

**City of Kirkland  
Kirkland Senior Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
July 8, 2025, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The July 8, 2025, Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:31pm by Chair Scott Emmons.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Kurt Ahrensfield, John Barnett, Carol Bryan, Jeff Canin, Mary De La Pena, Scott Emmons, Kathy Iverson, Ingrid Martin, Charlene McElligott, June Palon, Jack Staudt, Terry Steele-Kalet, Joyce Stone and Barbara Trunkhill.

Members Absent: Penny Kahn, Steve Lewis, Susan Prows and Charlotte Svenson

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Carole Bryan motioned to approve the June 10, 2025 minutes as written, seconded by Member Jack Staudt, motion passed unanimously.

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Cecily Kaplan, Affiliate Development, Old Friends Club spoke about the respite program that provides essential support to families and patients of dementia.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Chair Scott Emmons discussed the next two upcoming guests scheduled for the KSC meetings:
  - i. September- City of Kirkland Homelessness Action Plan
  - ii. October- EvergreenHealth's Chief Operating Officer will present on the State of Healthcare

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recruitment for the KSC will be October 1-31, 2025. Thank you to the following members for volunteering to be on the recruitment committee: Joyce Stone, John Barnett, Kurt Ahrensfield, Charlene McElligott and Terry Steele-Kalet. Staff reminded members that the November meeting would include selecting an executive board for 2026.
- B. Member Jack Staudt encouraged all KSC members to watch the Beyond Barriers Webinar Recap that was sent to everyone, Staff was asked to forward the video to the Planning Director.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Member Reports

- i. AARP Age Friendly Cities  
Member Jack Staudt provided an update on the status of the AARP Age Friendly Cities project. James Lopez, Deputy City Manager, joined the meeting to let members know that the AARP Age Friendly Cities Project will be presented at the August 6, 2025 City Council Meeting for approval.
- ii. Advocacy  
Member Kathy Iverson provided updates on how the new Federal funding cuts can and will affect Medicaid including SNAP benefits. Member Scott Emmons will write a letter to the Federal Representatives. Staff will forward the letter to KSC members for approval before Scott sends the letter out.
- iii. Art Show  
Staff reported that Member Penny Kahn has secured the 2026 art Show dates with Merrill Gardens, the exhibition will be June 5-18.
- iv. Education  
Member Ingrid Martin provided information on community classes that are being offered at the Kingsgate Library.  
Ingrid also reminded everyone that the Medicare Fair will be at the Peter Kirk Community Center on October 2, 2025.
- v. Human Services Panel Update  
No Report.
- vi. Housing  
No Report.
- vii. Outreach  
Member Scott Emmons provided an update on the Friday Market table, they have been very successful. He was unable to attend the Wednesday Market but will do so in August 13, 2025.
- viii. Resource Guide  
No report
- ix. Transportation  
Member Kurt Ahrensfield provided an update on the Transportation Study That the City is planning to do in late 2025 or early 2026. Members also discussed the lack of bus transportation at Ardea in Totem Lake.
- x. Viva Volunteers  
No report
- xi. Council Chair Report  
No additional report

- B. Staff report  
No additional report

**8. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- A. Member Jack Staudt resigned at the July meeting due to relocating to the East Coast..
- B. Member Bob Warren resigned due to personal reasons.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm.