



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

Notes taken by: Beth Berglund & Jessica Jetter

This meeting was held in person with some participants participating by Zoom Video Conferencing.

Chair Alena Wolotira called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Alena Wolotira (co-chair), Jessica Jetter (co-chair), Chris Gilbreath, Radim Dedek, Kate Joncas, Tim Davis, Jet Woelke, Glenn Malin, Beth Berglund, Izzy Kim,

Excused Absence: Glen Hutchinson, Breane Martinez, Steve Heacock

Absent: Jeromy Sullivan, Annie Perry, Noah Williams, Kaili Campbell

Also present: Commissioner Gelder, Jennifer Haro, Chief W. Dan Smith, Asst. Chief Rick LeGrandeur, Tom Curley, Joe Lubischer, Kim Gerlach, Charmaine Doherty, Michele Laboda, Marla Powers, Rae Holt, Laura Gronnvoll, Andy Nelson, Stella Vakarcs

Quorum: Yes

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

- **NKFR - Presentation by Asst. Chief Rick LaGrandeur**
 - Information about open houses scheduled as well as a narrated slide deck is available on the NKFR website at <https://www.nkfr.org/proposition-1-2022-restoration-of-fire-levy/>
 - Questions:
 - Tim Davis Q: What happens when the new homes in Arborwood are built? Is this additional tax factored in?
 - Yes, the tax rate will go back down as soon as the funding goal is achieved.
 - Kate Joncas Q: What amount of the new tax is allocated to the new funding needs in light of the funding deficit?
 - NKFR is losing 1.6 million and gaining 2.9 million, so 1.3 million will be allocated.
 - Glenn Malin Q (off topic of Prop 1): St. Michael's has a long wait time for ambulances, up to 6 hours. Are NKSD staff being used to supplement St. Michael's lack of nursing staff?
 - Not yet. Goal of all Kitsap County fire chiefs to help alleviate the problem. Their primary mission is to ensure patients go to the hospital where they'll get seen the fastest.
- **Kitsap County DPW - Presentation by Stella Vakarcs**



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- Presentation deck will be posted with these notes.
- 5 systems in the current network including a small facility near the Bremerton Navy yard. Central Kitsap is the largest one.
- Solely funded by rate payers (90% from monthly service fees, the rest from connection fees)
- Goals include great customer service and good value.
- Proposed sewer rate increase for 2023.
- Digester solids are sent to central WA where they are applied to fields used to grow hops.
- 2023 Operations Budget
 - 61% Capital Projects: \$34.2M
 - 12% Operations: \$6.6M
 - 11% Collections and maintenance: \$6.3M
 - 7% Engineering Administration: \$3.8M
 - 9% Bond Obligation: \$4.8M
- Proposed rate increase of 4.5%
- Single Family Residential will go from \$88.27 to \$92.24 in 2023 (proposed)
- Send comments to: kcowa.us/sewerrates
- Questions:
 - Does the current infrastructure plan take into consideration the Arborwood development?
 - The treatment plan was sized to handle Arborwood construction.
 - When will development outpace design capacity?
 - Currently only operating at 50% (107K gpd verses 292k gpd design capacity), so could increase by 50% with current infrastructure?
 - How are climate change considerations included in planning?
 - Water level rel to pump stations
 - Aging workforce
 - Yes, losing institutional knowledge
 - Some of the more technical positions are extremely difficult to fill so they are focusing on a training program to build those competencies in-house.
 - Do city, county, and state facilities pay the same sewage rate?
 - Yes
 - Different rates apply if you have senior property tax discounts.
 - Do we have combined sewers?
 - No, our sewer and stormwater are separate.



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- As we get closer to design capacity, would the County switch to a water-based rate from a flat rate to encourage conservation?
 - Most areas have flat rates, with a lower capacity compared with design capacity, there is no reason to charge based on water usage.
- Will there be new opportunities in NK for sewer connections?
 - The County doesn't handle that but when new trunk lines are installed such as for Arborwood that'll make connections more affordable so that'll likely inspire new connections.

