

City of Kirkland Kirkland Senior Council Minutes of Regular Meeting February 14, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 14, 2023 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:27pm by Chair Jack Staudt

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Carole Bryan, Scott Emmons, Jim Hall, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Kathy Iverson, Jeri Jay-Kelley, Penny Kahn, Carol Kelly, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, Jack Staudt, Terry Steele-Kalet, Dave Wagar, Bob Warren.

Members Absent: Steve Loomis and June Palon

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jerri Jay-Kelly motioned to approve the January minutes as written, seconded by Member Terry Steele-Kalet, motion passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Heather Clark, Hopelink Eastside Mobility Coordinator, discussed transportation options currently available for seniors on the Eastside including the Community Van, the transportation Resource Line and the Lyft Ride United program. Heather updated members on the new ORCA card, how to reload the card and how to get a new card if needed.
- B.** Alison Zike, City of Kirkland Planning and Building Deputy Director and Katie Hogan, City of Kirkland Environmental Program Coordinator, discussed the City's 2044 Comprehensive Plan and how to get involved in making sure that

the needs of seniors would be heard. The following members volunteered to represent the KSC in the following focus groups:

Environment & Parks- Barbara Loomis

Transportation & Land Use- Scott Emmons

Housing & Human Services- Kathy Iverson

City Services- Jeri Jay-Kelley

Economic Development- Jack Staudt

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Chair Jack Staudt discussed the follow-up email that he sent to the City for an update on items discussed at the January meeting, there has been no response as of the February meeting. Member Terry Steele-Kalet indicated that she would apply to be on the Human Services Commission and act as a liaison between the two groups.
- B. The 2023 work plan was reviewed. It was decided that a second objective would be added under goal 2 regarding community engagement for the comprehensive plan. Members Susan Harris-Huether and Penny Kahn asked to be removed from Senior Education Forum Committee. Member Kathy Iverson made a motion to accept the work plan as corrected, seconded by Member Barbara Loomis, motion passes unanimously.
- C. A simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order was discussed. Member Barbara Loomis made a motion to accept these rules, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No new business was discussed

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

i. Advocacy

Member Kathy Iverson updated council on the 2023 State Legislative Agenda. There will not be a Senior Lobby Day this year, so KSC and BNOA will meet with representatives via Zoom.

An update on the Women's health letter that was voted on late last year was given. The letter has not yet been sent as BNOA is working on some of the current verbiage. KSC may need to send letter without including BNOA.

ii. Housing

Member Barbara Loomis reported on a meeting she attended regarding faith-owned properties and housing. A discussion regarding a need for a diverse type of housing is needed within Kirkland and Bellevue including low-income housing, senior housing, ADU and universal design on new builds.

iii. Resource Guide

Member Penny Kahn reported that all the corrections for the new edition of the Resource Guide have been completed. The next step is to have staff look at each section.

iv. Art Show

Member Penny Kahn reported that the art show dates are confirmed and will be June 8-22, 2023. The reception will be on June 8th from 5-7pm.

Set-up for the art show will be on June 7th from 9am-1pm. Take-down will be on June 23rd.

The distribution of fliers was discussed. Below is who volunteered and for which areas:

- Karen - between 116th and 100th Ave NE, and North Juanita
- Kathy - Rose Hill
- Susan - Houghton, Redmond
- Barb - downtown Kirkland, Market St., Kirkland Art Center
- Scott - Kingsgate, Woodinville, Totem Lake

- Caryn - Issaquah
- Jeri - Bothell
- Ingrid - Bellevue

v. Education

Member Ingrid Martin reported on the success of the Property Tax Public Forum in January. A discussion regarding the challenges around parking followed.

vi. Transportation

Members Karen Hartman discussed the frustrations of Kirkland not being included in most of the transportation improvements and advances discussed in the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative.

vii. Viva Volunteer

Member Dave Wagar reported that nine (9) organizations have responded currently, and that the committee will be reaching out again to other organizations. The committee is looking for ideas on where to have the Viva booth. Staff will look at reserving a table at the Friday Juanita Market.

B. Staff Report

Staff asked if KSC would like to participate at the Taste of Retirement in April.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Member Penny Kahn motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Carol Kelly, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:24pm.