



Affordability. Diversity. Character: The Future of Housing in Kirkland

Housing Strategy Advisory Group Background

The City of Kirkland adopted a new **Comprehensive Plan in 2015**. One of the implementation strategies in that Plan is to develop a new Housing Strategy Plan. The purpose of the Housing Strategy Plan is to identify a wide variety of tasks that the City might undertake over the next three to five years to implement the current Housing Goals and Policies. The City created the Housing Strategy Advisory Group because the Kirkland City Council wanted to involve representative stakeholders from throughout the community to help formulate recommendations for the Housing Strategy Plan.



Aimee Voelz
is a marketing consultant and has lived in Kirkland for 20 years. She is the Chairperson of Kirkland's Moss Bay Neighborhood Association and an **Imagine Housing** board member.



Bill Blanchard
is a Realtor with Kirkland Windermere and has lived with his wife Joan in Kirkland for over 25 years. In addition to being on the Kirkland Housing Strategy Advisory Group, Bill is Co-Chair of the Kirkland Association of Neighborhoods (KAN), Chairman of the Big Finn Hill Parks Committee, and board member of the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance in charge of land acquisition.



Brenda Nunes
MBA, LEED AP
is Managing Broker at Nunes Group Real Estate, Keller Williams Eastside, and a member of the KW Associate Leadership Council. Brenda stays actively involved in leadership roles within the community. Brenda is a nationally recognized educator, advocate, and mentor or a sustainable real estate, and is a member of Built Green, an environmentally-friendly, residential building program of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties. She is a co-founder of Sustainability Foundation which provides real estate education concerning long-term sustainability.



Janet Pruitt
has recently retired from a career of teaching, sales and then assisting her husband John in his consulting business for over 20 years. They have lived and worked in the Norkirk neighborhood for 40 years where they raised their two children. Janet has served as chair of the Norkirk Neighborhood Association and, more recently, as co-chair of the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN). She also was honored to spend two interesting and educational terms on the Kirkland Planning Commission, and helped with the development of the current Norkirk Neighborhood Plan.



Mike Potter
is a Dean of Instruction at Lake Washington Institute of Technology in Kirkland. He has been with the college for 18 years. Mike has been a resident of the Totem Lake/Kingsgate area since 1999. His spouse works at Evergreen Hospital and he has three children, all Juanita High School graduates.



Kelli Curtis
serves on the Houghton Community Council, the Kirkland Housing Strategy Advisory Group, and is a member of the City of Kirkland Park Board. She has lived in Kirkland for over 25 years with her husband, Curt Blake, and their two children (now college students). She runs a small business, grows food for food banks, and is actively involved in community and school volunteering.



Kevin Coomer
is NW Native proud, living in the north end of North Rose Hill and is a member of the Neighborhood Board - if you are from NRH, please make a point to share your views with me - whether here at the workshop, or any time you see me being walked around the neighborhood by my dog!



Kimberly Scott
is the President & CEO of the Washington Society of CPAs and Executive Director of the Washington CPA Foundation. She has lived in Kirkland for 17 years with her husband Randy Scott, a Lieutenant with the Kirkland Fire Department. In addition to being on the Kirkland Housing Strategy Advisory Group, she is the Chair of the Kirkland Human Services Commission and sits on the Board of Leadership Eastside.



Kathy Iverson
enjoyed her career as a physical therapist and since her retirement has become involved in the community. In addition to serving on the Kirkland Housing Strategy Advisory Group, she serves on the Kirkland Senior Council; is an Honorary Trustee for Evergreen Health's Community Advisory Committee; serves on the Home Health and Hospice professional advisory committee and is a volunteer at Hopelink. She is a long term resident of Kirkland.



Rodney Rutherford
is the chair of the South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails Neighborhood Association, and has always lived within 4 miles of Lake Washington. He is a weekly volunteer with homeless women and children at his church's Safe Parking Program. He bikes to work daily as an internet systems engineer, but loves to learn about all kinds of systems that impact people--such as housing economics--to figure out how they can serve people more effectively.



Samantha St. John
has lived in Kirkland since the age of two. She loves Kirkland and volunteers as often as possible with organizations helping to improve the livability and quality of life for all residents, including serving on the board of Attain Housing, a Kirkland nonprofit organization providing affordable housing and case management for homeless and at-risk families with children. In December 2016, she was awarded the Teddy Overleese Community Service Award from the Kirkland Downtown Association in recognition of her contributions to the greater Kirkland community. She is the Executive Director of the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce and is focused on nurturing and building strong partnerships throughout Kirkland in this role.



Troy Thiel
is a 25 year plus professional in the Real Estate Industry and is with the Thiel Team at Windermere Yarrow Bay. Among his many passions is appropriate development and community involvement. He's the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce and Kirkland Downtown Association Representative to the Housing Advisory Committee and has a long track record of being a community leader and advocate, both here in Kirkland and the Seattle area, as well as his former homes of Madison, Wisconsin and Evanston, Illinois.

ALSO INCLUDED:

Kelsey Justus - Astronics · **Mike Miller** - Kirkland Planning Commission
Tim King - Northshore Community Church · **Tom Pendergrass** - Kirkland Kiwanis