Initial Public Comment:

- none

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the September meeting have been circulated to Council members via KCAC email.

Meeting chair Alena Wolotira asked if anyone had any amendments. *Kate Joncas made a motion to approve, Chris Gilbreath seconded. All ayes. September minutes are approved.*

Reports:

Council Announcements:

- KCAC is now meeting in person at the Village Green in a hybrid format

Organization Reports:

- Kiwanis (Glenn Malin)
 - Halloween Carnival coming up!
 - Socks and some hygiene items are being collected
- Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Are helping with the Homecoming parade tonight
 - Painting parting on Fri-Sun (teen room for B&GC). Fri & Sat 8AM-12, Sun 1-4pm
 - Pints for Polio at WRB (Poulsbo) on 5PM on Oct. 20
- Village Green Foundation (Beth Berglund)
 - Jon Sole Fireplace dedication on Oct. 22nd at 4pm
 - A statue in memory of Dr. Moore will be installed shortly
 - Festival of Wreaths will be happening later this year
 - Survey summary / digest will be available later this year.
 - Check out the VGF page for upcoming events
(<https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/whats-happening/>)



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- Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)
 - The Port is currently focused on the 2023 draft budget which will be a topic at the next regular meeting of the Port of Kingston Commission, 6:30pm, October 26th. See the website for location; believe it is at the Village Green.
 - The Port is pleased to have recently joined the KCAC land use and environment subcommittee, and continue to be involved in the Transportation subcommittee, and the Parks Trails and Open Space subcommittee.
 - Looking forward to providing updates on Port projects next month.

Committee Reports:

- Transportation Committee (Tim Davis):
 - Moved the comp plan update to top priority. Will report back to KCAC on the transportation committee's review of the comp plan.
- Parks, Trails & Open Space (Jet Woelke):
 - A trail work party around Village Green trails happened last week.
 - Commissioner Gelder mentioned that the Lindvog to Barber Cutoff historic walking route was eliminated and we've been struggling with creating a new route. The recent change in ownership is opening a new opportunity for a floating easement. It'll take some WSDOT involvement to allow for Gordon and WSDOT connectivity.
- Community Services Committee (Jessica Jetter):
 - Discussed NKSD response and draft letter to legislators regarding gun violence concerns.
 - Community meal this Friday from 5 - 6:30 PM. Catered with pickup from VGCC.
 - Severe Weather Shelter will be open as soon as Nov. 1st but volunteers are needed. Go to Kingston Cares website for info about how to volunteer.
 - NKSD Board response to our letter.
 - Draft letter on gun violence will be discussed
- Environment & Land Use Committee (Beth Berglund):
 - A team of people are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 4-5PM
 - Here's the link for people to use to express interest in getting information about meetings and other activity <https://forms.gle/2EU3avFJ5EpMtzKv9>
- Affordable Housing Committee (Charmaine Doherty):
 - The working group adopted a strategic plan, which included a memorandum of understanding to work with Kingston Cares to work together on affordable housing issues. Another goal of the committee is to work with Commissioner



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Gelder regarding affordable housing. Chris G. will provide the full strategic plan to KCAC.

Neighborhood Reports:

- none

Member Queries:

- none

Special Orders & Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- NKSD Board of Directors response
 - Jessica provided some background. Mentioned that the Equity Council might be back up and running (an independent community organization).
 - Jessica will be circulating a draft.
 - Kate and Jet both commented that the tone of the NKSD letter came across as a bit defensive, dismissive and read as trying to “pass the buck” rather than aggressively go after the issue.

Closing Items:

- Remaining Public Comments (same restrictions).
 - Thank you to Jennifer Haro for her service. This means that as of November there will not be county staff assigned to KCAC.
- Upcoming meetings.
 - November 9: Commissioner Gelder, Town Hall

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by meeting Chair Alena Wolotira at 8:09 PM