

**CITY OF KIRKLAND  
KIRKLAND SENIOR COUNCIL  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 9, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 9, 2021 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:32pm by Chair Susan Harris-Huether.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jim Hall, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Kathy Iverson, Penny Kahn, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, June Palon, Jack Staudt and Dave Wagar.

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator; Mary Gardocki, Park Planning and Development Manager; Heather Lantz-Brazil, Management Analyst; Sarah Rock, Administrative Assistant

Members Absent: Steve Lewis

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Kathy Iverson motioned to approve the October meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Ingrid Martin, motion passed unanimously.

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mary Gardocki, City of Kirkland Park Planning and Development Manager, explained what the City's Parks, Recreation, Open space (PROS) Plan is and how community members can make sure their needs are heard. Members were asked a series of questions such as what their vision regarding services is, what additional recreation activities would they like, are there underserved populations, etc. Members were encouraged to visit [www.kirklandwa.gov/playitforward](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/playitforward) for more information on the PROS plan.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Chair Susan Harris-Huether reported that the recruitment committee had interviewed two new potential members, Terry Steele-Kalet and Jeri Jay-Kelly. Member Dave Wager made the motion to accept both candidates, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passes unanimously. Chair Susan Harris-Huether will notify both candidates.
- B. The January retreat is scheduled for January 11, 2022 at 11am. David Wolbrecht will facilitate the retreat. Staff and Chair Susan Harris Huether will meet with David Wolbrecht to discuss the flow of the upcoming retreat.

If the KSC is able to begin meeting in person there is a new vaccination mandate at the Community Center.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Member Penny Kahn made a motion that Susan Harris Huether be elected as Chair for 2022, Barbara Loomis be elected as Vice Chair for 2022 and that Karen Hartman be elected as Recording Secretary for 2022. The motion was seconded by Dave Wager and was approved unanimously.
- B. Staffed received quotes for fleece vests for the members. Chair Susan Harris-Huether will get the sizes for the new members.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Member Reports

#### i. Advocacy

Member Karen Hartman reported that there is a proposed Medicare expansion that would include dental and hearing. At this point it is unsure if the expansion proposal will make it to the final bill in Congress.

Chair Susan Harris- Huether reported on the Senior Lobby Conference that several members attended. The state budget was discussed at the conference including an upcoming transportation Bill. It was suggested that members go online to see the conference agenda and discussion notes.

#### ii. Art Show

Member Penny Kahn updated the members on the upcoming Art Show at Merrill Garden. The artist reception is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022. Set-up for the art show will be May 4, 2022 and the art removal will be May 25, 2022. Penny asked for volunteers for the Art Show Committee. The following members agreed to be on the committee: Susan Harris-Huether, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, Karen Hartman, Jim Hall and Barbara Loomis.

#### iii. Viva Volunteer

Chair Susan Harris-Huether asked about the Viva Volunteer event for 2022. It was suggested that a plan for something virtual be talked about at the January retreat.

- iv. Staff Report
  - a. Staff suggested members start thinking about what the KSC members want to talk about in the March Study Session with the City Council.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Kathy Iverson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Member Barbara Loomis seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.