KINGSTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

In person at the Village Green Community Center, Kingston

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Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2026

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

This meeting was held in person at the Village Green Community Center

Present:

At Large representatives present: Dave Bomalaski, Glen Hutchinson (co-chair), Kate Joncas, Steve Marchese, Alena Wolotira, Dana Sweany-Schumacher

Representing representatives present: Chris Gilbreath, Shep Griswold

Ex Officio representatives present: Steve Heacock, Jen Skalbeck, Miranda Smallwood, Jet Glavin-Woelke, Marla Powers

Excused Absence:

At Large representatives absent: Tim Davis (excused), Breane Martinez (excused), Patrick Heye (excused),

Representing representatives absent: Allena Koch (unexcused)

Ex Officio representatives absent: none.

Also present: Chris Cooley, five presenters, and about 11 people in the audience.

Welcome & Call to Order: *Co-chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:32.*

Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)

- None

Quorum: Yes.

Introduction of KCAC members

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Commissioner Remarks: Commissioner Rolfes arrived at 7:20 but did not have specific remarks. Will be having tea with Cindy Logan tomorrow to thank her for her service.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Hutchinson moved to approve. Joncas seconded. No discussion. All ayes and one abstention.

Ongoing or Unfinished Business:

- Discover Kingston was a huge success! The chair thanks Tim Davis, Beth Berglund, and Chris Cooley for all of their work
- Patrick Heye is willing to co-chair this committee for 2027; please volunteer if you wish to join him
- November meeting date change–11/11 is Veteran's Day so the County is closed. **Wednesday, November 4, 2026 is the next meeting.**

Guest Presentation: ATMS Operational Update Report, Washington State Ferries, John Vezina

- Joined by WSDOT and other WSF employees
- Monday, October 5, report on one of the worst days in WSF history. Only five boats able to run, focused on island communities.
- ATMS
    - Primary goal of removing traffic from Kingston has been accomplished
    - Ticketing machine issues
    - Hours adjustments–this week is the beginning of the off-season hours
- Joanne Schueler, Assistant Region Administrator for the WSDOT Olympic Region
    - U-Turns. Traffic office working with the county regarding signage. Channelization (striping, candlesticks between Barber Cutoff and Lindvog–this work is weather dependent.
    - New signs ordered, hoping they will be in place in time for the Thanksgiving traffic season
- Question & Answer from KCAC
    - Google Maps and other mapping applications: how can we work with these apps? They don't have a way to distinguish someone in the system who sets the ferry terminal as their location and WSF has requested changes multiple times
        - Exclamation point with extra info? Hadley Rodero is going to check

- Machine–fix it or order a new one?
    - There was originally supposed to be a network connection. Kitsap Co cut it from the plan. No network connection means we have to rely on the officers
- What is the legitimate U-Turn route?
    - WSDOT is working with the county but currently it's unclear. Either West Kingston to Barber Cutoff to 104 OR West Kingston to Miller Bay to 104
- Is this intended to be permanent?
    - Ideally, we'd find money for the remote holding lane. But for now, this is what we have due to
- Signs that say "use this lane if fair congestion is visible"--can you remove that sign? Likely confusing people.
- Safest U-Turn–apartment complex or storage complex
    - Issues with the apartment complex having people urinate in their parking lot, as well as increase in U-Turns
- If timing changed, would that lessen the impact on WSF employees?
    - Perhaps. WSF planning to use data to try to come to a more precise measurement of when the system is necessary. Creating a decision matrix and will consult with the community.

- Public Questions: about signage, U-Turn concerns, future permanent solutions, safety, poor treatment of ferry employees, and the impact of the new line situation on local businesses near the line.
- Closing from Chair Hutchinson: this has been a pilot program. Now, all the parties should get together to have reasonable conversations about what the community needs. Hope to continue to work collaboratively.
- Jen Skalbeck: would like a sign about Kingston businesses in the ferry line. QR Code or URL not allowed on roadside signs. Can we get an exception?
    - Answer: we will look into it.

New Business:

- At Large position open, contact Chris Cooley
- December 9 work session
- Letter to Commissioners, Subject: Request for Objective Analysis and Impact Assessment Regarding Proposed PSCAA County-Wide Residential Yard Waste Burning Ban
    - Explanation: could the county please show a correlation between burn permits and air quality, especially when the yard waste program from last year lost funding. If we cannot burn during the wet season, more brush and noxious weeds in the dry season.

- Hutchinson moved to approve the letter. Gilbreath seconded.
- Discussion: None
- All ayes.

Committee Reports

- **Environment & Land Use (Dave Bomalaski)**
  - No September meeting
  - Marla: Whisper Creek work to measure and determine proper placement of markers to assess fish habitat. Meeting later in October. Is there money now for WC realignment work?
    - Commissioner Rolfes: $14M already allocated for the realignment. Some spent purchasing property and preliminary design but there is DOT money allocated.
- **Parks, Trails & Open Space (KPTOS) (Shep Griswold):**
  - Eglon work party last week. Current trail crosses private property
  - Carpenter Lake on 11/14 is next work party
- **Transportation (Steve?):**
  - Last meeting–focus on WSF ATMS discussion today
  - No ferry advisory committee–transportation committee has been acting as a de facto information conduit with WSF while FACs are in flux
  - Crossings and speed on West Kingston, Barber Cutoff, interest in marked crossing across West Kingston with persistent resistance from Public Works
- **Community Services (Chris Gilbreath):**
  - Housing discussion forthcoming, esp. Regarding goals, contact Chris if you wish to join
  - Dana will lead the Community Services Committee starting next month
  - Homes of Compassion is going away. Impact on a Kingston residence, with a possible solution identified. Pursuing safe park location in Kingston.
- **Communications Committee (Glen Hutchinson):**
  - No meeting this month

Organization Reports–

- **Youth (Allena Koch, absent)**
- **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (Marla Powers)**

North Kitsap is the traditional territory of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and Suquamish Tribe, both sovereign Indian nations.

