

**City of Kirkland
Kirkland Senior Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 13, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The May 13, 2025, Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Chair Scott Emmons.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kurt Ahrensfield, John Barnett, Jeff Canin, Maru De La Pena, Scott Emmons, Kathy Iverson, Penny Kahn, Steve Lewis, Ingrid Martin, Susan Prows, Jack Staudt, Terry Steele-Kalet, Charlotte Svenson, and Barbara Trunkhill

Members Absent: Carole Bryan, Charlene McElligott, June Palon, Joyce Stone, and Bob Warren.

Staff Present: Jairid Hoehn, Recreation Supervisor

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jack Staudt motioned to approve the April 8, 2025 minutes as written, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Member Scott Emmons and Member Jack Staudt discussed a meeting they had with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor regarding Senior Council successes and what the Senior Council is working on. The AARP Age Friendly Cities project was also discussed. There were questions about how the Senior Council would be involved. Member Scott Emmons will reach out to Mayor Curtis to confirm additional details.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Member Reports
 - i. AARP Age Friendly Cities
 - 1. Members Scott Emmons and Jack Staudt provided additional updated about their meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor about the

AARP Age Friendly Cities project. Member Jack Staudt confirmed that AARP has already completed ratings and created a survey of the City of Kirkland, and it did well in 6 out of 8 categories. Member Staudt stated that the Senior Council would work with the City's DEIB Manager on this project moving forward.

- ii. Advocacy
 - 1. Member Kathy Iverson requested support from Senior Council members as she would like to share the chair position. Member Iverson reported that Bellevue's Network on Aging's meeting will include a Planner and focus on housing in Bellevue and a tour of Bellevue's Faith Based housing options.
- iii. Art Show
 - 1. Member Penny Kahn announced that the Art show was a great success this year. She stated that there were not as many artists involved this year based on the move-in. Member Kahn announced the Art Show will be moving back to June in 2026. She also stated there were not enough volunteers and encouraged others to assist in the future. She also asked for help from others to co-chair the event next year.
- iv. Education
 - 1. Member Ingrid Martin provided a report on the Six Pillars event. She stated it was a wonderful presentation and thanked Member John Barnett for his help securing the speaker. Member Ingrid Martin also spoke about the Fraud Prevention program coming up on June 5th. There will be speakers and tabling. She also provided a preview of the event coming up in February.
- v. Human Services Panel Update
 - 1. No Report.
- vi. Housing
 - 1. Member Jack Staudt discussed the Ardea project and recommended the Senior Council to connect with imagine housing to discuss connecting with new residents.
- vii. Outreach
 - 1. No Report.
- viii. Resource Guide
 - 1. Member Steve Lewis reported that he was able to locate the source files for the Resource Guide. He has been working on a database for the Resource Guide material. He is looking for volunteers to review the source files to confirm they are the same. He asked other member to reach to Member Steve Lewis and Member Penny Kahn if anyone is interested in volunteering.

- ix. Transportation
 - 1. Member Kurt Ahrensfield provided an update on the Circulator Program and opportunities to provide feedback and needs to study. He also provided a Transportation Meeting report.
 - x. Viva Volunteers
 - 1. Member Steve Lewis reported that when the Resource guide is complete, will use the
 - xi. Council Chair Report
 - 1. Chair Scott Emmons provided a report on Outreach efforts.
- B. Staff report
- I. The Staff Liaison provided an update on the staff liaison role and how to contact for assistance.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Member Jack Staudt reported that there is now a 1-click opportunity for Seniors on a Senior Resource page. It is located under the Residents tab on the City's Website. Member Terry Steele-Kalet made a motion to send a letter of thanks to the City for their work on the 1-click opportunity. Member Barbara Trunkhill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Scott Emmons will begin drafting the letter.
- B. Member Ingrid Martin requested that Chair Scott Emmons play the video clip for the Community Appreciation Night. Chair Scott Emmons will see if he can get a link to the video and will send to Senior Council members.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm.