



Kingston Community Advisory Council
(KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

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

Present:

At Large representatives present: Tim Davis (co-chair), Glen Hutchinson (co-chair), Steve Marchese, Cynthia Logan, Patrick Heye, Steve Marchese, Dave Bomalaski, Kate Joncas, Alena Wolotira

Representing representatives present: Allena Koch, Glenn Malin(for Shep Griswold) Chris Gilbreath

Ex Officio representatives present: Beth Berglund, Steve Heacock, Marla Powers, Jen Skalback

Excused Absence:

At Large representatives absent: Kaitlin Murray, Cynthia Logan, Breane Martinez,

Representing representatives absent: Shep Griswold

Ex Officio representatives absent: Miranda Smallwood

Also present: Chris Cooley and about 15 people in the audience.

Welcome & Call to Order: *Co-chair Davis 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:

- Commissioner at a state-wide meeting, remarks made by Chris Cooley. His remarks were about various upcoming events relevant to Kingston
- Kingston incorporation meeting on 6/24 at 6:30pm here at Village Green

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Tim moved to approve. Glen seconded. All ayes minus one abstention.

Ongoing or Unfinished Business:

- 4th of July committee looking for monetary support—longest running annual 4th of July celebration west of the Mississippi
- 6/12 Community meal, sponsored by KCAC, Cynthia will send out a reminder and ask for volunteers by email.

New Business:

- Cindy stepping down, new at-large position open as of July 1.

Presentation No. 1: Update from Washington State Ferries re: ATMS roll out

John Vezina, WSF Deputy Director + multiple WSF staff

- John Vezina spoke about ATMS—started trialing it on weekends two weeks ago and answered pre-submitted questions by KCAC
 - Full implementation will start June 1 to Indigenous Peoples Day, will run all week 8 am to 8 pm. After IPD, will run on weekends until the next Mother’s Day. Will also run for weekday holidays. Ongoing tweaks will be made as needed. PSES officers will continue to staff “position 2”--on West Kingston for another 6 months.
 - Tally slip will have date and time, “expectation” is for people to proceed directly.
 - Problems: call WSF customer service. PSES will be changing out the tickets. Sensor alerting of problems currently not working. Welcomes feedback from the community.
 - Terminal folks have no control over the traffic light, it’s all run by sensors.
 - Public questions: various audience members asked questions and made comments.

Committee Reports

- **Environment & Land Use (Beth Berglund):**
 - The committee meets monthly the Wednesday after KCAC. We meet by zoom at 4:30PM.
 - No meeting in April
- **Parks, Trails & Open Space (KPTOS) (Mark Libby):**
 - 6/13 is the next work party, in the Eglon forest
 - Meetings are first Tuesday of every month
- **Transportation (Tim Davis):**

- ATMS comms and feedback
- **Community Services (Chris Gilbreath):**
 - June 12
 - Coordination of KCAC Committees with the Chamber
 - June 26 accessible Heronswood Garden walk
- **Communications Committee (Glen Hutchinson):**
 - Membership still getting firmly established, thanks to Glenn Malin for help with community communications.

Organization Reports–

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

- **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (Marla Powers)**
 - Thanks for Allena for encouraging community attendance at school events
 - Former mill site cleanup–community working through some proposed options from a consultant. Construction might happen second quarter 2027.
- **Chamber of Commerce (Jen Skalbeck)**
 - Several service projects over the last month, including community meal and downtown cleanups
 - Upcoming events in June–flyers will be around town with more info.
- **North Kitsap School District (Glen Hutchinson on behalf of Ms. Smallwood)**
 - NKSD Leadership will launch a community feedback event re: the NKSD 20 year long range plan. Digital survey and in-person opportunities. 5/14 Board meeting, starting at 4 pm.
- **Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)**
 - Boating opening day last weekend with good turnout. Public Market also opened. Bathroom almost done. Possible grant to refresh the parking lot. New employee–customer service rep.
- **Youth (Allena Koch)**
 - Prom! May 2nd. Festival of the Arts was a success. AP testing wrapping up. 3 service dogs.
- **Village Green (Beth Berglund)**
 - Thanks for attending the 10 year celebration on 5/2! Good turnout. New art hanging in grand hallway in a couple of days–high school and middle school art. Will be there until June 10.
- **Kiwanis (Glenn Malin)**
 - 3 scholarships awarded to high quality students. Brewfest June 6. Blueberry sales coming up–look for printed order forms.

- **Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)**
 - Rotary also awarded scholarships!
 - Flower Baskets

Guest Presentation #2 – Who We Are–Introduction to the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Gina Steiner, Administrative Director

- Director Steiner spoke to KCAC about the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe’s history, citizens, and government.

Public Comments and Questions:

Final Public Comment:

- Village Green
 - Secret Garden Tour
 - Anniversary–pin created that you can purchase for 10 dollars
- Questions about what’s going on with the Land Use Committee.

Closing Items:

- None.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Alena

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.