

City of Kirkland Kirkland Senior Council Minutes of Regular Meeting July 12, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The July 12, 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-Kelly, Penny Kahn, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, June Palon, Terry Steele-Kalet and Dave Wagar.

Members Absent: Steve Lewis and Jack Staudt

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Jen Boone, City of Kirkland Human Services Manager; Antoinette Smith, City of Kirkland Human Services Program Coordinator; Regi Schubiger, City of Kirkland Human Services Program Coordinator discussed the role of the Human Services division. Human Services oversees and supports agencies to help the public through economic and personal crisis. The City of Kirkland supports 70 programs with 2.4 million dollars in funding. These programs include but are not limited to rental assistance, housing, the Latinx Community Engagement Project, health fairs, street outreach programs, hotel voucher programs and much more.

A Human Services Needs Assessment will be done in 2023-2024 if approved in the budget.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Viva Volunteer letter is ready to go out. Please let Chair Susan Harris-Huether know if you can help address and stuff envelopes. A volunteer is also needed to work on the display board.
- B. The Friday Market went well on July 8th, approximately 12 Resource Guides were given away. Susan Harris-Huether and Jeri Jay-Kelly will attend the August 12th Market.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Property Tax Presentation- Member Ingrid Martin will look into scheduling this presentation for January 2023.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

i. Advocacy

Member Ingrid Martin reported that she would like to have the Fall Legislative agenda changes approved; they include support for increased funding for older Americans and to expand Medicare to include Dental, Vision and Hearing. Member Ingrid Martin made a motion, member Barbara Loomis seconded. Member Terry Steele-Kalet asked that the vote be postponed until the September meeting and that the proposed agenda be emailed to all members so they can look at it more closely. The vote was postponed until the September meeting.

ii. Art Show

Member Penny Kahn reported that Merrill Gardens compensated the artist that lost their art piece while on display. Merrill Gardens has also agreed to host the 2023 Art Show.

iii. Housing
No report

iv. Resource Guide
Member Penny Kahn reported that the Resource Guide committee is working on agency updates. A discussion followed about what area made up East King County.

v. Education
New Chairperson is needed

vi. Transportation
No report this month

B. Staff Report

Staff requested that the October meeting be moved from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday of the month.

Reminder that the Peter Kirk Community Center will be host a Senior Resource Fair on September 15, 2022.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Member Jeri Jay-Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.