



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2024

Notes taken by: Beth Berglund

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

Present (in person): Steve Heacock, Chris Gilbreath, Cynthia Logan, Beth Berglund, Glen Hutchinson, Ben Astaire, Tim Davis (co-chair), Kate Joncas (co-chair), Marla Powers, Dave Bomalaski, Breanne Martinez, Shep Griswold, Steve Marchese

Excused Absence: Kaili Roest, Alena Wolotira

Absent: Karen Jeyes, Leo Taylor, Logan Hammond

Also present: Commissioner Rolfes and many others

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

- **Initial Public Comment** (2-minute limit per person)
 - None
- **Quorum:** Yes
- **Introduction of KCAC members**
- **Commissioner Remarks:** None
 - Tomorrow: Sea Level Rise Results Meeting here at VGCC (6-7:30)
 - Patty Murray staffer to hear about the 104 Realignment project (which is short \$10 million). Tim will recruit an appropriate group of Kingston-based people to participate in a discussion. See Kitsap County Legislative Agenda 2025 flyer.
 - KC DCD Long Range Planning is organizing...
 - a walk-about (February 1st, 9-11AM) to talk about the role of trees in urban landscapes.
 - Related is a community read that KRL is supporting. Braiding Sweetgrass (trees / north kitsap focus).
 - How parking requirements have been a factor in how the US has developed.
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** *Kate Joncas moved, Tim Davis seconded. All eyes. Minutes approved.*

New Business:

- Group Photo
- Vote for New Chair(s) for KCAC for 2025
 - Kate Joncas moved to nominate Glen Hutchinson and Tim Davis as co-chairs. Tim seconded.
- Community Communication Strategies

- Researching methods to communicate the KCAC mission and purpose to the Kingston community
- Asked if others would like to assist
- Central Kitsap Community Advisory Council uses a tri fold informational brochure to share in the community

Reports:

● Council Announcements:

- Beth acknowledged that Christine Rolfes will be the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners in 2025.

● Committee Reports

Transportation: (Tim Davis)

- none

Community Services (Chris Gilbreath)

- The Committee met on 12/10/24. *In attendance were Ruth Westergaard, Cynthia Logan, Jessica Jetter, Chris Gilbreath.*
- Debrief on the November KCAC meeting presentation by Kitsap County Public Health's Kari Hunter, presenting the data from the 2024 Health Assessment. It gave valuable information about various aspects of the availability and impact of health care in Kitsap County with emphasis on North Kitsap. The Committee members felt the presentation was very enlightening and the many questions indicated it was of high interest. Committee members were bewildered that today's Agenda indicates that other health related topics would not be presented until August at the earliest. Likewise, another Committee concern, Affordable Housing was in a similar position.
- As a follow-up for us, the KCAC Community Services Committee has been invited to participate in the Kitsap County Health Equity Collaborative with governmental, nonprofit, and other community representatives. The goal of the HEC is to co-create solutions to systemic inequities in Kitsap County. A member of the Community Services Committee will be attending the next meeting of the HEC and will report back.
- The remainder of the meeting was focused on our update of the Committee's Working Plan. Related to that, our effort to Improve Community Connections, in particular with the School District, designated each local school to be assigned to a committee member to help us be aware of activities and efforts in each school. A similar strategy may be employed with other community organizations including Tribal activities.
- CS's next meeting will be January 7th at 4 PM at the Village Green.

- **Affordable Housing Subcommittee** (met on 11/18/24 with 12 attendees)
 - There were progress reports on the three AH Projects under development in the Kingston Community
 - There was discussion and clarification of items in a newspaper article, an update on legislative contacts, and a response from Commission Rolfes regarding delays in County permitting and finally the possibility of a Symposium on Housing in Kingston

Environment & Land Use (Beth Berglund)

- Committee hasn't met recently but the County has just recently approved the 2024 Comp Plan Update.
- Year of the Rural will include...
 - Specific rural to rural rezone requests (e.g., Raydient rezone request)
 - Policies and regulations specifically associated with rural areas including agriculture

Parks, Trails, Open Spaces: (Shep Griswold)

- Upcoming work parties
 - Next work party will be this Saturday at Whisper Creek
 - 1/11/25 at NK Heritage Park
- 2024 in review:
 - Work parties:
 - 5 in various county parks
 - 2 in Village Green MPD forest
 - 2 with GPC in the PUD Whisper Creek trail system
 - 1 in the DNR Eglon forest
 - Public Events
 - Hosted the Parks Dept's Discovery Walk at Carpenter Lake Preserve (30 March)
 - Staffed and Table display for the Kingston Open House, (10 September)
 - 10 KPTOS meetings for planning and advocacy.

● **Organization Reports:**

Port of Kingston: (Steve Heacock)

- Huge crowd at the successful Christmas Tree Lighting at Mike Wallace Park
- Lights will remain on thru January, typically staff started removal after the New Year, week 2 or so

Kingston Friends of the Library (Karen Jeyes)

- Karen wasn't present.

Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce (Kaili Campbell)

- Kaili wasn't present.

Kiwanis Club (Shep Griswold)

- Fall food drive brought in 1,400 lbs of food as well as cash donations
- Santa's Workshop (contact Shep for more details)
- Coat drive will be part of food for kids
- Food 4 Kids (contact Shep for more details)
 - Grocery Outlet
 - Kingston Cares will be hosting a packing event on the 20th and 27th (Catherine Ferrel is the point)

Rotary Club (Chris Gilbreath)

- The last month has been a planning period starting with our Saturday Visioning Workshop to help members share their priorities, to set our direction for the next few years. Discussions and implications of the exercise will be directed by our Co-Presidents Elect.
- A second area of planning is being led by our Fundraising and Auction Committees.
- It has been decided that our Auction should be an exciting evening on March 1st. The event will be at the Village Green this year and the theme will be Venetian Carnival.
- Another area of planning involves our NK United efforts to assist the NK School District with upgrading their Sports fields and equipment. Our earlier efforts to renew the side fields at Kingston Middle School continues with plans to recondition the infields for the baseball and softball fields. Steps to ensure safe soccer goals at both secondary schools are continuing.
- As an aside, the need to be diligent and effective in our fundraising efforts are demonstrated in local grants approved today in the areas of food support and affordable housing totalling \$10,400. Member assignments were given to approach local contacts in the areas of environmental and education support. While writing this, I was interrupted by a Poulsbo Rotarian who is forwarding two requests for meeting needs at Wolfle and Gordon.
- Earlier in the day the backlogged International Committee approved grants for projects dealing with a Ugandan water project, an Afghan education effort, a Cambodian literacy project and a food support effort in Central Mexico. Not all service clubs address International needs, but Rotary is an International organization that believes in doing just that is moral and correct.

Village Green Foundation (Beth Berglund)

- Please pickup the monthly VGCC bulletin in the lobby or get the PDF emailed to you.

North Kitsap School District (Breane Martinez)

- NKSD is getting ready for winter break
- Poulsbo Middle School project (eliminates all the portables)
 - Open House this Monday from 5-6PM
- NKSD Board meeting tomorrow night
- Other resources:
 - <https://www.nkschools.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/nksd400>
 - https://www.nkschools.org/about-us/departments/communications/parentsqua_re-for-families

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (Marla Powers)

- Record setting chum run (3-4 year cycle so this reflects a surge based on 2020 activity)
- Energy 101 Workshop on the reservation this Friday to identify paths for energy sovereignty
- Meeting with Raydient re: PG mill site cleanup. Some recreation planning is happening. New eel grass plantings are planned.
- Port Gamble County Christmas with a celebration from 4-7PM centering on the cleanup project.

KCAC 2025 Planning Session

- **Report from KCAC Committees**
 - 2024 Accomplishments
 - 2025 Work Plan
 - Environment & Land Use
 - Community Services
 - Transportation
 - Parks, Trails, and Open Space
 - Open House
 - 2025 Committee Chair and members

Final Public Comment

- Bill Beaudoin made a number of comments about the needs of Kingston including what he’s experiencing as he tries to help improve the Affordable Housing issues in Kingston. His point is that it’s too hard to get it done and there are just a few ways to KEEP housing affordable in perpetuity. See Bainbridge Housing Authority as a model.
- [Amendment from Chris Gilbreath: Bill Beaudoin in his final public comment–made two comments. One was about wanting a presentation by the YMCA to this council. The other was about affordable housing. Both had been on the potential meeting topics, YMCA has dropped off and affordable housing has not been scheduled.](#)
- Betsy Cooper wants to make sure the Arborwood Developers Agreement issue (of expiry pending) is a priority. It is critical to get that information out to the public.
- Christine Rolfes introduced Elena who was sitting in the audience. She is a

sophomore and an interested future KCAC youth representative.

- Beverly Parsons wanted to introduce Community Heart & Soul. Engaging the community to more deeply engage in community efforts. It's a two year process. She's happy to share more information if KCAC is interested.
- Chris Gilbreath expressed gratitude to both Kate and Tim for their leadership.
- Steve Heacock wanted to remind people that the Port lights will be up through January this year.
- [Dave Bomalaski seconded with amendments. No discussion. All ayes with one abstention. Minutes approved.](#)

Closing Items: none

Upcoming Meetings:

- February - Port of Kingston development plans
- March - WSF/KPW plans for implementing Active Traffic Management System (ATMS) for ferry traffic management
- April - Sheriff's report. Citizens on Patrol program, homeless program, recent crime events in Kingston
- May - Chamber Small Business updates
- June - Kitsap Transit plans for Kingston
- TBD:
 - YMCA's Health and Community Service Program
 - Affordable Housing needs and opportunities

Motion to adjourn by Kate Joncas seconded by Tim Davis

[Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.](#)