

KINGSTON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

In person at the Village Green Community Center, Kingston

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Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

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

Present:

At Large representatives present: Dave Bomalaski, Tim Davis (co-chair), Patrick Heye, Glen Hutchinson (co-chair), Patrick Heye, Alena Wolotira, Dana Sweany-Schumacher

Representing representatives present: Chris Gilbreath, Shep Griswold, Allena Koch

Ex Officio representatives present: Jet Glavin-Woelke, Steve Heacock, Jen Skalbeck, Miranda Smallwood

Excused Absence:

At Large representatives absent: Steve Marchese, Kate Joncas, Breane Martinez, Kaitlin Murray

Representing representatives absent: none

Ex Officio representatives absent: Marla Powers

Also present: Chris Cooley and about 11 people in the audience.

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

Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)

- None

Quorum: Yes.

Introduction of KCAC members

- Welcome Dana Sweany-Schumacher!

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Commissioner Remarks: Commissioner Rolfes will be arriving a bit later.

Garrett Blue, Planner with Kitsap Co., brought a bunch of handouts for folks about planning concepts and ideas.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Hutchinson moved to approve. Gilbreath seconded. No discussion. All ayes minus one abstention.

Ongoing or Unfinished Business:

- Discover Kingston Open House scheduled for 9/28, from 4-7pm, at Village Green

New Business:

- Downtown Kingston Trash Management Funding Proposal funding letter.
 - Chair Hutchinson read the beginning of the letter aloud.
 - Jen Skalbeck–
 - Chamber of Commerce and Stakeholders (Jen Skalbeck and Kate Joncas from this committee) worked with Representative Nance together this summer to investigate possibilities for trash collection, vendor quotes, collect volume data, consider vendors, etc. Multi-pronged approach piloted recently with business owners and the Port contributing to trying this out. 5 trash cans per year –\$60k-\$80k per year quotes are not possible for Kingston to afford. Chamber willing to take on staff/contract management if the State Legislature will fund the trash collection work.
 - Hutchinson moved to approve the letter. Griswold seconded. All ayes.
- 2027 KCAC Co-Chairs–Patrick Heye; 2nd position is open
- November meeting date change–11/11 is Veteran’s Day so the County is closed. Wednesday, November 4, 2026 as an alternative.

Committee Reports

- Environment & Land Use (Dave Bomalaski)

- Proposed bathroom facility at local park
- Proposed ban on residential burn permits
- Additional fees for yard waste disposal in this county

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- **Parks, Trails & Open Space (KPTOS) (Shep Griswold):**
 - Arness Park erosion issues, future work party at Whisper Creek
- **Transportation (Alena):**
 - Provided updates from the 8/28 104 Working Group meeting.
- **Community Services (Chris Gilbreath):**
 - Affordable Housing Working Group meeting–Homes of Compassion program is at risk, impacting approx. 55 people. [Kitsap Sun](#) article.
 - Kingston Cares and Housing Kitsap about to sign a transfer for the Howerton project.
- **Communications Committee (Glen Hutchinson):**
 - Lost some members recently, looking for volunteers for participation

Organization Reports–

- **Youth (Allena Koch)**
 - Homecoming is soon!
 - Everyone getting into the swing of things for the second week of school.
- **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (Marla Powers, absent)**
- **Chamber of Commerce (Jen Skalbeck)**
 - Lots of fall activities.
 - Brochures + Business Directory (Across from Kingston Ale House) – getting updated
 - Dire need of small retail commercial space
 - 10/11 Bicycle Race (1,000 visitors on bikes)
 - Halloween activities including Scarecrow crawl competition, downtown trick or treat, Ghoulish Gala and Masquerade, Fun Run on 11/7
- **North Kitsap School District (Miranda Smallwood)**
 - Board revising strategic plan, community survey forthcoming
 - Pearsson Elementary facility in dire need of updates
 - Capital projects at local elementary schools
- **Port of Kingston (Steve Heacock)**
 - Lost of guest yacht clubs this summer
 - Public market activities for the remaining weeks of summer/fall
 - Vintage market
 - Dog days agility course
 - 2027 budget and capital planning
- **Village Green (Jet Glavin-Woelke)**
 - Successful Pie in the Park, \$21k raised!

