



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

January 10, 2024 Meeting of the Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

This meeting was held in person at the Village Green Community Center. Zoom conferencing was unavailable for this meeting due to technical difficulties.

Present (in person or by Zoom): Noah Williams, Steve Heacock, Glenn Malin, Chris Gilbreath, Jett Glavin-Woelke, Glen Hutchinson, Dave Bomalaski, Cynthia Logan, Marla Powers, Beth Berglund, Logan Hammon, Alena Wolotira, Kate Joncas (Co-Chair), Tim Davis (Co-Chair)

Excused Absence: Kaili Roest

Absent: Louise Kernaghan, Genevieve Upton

Also present: Christine Rolfes, Breane Martinez, Haylee Anderson

Welcome & Call to Order: Co-Chair Kate Joncas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Quorum: Yes

Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)

- Joe Lubischer: corrections for the Dec. 2023 issue of the Rotary's column re: stormwater (stating that the Arborwood development does not follow modern codes); climate (inserting corrections from the 2020 Kitsap County Climate Change Resiliency Assessment); and aquifers (stating that "aquifer recharge is greater without trees" is misleading).

Introduction of members

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Draft minutes for the December meeting was circulated in advance. Chris, Dave. *Chris Gilbreath moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dave Bomlowski. The minutes from December minutes are approved.*



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Guest Presentation: Laurynn Evans: superintendent, here to provide information about Proposition 1, bond initiative on the ballot on 2/13/24

Please see slides, similar presentation here: <https://www.nkschools.org/about-us/bond-levy-information/2024-capital-bond-measure>

More info / contact: Laurynn Evans: levans@nkschools.org

Questions from KCAC members:

- Beth: life expectancy of new buildings?
 - 50-70 years, eligible for state matching funds at the 30 year mark
- Glen: child growth projections for our area?
 - Slight growth in the next decade of approx. 300-500 kids across the district
- Logan: plan for ongoing maintenance of existing structures and grounds?
 - Moving forward, there will always be a bond with a capital levy under the bond. As major deferred maintenance items get ticked off, they can engage in preventative maintenance. Only fully funded for 13 total custodians and maintenance staff. District runs at 30, local levy supports the rest.
- Dave: interest rates are high and likely to decrease. Plan for that?
 - Total ask will remain the same but the way it will be financed may change. Extra capacity built into the bond plan. If the rates go down, they can re-fund the bond.
- Jett: location of proposed Pearson elementary move?
 - Near Viking
- Noah: how has the district engaged with the community in years leading up to this bond measure?
 - NKSD Advisory committees open to anyone to join, info on website. Facilities and finance advisory committees. 25-40 people serving depending on the year. School Board open public meetings twice per month. Bond info brought to this group multiple times
- Beth: how many students in the district go to private schools?
 - We have 5100 students enrolled in public schools. Top reasons for students leaving have to do with moving to another public school district. Total number of private enrollees not known.

Questions from the audience:

- How long will the amount taxpayers pay associated with this bond remain \$50/year for every \$.5M assessed home value?



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- Bond lasts 20-22 years
- What can be done to make play fields upgraded and more available to children?
 - In the long term plan. Another bond or a future capital levy would be fields. Everyone has to get into a cycle of taking a turn.
 - Baseball coach in audience: once field is turfed and there are lights, then the high school field could be used for little league players
- Will the new Wolfe building be closer to Bond Road?
 - Yes. Construction flip flops on each piece of property every 50-70 years. Put up a big fence to separate kids from construction and the traffic gets rerouted. 2.5 yr process
- Have you done a photovoltaic analysis?
 - No. Typically done once you have funding.
- Do you have a green power policy intent?
 - Something the board would want to discuss. Would be difficult and expensive.
- Where to get the analytics underlying this presentation?
 - In above link

Business Announcements

- 1/24/24 meeting re: sports complex @ the village green. Information on [Rotary website here](#).
- 1/27/24 Fix our Ferries Town Hall with Representative Greg Nance. Village Green from 1-3pm. Email greg.nance@leg.wa.gov for more information.
- Handout about Kingston Area Public Works projects available here: kcowa.us/project
- New KCAC member roster will be distributed soon

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee (Tim):

- Most recent meeting with Commissioner Rolfes discussion concerns and questions about the ATMS project
- The next 104 Working Group meeting is on 2/15



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Parks and Trails Committee (Jett)

- Meeting about the relationship with the group and the parks department. They have a new forester.
- Update on the Kitsap Co. Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) plan Community Priorities Survey. [Information on KCP website here.](#)
- Still concerned for the erosion at Arness park.
- STO feasibility report expected before the 30th of January
- Next work party—1/20 at Quiet Place. Trail maintenance, gravel, take down holly

Community Service Committee (Chris)

- Met on the 5th to flesh out work plan, discuss Sally's guide for homeless and low income folks.
- Cindy is going to be a great addition to our committee with ideas about affordable housing efforts
- The severe weather shelter will be open for the coming inclement weather. Volunteers always needed. Information here on the [Kingston Cares website](#)

Affiliated Group Updates

Rotary: Chris

- trying to take down holiday wreaths and prepare for flower baskets
- Highway clean up—left side as you're heading out of town
- Community meal—2/9/24. Will be shepherd's pie with CHICKEN
- Spending money on grants to organizations. Most recent allocations:
 - Coffee oasis
 - Kingston High for grad night
 - Kingston Cares

Kiwanis: Glenn

- Interact and Key Club joined for a meeting



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Port of Kingston: Steve

- Holiday lights will be on through the end of the month!
- Next regular meeting in the conference room across the hall on the 24th at 1 pm. Next month will be at 630
- Interact club—excellent assistance putting up the holiday lights from the community. Very appreciative.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe: Marla

- All Tribal Council positions are now filled
- They're hiring: lots of natural resources positions

Village Green: Beth

- Busy time for a non-profit. Lots of letter to donors.
- Severe weather shelter open tonight. Unsheltered folks will need to find shelter this weekend.
- Newsletter will be produced in house from now on.

NKSD: Breane

- Back to KCAC after a brief time away as KCAC school board rep

Chamber of Commerce:

- Chamber event on 1/18 at Windermere

Neighborhood reports:

Beth: DPC clinic in Kingston closing at end of January. In need of a PA or MD. Fully subscribed but must close due to lack of medical professional. Please spread the word.



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Ongoing or Unfinished Business

Chris: is KCAC still having hybrid meetings?

Kaylee: yes, but the owl was broken tonight so Zoom folks couldn't see or hear.

Potential topics for the year's meetings.

Tim thinks there will be something to talk about re the ATMS. What about Land Use 101 in February?
KCAC informally agreed.

PFAS appearing in wells next to military bases.

Letter drafted, asking about process. General comments about the letter?

- Dave—we need to assume best intentions. Wants an expert to give a health assessment
- Logan agrees. He thinks we should ask the questions. Are you using best practices? Asking for a tonal change to invite change to be more inviting of information

New Business

Commissioner Rolfes: Community Services Committee— appreciation of Mary Gleysteen for her advocacy for a public housing situation at the Times Square apartments. Commissioners would not have been aware or been able to seek grant funding without Mary's quick work.

Remaining Public Comments:

- Joe Lubischer—draft EIS comments are due 1/31. Two more weeks. Just one component of the whole draft.
- Query: Kingston area projects handout—how often updated? A from Haylee: twice per year
- Audience member statement: "Vote yes for the bond"

Adjourn: *Chris Gilbreath moved to adjourn, seconded by Logan Hammon. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.*