

**City of Kirkland
Kirkland Senior Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

May 12, 2026, Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:29pm by Vice-Chair Kurt, Ahrensfield.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present; Kurt Ahrensfield, Kathie Alfstad, John Barnett, Jeff Canin, Maru de La Pena, Virinder Duggal, Scott Emmons, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Penny Kahn, Ronald Kim, Charlene McElligott, June Palon, Susan Prows, Terry Steele-Kalet, Charlotte Svenson and Barbara Trunkhill

Members Absent: Joyce Stone and Pamela Waring

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Terry Steele-Kalet motioned to approve May 12, 2026, minutes as read, seconded by Member Scott Emmons, motion passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None- AARP Advocacy Director rescheduled for the August meeting

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The 2026 Recruiting Committee was formed; the following members will participate in interviewing new applicants in October:
 - i. Joyce Stone
 - ii. Scott Emmons
 - iii. Kurt Ahrensfield
 - iv. Karen Hartman
 - v. Charlotte Svenson
 - vi. Terry Steele- Kalet

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

- i. **AARP Age Friendly Cities**
Member Terry Steele- Kalet reported that the Age-Friendly Kirkland Survey launch has been successful with already over 140 responses. The survey will be open until October. There will be a drawing for Mariner tickets in July. Susan, Scott and Daniel will be on *This Week in Kirkland* podcast to promote the survey on July 8th.
- ii. **Advocacy**
Member Karen Hartman has asked for more help with both the advocacy and housing committees, if you are interested in working on these committees, please reach out to her. Volunteers from the community are also welcome to help.
- iii. **Art Show**
Member Scott Emmons reported that the art show was a huge success. There were 76 artists, 185 pieces of art and 269 ballots counted.
- iv. **Education**
Member Maru de La Pena reported the July Emergency Preparedness class was canceled. The Education committee is currently focused on the October Medicare information Fair.
- v. **Human Services Panel Update**
Member Scott Emmons reported that the committee met three times and looked at 10 potential grants that served Kirkland. The committee recommended 7 of the 10 applications to move forward.
- vi. **Housing**
Member Karen Hartman and Community Member Barb Loomis reported on the new senior housing property, Ardea, at Totem Lake. They discussed the positives of the location such as easy access to the bus, walking distance to 3 shopping areas, and 2 ADA units on each floor. They also discussed some concerns such as there being not enough parking spaces for residents, no air conditioning, and being very close to the freeways
- vii. **Outreach**
Member Susan Harris-Huether compiled an outreach calendar that shows upcoming events. She will be looking for volunteers for the September events that are scheduled, she will be unavailable.
- viii. **Resource Guide**
Member Penny Kahn reported that city staff are continuing to look at funding sources for the Resource Guide.

- ix. Transportation
Member Kurt Ahrensfield discussed the ongoing transit study. There will be a senior forum on June 22nd.

- x. Council Chair Report
None

- B. Staff report
Reminder that there will be no meeting in July, next meeting will be August 9.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Please reach out to Penny for more details on the upcoming picnic that she is hosting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07pm