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- New projector coming to the community center
- **Kiwanis (Shep Griswold)**
 - Coho Derby sold out since July!
- **Rotary (Chris Gilbreath)**
 - Gratitude expressed to various community organizations
 - Planned September activities also discussed

Guest Presentation: Jon Clauson, Executive Director of Kitsap Transit Update

- Topics covered include fast ferry large groups, reliability issues, Kingston on-demand bus service, etc. Presentation materials available on KCAC webpage.
- Mr. Clauson responded to public and committee member questions about back up fast ferries, bus service to Olympic College, request for Kingston Ride service to Port Gamble

Final Public Comment:

- Arness Park: 61 people at Arness Park at 4:00 pm on a sunny afternoon in August. Not enough waterfront public access. Port has two lots, perhaps there is a role for KCAC to advocate for waterfront public access
- Arness Historic Homestead County DCD permitting grievance
- Clark Bowen, CB's Nuts Founder, passed away recently
- Dave Bomalaski – Kitsap County DCD limited farm assembly permit concerns(see letter below)

Closing Items:

- None.

Motion to adjourn by Hutchinson, seconded by Alena
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 14: ATMS Operational Report with WSF
- **November 4:** Kitsap Co. 2026 Budget Update
- Administrative Services Team
- December 9 –Work Session

2027 Draft Meeting Topics:

- NKSD Update, Superintendent Rachel Davenport
- Kitsap Public Works Update
- K-Town Teens

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Notes provided by Mark Libby for KPTOS:

Mark Libby

Mon, Sep 7,

4:32 PM

Kingston Parks, Trails & Open Space Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Kingston Village Green Community Center, Kingston, WA

Objectives: Plan for the maintenance, and needed improvements, of Kingston Community Parks & Trails and Open Space.

[Updates to Member & Distribution List?](#)

[Additions and Changes to Agenda?](#)

Reports

Round Robin of Park and Trail Status

Park's Department & PAB Updates

Old Business & Topics of interest

Review & Update of 2026 Calendar / Work List

Discover Kingston Open House Monday 29 September

Goals & Expectations

Table-top Display Focus, Content and Handouts

Staffing: Set-up at 3:15

Discussions with visitors

Breakdown and removal about 7:15 pm

Follow up report and action

Priorities with the KCAC E&LU Committee

New Business

Next Work party: dates and site

PUD/GPC Whisper Creek fallen tree removal & brush trim

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Saturday 12 September 10 to Noon

Or

Village Green on Saturday 19 September

KPTOS role for Village Green Trails

Need and design for crossing storm water on California Ave Trail

Concepts for interim Eglon Park signage

Upcoming Activities : September 9th KCAC meeting

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Public Comment at closing:

Presented by Dave Bomalaski 9/9/2026

For eleven years, we have owned the historic Arness homestead on Tulin Road—a property that welcomed agrotourism and local school field trips for decades before us. We've invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into restoring and maintaining it.

Recently, a local women's charity asked to use our farm to host community fundraisers for youth scholarships. We gladly offered it at zero cost. Following Kitsap DCD's guidance, we applied for a limited farm assembly permit under county code: up to eight charity events a year, capped at 99 people.

Instead of working with us, county staff responded with an aggressive, maximalist barrier:

- **From the Fire Marshal's office:** Because our room was calculated at 107 occupants instead of 99, we were told we must install a massive off-grid commercial sprinkler system—or physically rebuild our barn to shrink the floor space. Despite two 12-foot barn doors and four other exits, we must retrofit panic hardware, tear up concrete foundations to add a second ADA bathroom, and scrap engineering permits approved just three years ago to re-engineer the entire barn under commercial code.
- **From Environmental Planning:** We've been ordered to complete an expensive wetland delineation on what is actually an established farm pond—one recognized by the Washington State Department of Ecology and explicitly exempt under the Washington State Growth Management Act.
- **From Development Engineering:** If guests park on our grass for a few hours a year, 20,000 square feet of pasture must be reclassified as "pollution-generating impervious surface," triggering costly stormwater infrastructure.

To let a local charity raise money for kids' scholarships, for free, we are being asked to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars, tear up working pastures, and commission redundant environmental studies.

This uncompromising bureaucracy doesn't protect rural North Kitsap; it suffocates it. If Kitsap County truly values community partnership and agricultural preservation, DCD needs to offer common sense solutions, not administrative roadblocks.

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