annie Perry mentioned that it is helpful to report missed waste pickups to the UTC. Link here: <https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Pages/Missed-waste-collections.aspx>

- Proposed Resolution by KPTOS re: the scope of the Sound-to-Olympics trail study.
 - Commissioner Gelder's office suggested we use a letter format rather than a resolution.
 - Mark Libby: provided a background summary on the feasibility study proposal scope in Kitsap County's RFP. The concern is that the scope was limited to ONLY looking at routes through the park (from West Kingston Road to NKHP).
 - Joe Lubischer: the NKHP Stewardship group supports the letter and supports looking at all the feasible options. He still has process/procedural concerns.
 - References for those who want to understand the NKHP history
 - 2015 Feasibility Study Report [https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Documents/2015-11-17%20FINAL%20North%20Kitsap%20Trail%20Feasibility%20Study%20\(002\).pdf](https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Documents/2015-11-17%20FINAL%20North%20Kitsap%20Trail%20Feasibility%20Study%20(002).pdf)
 - *Beth Berglund made a motion to approve the letter. Alena seconded.* Discussion of letter and clarification of issue followed. Noah Williams suggested an amendment to the letter to acknowledge the response from Joe Rutan of Kitsap County offering assurance that the expressed concerns would be addressed. *Beth made a motion to approve the letter with the amendment, Nicholas seconded. All ayes, motion passed.*



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- December KCAC Meeting: Planning Workshop / work plan focus vs. Port of Kingston guest presentation. Council agreed that Port of Kingston presentation would be preferable as there is a high level of interest in current PoK projects. The Council agreed to vote in 2022 officers at this December meeting as well.

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
 - None
- Upcoming meetings
 - November 10th: NKSD State of the Schools (Dr. Laurynn Evans)
 - December 8th: Port of Kingston (Mary McClure) & Officer Elections
 - January: Town Hall (Commissioner Rob Gelder)

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Beth Berglund at 8:09 PM.