



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

This meeting was held in person at the Village Green Community Center as well as via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Present (in person—no Council attendees over zoom today): Kaili Roest, Dave Bomalaski, Kate Joncas (Co-Chair), Tim Davis (Co-Chair), Chris Gilbreath, Beth Berglund, Glen Hutchinson, Shep Griswald, Cynthia Logan, Steve Heacock, Alena Wolotira, Marla Powers, Breanne Martinez

Excused Absence: Logan Hammon

Absent: Noah Williams, Genevieve Upton, Louise Kernaghan

Also present: Alex Jarrett, Rebecca Pirtle, Commissioner Rolfes

Welcome & Call to Order: Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

- Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)
 - Ray H.—President of the Sharenet Food Bank Board. Need for volunteers—he spoke about this a couple of months ago. 40 volunteers at the time. 60 before the pandemic but we’ve increased to 50. Opening on the Board of Directors as well.
 - 23% of households in North Kitsap are cost burdened for housing costs.
 - Tom D.-- Poulsbo resident—here to provide six significant reasons to include temporary ponds and intermittent streams in critical areas ordinances to support amphibian populations
 - Species diversity
 - Loss of species that carry DNA that has yet to be studied and scientifically used
 - Moist, permeable amphibian skin is an important environment for fungi and bacteria which have also not been sufficiently studied by scientists
 - Amphibians play a critical role in micro-nutrient delivery from aquatic to terrestrial environments. Bird egg calcium is down and juvenile amphibians have calcium-rich bones upon which birds can feed.
 - Dying amphibians can be seen as wetland habitat canaries
 - Amphibians eat the bugs that eat wood, resulting in an increase in carbon sequestration
 - Joe L. Indianola resident—amphibian kill in NK Heritage park last year. There was no protection there for amphibians.
 - Joe L. Indianola resident—speaking to continue the conversation about the Sound to Olympic Trail shared use path.
- Introduction of members
- Commissioner Remarks



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- o Thanks for coming to the hearing on Monday, Board of Commissioners. 75 people testified and it was a great hearing. Comment period extended through Thursday for folks to submit additional written comments
- o ATMS presentation last meeting—discussions are still happening. Plan will be pulled together in the next couple of months and re-presented to this group
- o Housing Kitsap Board—housing authority for the county that has been out of business since the recession. 2024 is the first year it's operating in the black. First project is the Time Square project in Kingston, which secured a Commerce Dept. grant.
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes for the March meeting was circulated in advance. Motion for multiple amendments to correct errors by Tim Davis. *Tim Davis moved to approve the minutes as corrected and was seconded by Shep. The minutes from March with corrections are approved.*
 - o *Amendment: fix the ferries should say with representative Nance as being the person who was in charge*
 - o *Amendment: Genevieve Upton is not a new member*
 - o *Haylee Anderson's name spelled wrong*
 - o *Glenn Malin's name also spelled wrong.*

Quorum: Yes

Reports:

- **Council Announcements:**
 - o 4/13 Legislative Report sessions—Sen. Drew Hanson, Rep. Tarra Simmons and Rep. Greg Nance are hosting **post-session town halls on Saturday, April 13**. There will be opportunities to ask questions about the work in Olympia:
 - 10 a.m. at Olympic College Poulsbo, OCP P1 ([1000 NW Olympic College Way, Poulsbo, WA](#))
 - 1 p.m. at Olympic College Bremerton, Bremer Student Center ([1600 Chester Ave., Bremerton, WA](#))
- **Committee Reports**
 - o **Community Services** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - 2023 Homeless & Low Income Resource Guide (Sally's Guide) is available https://www.kitsapgov.com/BOC_p/Council%20for%20Human%20Rights%20DOCS/KHHC%202023%20Homeless%20Low-Income%20Resource%20Guide_01-23.pdf#search=homeless%20resource%20guide
 - First Farmer's Market is 5/5



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- 5/11 Flower Basket installation (Rotary, Kiwanis, any other volunteers) to happen at 10:00 am.
- Meeting last Friday at which healthcare issues were discussed, including lack of St. Michael's hospital charity work
- PDHD's health assessment
- Discussion of the effect of racism on mental health
- YMCA healthcare availability
- PFAS concerns
- August Community Meal
- Revision of Working Plan finalized
 - Goal is to advance health equity and access issues. Gather and propose actions and address problems and areas that can improve the state of health access in our community. *Joncas moves to approve the change to the work plan. Wolotira seconds. All ayes. Motion passed.*
- **Parks Trails & Open Space (Mark Libby)**
 - Meetings are the 1st Tuesdays at 7PM via zoom.
 - Work parties are on the KCAC website. See link in footnote.
 - KPD Carpenter Lake Discovery Walk on 3/30–29 participants
 - Steve Heacock and Jet Glavin guided walk and provided historical and nature info
 - Nike Park and Trail maintenance work party on 3/16
 - Parks Department PROS plan public survey number 3
 - Parks Director Alex Wisniewski toured the Scout Hall at Kola Kole. Request for access to KPUD water and a connection to sewer is under consideration. KC will require a new lease / user agreement from scout troop sponsor.
 - Logan Hammon has volunteered to be the liaison between KPTOS and KCAC.
 - For TIPS 2024, KPTOS intends to re-submit the safety projects from the Kingston Trails Plan.
 - Provide protected ped / biking route along Miller Bay Rd from West Kingston to SR104.
 - Complete sidewalks (fill in missing sections) or provide protected ped/bike routes:
 - along SR 104 from UVC to Lindvog
 - along W Kingston from bridge to Middle School
 - along Barber Cut Off Road from Drews Glenn to Gordon Elementary
 - along Ohio Avenue NE from NE 1st Street to NE Skyward Loop
 - Provide traffic light at West Kingston / Siyaya Ave entrance to Kingston High School



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- For North Beach Park, include improved entrance and NE 1st Street crossing as part of SR104 realignment project.
- The GPC/PUD “Whisper Creek” Trail Work Party is planned for 20 April. Leader has not yet been determined.
- **Transportation** (Tim Davis)
 - No additional reports
- **Environment & Land Use** (Beth Berglund)
 - Has not met recently
 - When they hear from the County with updates to the comp plan, they will be back at work
- **Organization Reports:**
 - **Rotary Club** (Chris Gilbreath)
 - Kitsap Great Give
 - April 27–Shred Fest 10 am to 1 pm, get rid of small to medium tech at Windermere
 - Flower Baskets–need people to sponsor them. Booth at the market in late May, where you can also purchase a ball race
 - Watering baskets–need volunteers! Takes 90 minutes to do it. Everyone appreciates you. Clipboards in the back of the room for people to sign up.
 - Scholarship applicants–golf tournament on 4/21 to raise money
 - <https://rotaryknk.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/94210459439/>
 - **Kiwanis Club** (Shep)
 - Bike event on 4/28–some bikes being given away
 - Brewfest–the Harmony Wombats will be playing on 6/1
 - Coho Derby tickets to go on sale in July
 - <https://greaterkingstonkiwanis.weebly.com/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterKingstonKiwanisClub>
 - **Village Green Foundation** (Beth Berglund)
 - Kitsap Great Give is 4/16 so think about your favorite non-profits and open your wallet
 - 5/4 Jazz Appreciation Day–Duende Libre will take us back to our ancestral roots with Caribbean, West African, and Brazilian music
 - <https://foundation.kingstonvillagegreen.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/kingstonvillagegreenfoundation?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
 - **Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce** (Kaili Roest)



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- <https://kingstonchamber.com/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376965122610613/>
- 7/20 Wine and Brew Fest–chamber’s largest fundraiser
- Concerts on the Cove start 7/27 to 8/31
- Public Market starts 5/5 until October (second weekend)
 - May Pole
- Raffle tickets sold at every luncheon for \$1k scholarships for local students interested in going to business school or trade school
- Chamber May luncheon is on 5/2 with Eric Baker to talk about the Comp Plan
- Kiosk–grant from Kitsap Bank to create an interactive digital kiosk, which is on the Port’s property by the pond.
- Kitsap Bank grant to replace the sign on Ohio across from the Kingston Alehouse to update the list of businesses
- 4th of July–buttons are available at local businesses. It’s on July 4th this year.
- Please use the chamber website’s event calendar! Anyone can add their events.
- **North Kitsap School District** (Breanne Martinez)
 - Government to government school board meeting with Suquamish tribe, which is tomorrow
 - S’Klallam Government to Government will be in May
 - Directors will be visiting the schools
 - Rachel Davenport looking to hold some coffee chats in Kingston and Poulsbo in May
 - 24th is the Festival of Arts–hosted by Kingston Middle School. 5-8 pm with an award ceremony at 630
 - <https://www.nkschools.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/nksd400>
 - <https://www.nkschools.org/about-us/departments/communications/parentsquare-for-families>
- **Port of Kingston** (Steve Heacock)
 - Facebook–trying to be better about communicating with the community
 - Revised kayak and paddleboard storage
 - Trying to update the strategic plan for a couple of years and will succeed this year!
 - <https://portofkingston.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/portofkingstonwa>
- **Kingston Historical Society** (Kaili Campbell)



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- Historical Society—meet the 3rd Monday at 1130 at VG
- <https://www.kingstonhistory.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/KingstonHistorySociety>
- **Port Gamble-S'Klallam Tribe update** (Marla Powers)
 - Hiring—lots of jobs on their economic development site
 - Long Live the Kings Spring Gala—working on a study about salmon migration beyond the Hood Canal Bridge
 - Spark Event 5/9--Kitsap Natural Resource Management Program pilot to try to make natural resources as important of an infrastructure investment as roads and stormwater, etc.
 - Great Peninsula Conservancy Celebration 5/30
 - Continuing to work on Comp Plan comments, Jefferson County is on the way
 - <https://www.facebook.com/PortGambleSkallams>

- **Neighborhood Reports:**

- none

- **On-Going or Unfinished Business:**

- KPUD Board of Commissioners Response regarding PFAS concerns
 - Response via email, which will be posted on our website.
- Future Meeting Topics
 - May meeting—transportation improvement plan for the county. Transportation Committee bringing a letter to us later in this meeting.
 - Kitsap Fire and Rescue issue financing in August. Could they come to the June meeting (6/12) to talk about financing, fire safety, boat safety, wildfires, firework safety. How can homeowners harden their homes to make them more resistant to wildfires?
 - Suggestion: Gilbreath—equity in health issues + info about the YMCA
 - Suggestion: Beth—business panel sometime soon (previously 4-6 businesses + a facilitator)—Kaili to check in to see if there is interest.

