

City of Kirkland Kirkland Senior Council Minutes of Regular Meeting February 8, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 8, 2022 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:34pm by Chair Susan Harris-Huether.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jim Hall, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Jeri Jay-Kelley, Penny Kahn, Steve Lewis, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, June Palon, Jack Staudt, Terry Steele-Kalet and Dave Wagar.

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator; Dawn Nelson, Planning Manager

Members Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Barbara Loomis motioned to approve the January retreat minutes as presented, seconded by Member Ingrid Martin, motion passed unanimously.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Dawn Nelson, City of Kirkland Planning Manager, discussed the City of Kirkland affordable housing policies, the definition of affordable housing is and what affordable housing units are available in Kirkland currently, what is under construction and what is in permit and pre-permit review.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The 2022 Workplan was discussed, additional members signed up for committees. Member Jack Staudt made the motion to approve the 2022 work plan as corrected, seconded by Terry Steele-Kalet, motion passed unanimously.
- B. A table at the Friday Juanita Beach Farmer's Market has been secured once a month for outreach. The dates are June 10, July 8, August 12 and September 9.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Member Jack Staudt discussed King County's plan to purchase the La Quinta in Kirkland to be used as supportive housing. He asked the council to consider writing a letter to the City Council supporting this.

Member Dave Wagar made a motion that the KSC write a letter in support of the County's purchase of La Quinta and offering supportive housing to those in need, seconded by Member Barbara Loomis, motion passed unanimously.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

i. Art Show

Member Penny Kahn updated the members on the upcoming Art Show at Merrill Garden. She asked for her committee to pick up the posters from PKCC for distribution. Staff will also help with advertising on the City's Facebook page, the Parks Department eBlast, through the art classes at PKCC and will send the poster to the Kirkland Art Center.

Ribbons for the art show were discussed and will be ordered by staff.

ii. Transportation

Karen reported that the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative is continuing to get new information via email and that she tries to attend the meetings. Staff also attend the meetings.

iii. Advocacy

Member Karen Hartman gave a detailed report on the Advocacy committee's work, it was reported that the joint KSC/BNOA committee is contacting either via Zoom or in writing state and federal legislators in support of the 2022 Advocacy Committee Agenda.

iv. Resource Guide

Member Penny Kahn will be setting up a committee meeting to discuss next steps in updating the Resource Guide.

v. Housing Advocacy

Member Barbara Loomis reported that her committee has not yet met however she sent out an email to them outlining her goals for the committee.

vi. Education

Committee discussed some ideas about upcoming classes or informational seminars including:

1. Medicare Insurance
2. Property Taxes
3. Healthcare
4. Housing

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Jack Staudt motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.