

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
KIRKLAND SENIOR COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 13, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 13, 2021 Kirkland Senior Council Annual Retreat was called to order at 1:35pm by Chair Susan Harris-Huether.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator and Leslie Miller, Human Services Supervisor

Members Absent: Jim Hall

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Barbara Loomis motioned to approve the November meeting minutes as presented, seconded by member Penny Kahn, passed unanimously.

4. GUEST SPEAKER

- A. Christy Stangland, City of Bellevue Human Services Planner, discussed the City of Bellevue's Human Services Needs Assessment and the findings that impact seniors in the community.

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Member Penny Kahn gave an update on the Resource Guide corrections that she has received. Penny will format them and send them to staff.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Members discussed what the KSC would like to do moving forward, post COVID-19, to engage more with seniors in the community. Several ideas were discussed including a more robust on-line presence including videos, ways to identify isolated seniors, partnering with Summerfest for a senior art show and organizing a senior volunteer group.
 - a. KSC has asked staff to invite Patrick Tefft to the June meeting to discuss ways to engage more senior volunteers.
 - b. KSC has asked staff to see if they can have a presence at the Kirkland Friday Market.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Legislative Report
 - i. Member Kathy Iverson reported that members of KSC are trying to form a housing sub-committee with Bellevue Network on Aging. The emphasis will be on Middle income families; when downsizing where can older adults go that is affordable.
 - ii. Both the House and Senate passed House Bill 1218 to improve health, safety and quality of life for residents in long-term care facilities.

- B. Member Reports
 - i. Resource Guide
The Mt. Si Senior Center is having a drive-thru resource fair in June and would like 300 copies of the Resource Guide to hand out. Penny volunteered to deliver the guides to Mt. Si.

- C. Staff Reports
 - i. Staff reported that the earliest that the Peter Kirk Community Center will re-open is sometime after June 1, 2021.
 - ii. The KSC will resume meeting monthly starting in August.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Penny Kahn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Member Jack Staudt seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.