- **New Business:**

- Transportation Committee letter regarding Transportation Improvement Plans (Co-chair Davis)
 - Asking for an improvement at Barber Cutoff/Parcels and 104.
 - Asking for Wolfe safe crossing ingress/egress across highway 104
 - Third item: Including a safe way to cross from east to west of WK Road in front of the village green



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- Commissioner Rolfes: the first two priorities are on state highways. Public Works will work with WSDOT but KC TIP isn't necessarily the correct place to try to get this done
 - For KC TIPs, consider other county road improvement priorities, trails and sidewalks
 - E.g., Hansville asking for a right hand pocket turn heading south from Hansville to turn on 104.
- Question: if the issue is that this suggestion involves the state, how do we encourage the state to act in the name of children's safety?
 - Commissioner Rolfes: once we have clear priorities, then we can discuss our strategy for making them happen
- Commissioner R talked to Public Works about renegade crossing flags across West Kingston, PW asked if citizens could pause on taking such renegade action.

Guest Presentations:

- **Guest Presentation: Kathlene Barnhart, Senior Planner Kitsap County Department of Community Development. Periodical critical areas ordinance update**
 - Required under the Growth Management Act. Last update was 2016-2017, updates are not required every 10 years along with Comp Plan
 - Review of best available science
 - Working Groups—forum for staff to discuss best available science and gap analysis with experts. Standing members (tribes, community orgs) + technical experts
 - [Preliminary draft](#) opened March 8, open for comment til April 26 (there will be additional drafts open for comment)
 - 19.500 and 19.600 have no suggested changes. All other chapters have updates.
 - Additional updates available in the proposal, which is linked to above
 - 19.300—most significant changes
- Questions:
 - Dave B: cost estimate for these changes and how will that affect affordable housing?
 - No additional analysis as of yet. GMA requires a careful balance of protecting critical areas and important issues like affordable housing.
 - Commissioner comment: if you overlay the new ordinance on top of the comp plan, it reduced the housing availability by 300 because many of our streams are in ravines



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- Doug H. from Indianola: no greater than 25% buffer reduction. Require public notice whenever any buffer reduction is being considered. Kitsap Sun inadequate. Perhaps add to Kitsap website.
 - Fish bearing stream in Indianola with a 50% reduction
 - Wetland in Kingston with an 89% buffer reduction
- Tim D.: query of Doug H—what caused the reduction. Answer: complicated.
- Joe L: DCD is going to submit revisions to the proposed code in July or August?
 - A: recommendation from commission, plus public comment to re-revise the draft that's out now, which will go through the board for their hearing process
- Joe L: protecting buffers. Should be sacrosanct. Code currently says no debris. Partial change to include no fill and refuse. Buffers shouldn't allow any development activities. Where is DCD with more stringent interpretation.
 - A: we have received your comment previously. Please submit again
- Joe L: 19.200.220c—restructure of requesting process for buffer decreases. 4 part scenario
 - A: correct. There must still be a report submitted from a biologist to demonstrate no net loss.
 - Joe: further clarification of his question
 - A: KB provided clarity
 - Joe: then the new code is unclear
- Joe L: New code doesn't define no net loss or ecological functions
- Beth N. from Indianola: how can we get attention to amphibians and their special needs in this document?
 - A: not called out specifically but still considered. Please make a requirement.
- Marla: the Tribe has submitted some comments for Monday's hearing, also including suggested changes to title 21 re: critical area ordinance processing. Do they need to be submitted to a different portal?
 - A: yes. If the comments are related to the CAO, please submit those there
 - Commissioner: will ask Eric Baker to sort through the 600 currently submitted comments to make sure that they are directed at the correct process
- Betsy: process question. Do you intend to do a responsiveness summary and make a response?



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- A: comment gets a number. If there is no other comment like yours, it will get a response in the matrix.
- Tom D.: Consider a revision in the construction and design of stormwater ponds. Trap amphibians–don't last long enough for the larvae to last until metamorphosis.
 - A: can't change stormwater specific elements of this process.
- Betsy: people referred to the problem last year with the amphibians not being able to get back to their range. That was specifically an issue with construction management. Is this something that can be looked at as a way to manage or revise some of silt fence requirements?
 - A: we tried to add silt fence info to the proposal but not a lot.

Remaining Public Comments:

- Betsy: possible meeting topic–League of Women Voters trying to understand the possibilities for improving health access. Creating a hospital district? Chris agrees.

Closing Items:

- May 8–Transportation Improvement Plan
- June 12–North Kitsap Fire and Rescue
- July - KCAC doesn't meet in July
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December–no meeting

Adjourn: *Gilbreath motioned to adjourn, seconded by Joncas. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.*