



## Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

### Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

**Notes taken by:** Beth Berglund

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

#### **Present:**

At Large representatives present: Glen Hutchinson (co-chair), Dave Bomalaski, Patrick Heye, Steve Marchese, Cynthia Logan, Kaitlin Murray

Representing representatives present: Shep Griswold, Chris Gilbreath

Ex Officio representatives present: Beth Berglund, Greg Englin, Marla Powers, Jen Skalback

#### **Excused Absence:**

At Large representatives absent: Tim Davis (co-chair), Kate Joncas, Breane Martinez, Alena Wolotira

Representing representatives absent: Allena Koch,

Ex Officio representatives absent: Miranda Smallwood

**Also present:** Chris Cooley, Commissioner Rolfes

**Welcome & Call to Order:** *Co-chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:34.*

- **Initial Public Comment** (2-minute limit per person)
  - None
- **Quorum:** Yes.
- **Introduction of KCAC members**

#### **Commissioner Remarks:**

- County Commissioners are hosting Town Hall meetings are coming up. The nearest one is in Poulsbo on Sat. May 9, 10am at Poulsbo City Hall. The topic is the county budget.
- May 2nd in the AM sometime is the grand opening of the parking lot at the North end of Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. Specific time TBD.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** *Glen H. moved to approve. Chris G. seconded. All attendees approved unanimously.*

## **Ongoing or Unfinished Business:**

- none

## **New Business:**

- Support of Kingston July 4th Celebration
  - Donate at <https://www.kingston4thofjuly.org/>
- Discover Kingston Open House > Save the Date > Monday, Sept 28, 4-7pm
- KCAC Hosted Community Meal, Friday, June 12, 5-6pm
  - Volunteer Sign Up – Cindy Logan

## **Committee Reports**

- **Environment & Land Use (Beth Berglund):**
  - The committee meets monthly at 4:30PM on the Wednesday after KCAC. We meet by zoom.
  - Topics noted by Dave: Whisper Creek / Downtown / realignment. Read Roam Rules walk in Kingston. Ag code evaluation. Wayfinding efforts being lead by the Kingston Chamber.
- **Parks, Trails & Open Space (KPTOS) (Shep Griswold):**
  - Work party this Saturday at 10AM here at the Village Green Woods
  - Comp Plan Related Topics
    - Discussion about evacuation routes in case Hansville Rd is closed during a disaster.
    - Forest fire risk / power lines near the South end of North Kitsap Heritage Park
- **Transportation (Steve Marchese):**
  - Meets the Friday of the week following KCAC
  - Activation of the ATMS system is expected around Mother's Day weekend
  - Whisper Creek impact on the realignment project
- **Community Services (Cindy Logan):**
  - Met March 20 (Jerry Ulsund who presented about ShareNet's history, goals, etc) and discussed emerging / growing needs in NK.
  - Affordable Housing Working Group featuring HEART (Homeless Encampment Action, Response and Transition) will be happening on April 14th at 4PM.
  - Accessible Community Advisory Council meeting coming up on June 25th
  - Community Meal coordinated by KCAC on Friday, June 12th
- **Communications Committee (Glen Hutchinson):**
  - Tyler Shuey at the North Kitsap Herald / Community News: is willing to include info about KCAC meetings.

## **Organization Reports**

<https://www.kingston4thofjuly.org/>

- **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (Marla Powers)**
  - Gina Steiner "Who we are" presentation
  - Earth Day Celebration at the longhouse on April 22 (9-4PM)

- Bio Blitz on April 24th reach out to Kitsap Environmental Coalition for more information
- Whisper Creek - the tribes have independently and jointly been on-site to evaluate, etc.. Meeting some time in May with WSDOT.
- **Chamber of Commerce (Jen Skalbeck)**
  - Thanked Heather and Alicia for the Read, Roam, Rules walk and book discussion. Has lead to some new small group efforts.
  - Ribbon Cutting at 4PM tomorrow (4/9) - Waterfront Giftshop above the Crepe shop
  - Chamber Breakfast on Monday, April 13 (catered by Over the Moon)
  - Signage available from the Chamber
  - World cup games (June 19 / 25)
- **North Kitsap School District (Miranda Smallwood)**
  - Not present
- **Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)**
  - Restroom is getting primed.
  - Sunset Market will be happening again this year.
  - Kingston Public Market kicks off May 10.
- **Youth (Allena Koch)**
  - Not present
- **Village Green (Beth Berglund)**
  - Saturday, May 2nd is the 10 Year Celebration here at VGCC
  - April 26th is the Sunday Sounds Acoustic House Concern at 2PM. Check out the VGCC Monthly Bulletin for details.
- **Kiwanis (Shep Griswold)**
  - Meet on Thursdays at 7AM
  - Upcoming Events:
    - Kites Over Kingston on April 11 (11-3PM)
    - ShareNet Drive
- **Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)**
  - Committees:
    - Flower Baskets & Wreaths Committee - red white and blue in celebration of the 250th Anniversary. Watering volunteers are needed as are basket and wreath sponsors.
  - Swing for Rotary Fundraiser: June 26 (early bird price before May 1)

**Guest Presentation:** Dept. of Community Development Update - Growth Management Hearings Board and Comp Plan Remand Certification, Jim Rogers, Planning Supervisor & Garrett Ballew, Long Range Planner

See slides. Garrett Ballew [gballew@kitsap.gov](mailto:gballew@kitsap.gov)

### **Member Comments/Questions:**

- Glen: when will the public have a chance to be involved? Compressed timeline.
  - Jim: public review in the next couple of week
- Beth: would the GHG Transportation element reflect a favorable impact if there was a policy change that shifted cars idling for hours alongside the roadways to eliminate that?
  - Jim: yes, as a policy change that would move the needle in the right direction.
- Dave: will increasing the FAR increase the development costs?
  - Jim: No
- Dave: buildable lands analysis
  - Jim:
- Patrick: how will this jive with the Incorporation Study?
  - Jim / Christine: good point, probably should look at that.
- Patrick: does the FAR include our current vacant lots?
  - No
- Marla: in the report you subtracted out 25% of the land for transportation. So when you do this, are you taking the space out of the road part or the land part?
  - There are two reports – the BLR and the land capacity analysis so that analysis isn't the one they use for this purpose
- Steve: if someone has a lot that they want to use for housing, would it potentially drive a new requirement?
  - Jim: no

**Public Comments / Questions:**

- April: does this reduce the capacity for bike lanes of anything like that with the ROW adjustment?
  - Jim: no, it just assumes that most of the properties
- Nancy: we are already very constrained, so why is moving from 0.32 to 0.60 a reasonable assumption.
  - Jim: easiest example is buildings getting taller / more levels
- Ron: the developers are facing too many obstacles in the UVC to develop. Like the motel...underground isn't practical and is killing the project(s).
  - Jim: they are looking hard and trying to ID ways to reduce parking requirements responsibly.
- Mark: we have logging roads that could be beneficial for emergency / evacuation / etc. but it's not clear how the public will be able to have a say in that.
  - Jim: the goals / policies / strategies are the appropriate level of detail for this Comp Plan document.
- Glen: when can we provide the County the ideas we have for new policies etc.?
  - Jim: in about 2 weeks that will open / comment form.

**Final Public Comment:**

- Nancy: Stakeholders is looking at the Permitting Metrics and at what Kitsap County's process is now and what the

**Closing Items:**

- None

**Motion to adjourn by Glen, seconded by Dave**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.*

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