  - Discover Kingston went great!
  - *My Heart is Good*
  - Offering a local cook book!
  - Large fundraiser–$1M pledge to support NK United Sports Complex. Coordinating with Great Peninsula Conservancy to purchase property around the complex.
- **Chamber of Commerce (Jen Skalbeck)**
  - Upcoming: Scarecrow Crawl, Halloween Activities, and upcoming 5K in November. Get a postcard from Chamber of Congress with local businesses, plus outdoor recreation handout!
- **North Kitsap School District (Miranda Smallwood)**
  - Upcoming facilities needs in 20 yr plan, community invited to attend board meetings.
- **Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)**
  - Light installation coming up–asked for volunteers. ~1M lights to put up this year!
  - Passed budget at 10/6 meeting
  - Completed restroom–locks around 530 daily
- **Village Green (Jet Glavin-Woelke)**
  - Halloween activities!
  - Board is always looking for new members–contact Jet if interested
- **Kiwanis (Shep Griswold)**
  - Halloween activities, upcoming pre-Thanksgiving food drive
- **Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)**
  - Discussed recent fundraiser re: youth sports. Thrilled about Tribal pledge. TOTAL pledged funds: $8.13M
  - Lots of Rotary donations to local community needs
  - Upcoming projects–highway cleanup and polio eradication
  - Rotary creates a weekly calendar–notify Chris if you are interested in being on the mailing list.

Final Public Comment:

- Gala comment: Thanks to the PG S'Klallam Tribe for the donation in addition to all other Kingston groups spoken tonight. In addition, a foundation has been built for the project–Rayonier to sign over property to YMCA, and Cal Ripken Fdn committed to building and managing the fields.
- ATMS: her office is the first business in the Bradley center. First summer when she's been able to egress from the parking lot without having to talk to cars in line for the ferry to get out of the way!
- $1M endowment awarded to NK Youth project for ongoing maintenance and

operation

Closing Items:

- None.

Motion to adjourn by Hutchinson, seconded Joncas
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **November 4:** Kitsap Co. 2026 Budget Update**,** Administrative Services Team
- December 9 –Work Session

2027 Draft Meeting Topics:

- January 13– NKSD Update, Superintendent Dr. Rachel Davenport
- Kitsap Public Works Update
- K-Town Teens

Notes provided by Mark Libby for KPTOS:

Mon, Sep 7, 4:32 PM

Mark Libby

Kingston Parks, Trails & Open Space Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Kingston Village Green Community Center, Kingston, WA

Objectives: Plan for the maintenance, and needed improvements, of Kingston Community Parks & Trails and Open Space.

Updates to Member & Distribution List?

Additions and Changes to Agenda?

Reports

Round Robin of Park and Trail Status

Park's Department & PAB Updates

Old Business & Topics of interest

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Review & Update of 2026 Calendar / Work List

Discover Kingston Open House Monday 29 September

Goals & Expectations

Table-top Display Focus, Content and Handouts

Staffing: Set-up at 3:15

Discussions with visitors

Breakdown and removal about 7:15 pm

Follow up report and action

Priorities with the KCAC E&LU Committee

New Business

Next Work party: dates and site

PUD/GPC Whisper Creek fallen tree removal & brush trim

Saturday 12 September 10 to Noon

Or

Village Green on Saturday 19 September

KPTOS role for Village Green Trails

Need and design for crossing storm water on California Ave Trail

Concepts for interim Eglon Park signage

Upcoming Activities : September 9th KCAC meeting

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Public Comment at closing:

Presented by Dave Bomalaski 9/9/2026

For eleven years, we have owned the historic Arness homestead on Tulin Road—a property that welcomed agrotourism and local school field trips for decades before us. We've invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into restoring and maintaining it.

Recently, a local women's charity asked to use our farm to host community fundraisers for youth scholarships. We gladly offered it at zero cost. Following Kitsap DCD's guidance, we applied for a limited farm assembly permit under county code: up to eight charity events a year, capped at 99 people.

Instead of working with us, county staff responded with an aggressive, maximalist barrier:

- **From the Fire Marshal's office:** Because our room was calculated at 107 occupants instead of 99, we were told we must install a massive off-grid commercial sprinkler system—or physically rebuild our barn to shrink the floor space. Despite two 12-foot barn doors and four other exits, we must retrofit panic hardware, tear up concrete foundations to add a second ADA bathroom, and scrap engineering permits approved just three years ago to re-engineer the entire barn under commercial code.
- **From Environmental Planning:** We've been ordered to complete an expensive wetland delineation on what is actually an established farm pond—one recognized by the Washington State Department of Ecology and explicitly exempt under the Washington State Growth Management Act.
- **From Development Engineering:** If guests park on our grass for a few hours a year, 20,000 square feet of pasture must be reclassified as "pollution-generating impervious surface," triggering costly stormwater infrastructure.

To let a local charity raise money for kids' scholarships, for free, we are being asked to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars, tear up working pastures, and commission redundant environmental studies.

This uncompromising bureaucracy doesn't protect rural North Kitsap; it suffocates it. If Kitsap County truly values community partnership and agricultural preservation, DCD needs to offer common sense solutions, not administrative roadblocks.