

**City of Kirkland  
Kirkland Senior Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
June 13, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 13, 2023 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:33pm by Chair Jack Staudt

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Carole Bryan, Jim Hall, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Kathy Iverson, Penny Kahn, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, June Palon, Jack Staudt, Terry Steele-Kalet, Dave Wagar and Bob Warren.

Members Absent: Scott Emmons, Jeri Jay-Kelley Steve Lewis, and Caryn Morawek

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Terry Steele-Kalet motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously.

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. David Wolbrecht, City of Kirkland Communications Program Manager, discussed potential website updates for the KSC as well as protocol for press releases and community calendars. David will work with staff to determine the best way to advertise upcoming KSC events and projects.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Member Jack Staudt discussed Robert's Rules and talking limitations to allow everyone a chance to speak and to help the secretary be able to take more detailed notes.
- B. The Study Session between Kirkland Senior Council and the City Council is on June 20, 2023. Members discussed last minute items to make sure that all speakers were prepared to present to City Council.
  - i. Kathy Iverson- Housing and Legislative Items
  - ii. Karen Hartman- Transportation
  - iii. Jack Staudt- Inclusiveness of Aging Population

- C. Member Jack Staudt brought in the Older Adults Month proclamation that he accepted at the May City Council meeting for members to see. The proclamation will go home with Jack as a thank you for accepting on behalf of the KSC.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recruitment for the KSC will be in October. A recruitment committee was formed and includes the following members: Terry Kalet-Steele, Carole Bryan and Karen Hartman. Member Susan Harris-Huether is updating the current recruitment brochure.
- B. Members discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the City Council in support of antisemitism, however it was decided that it was no longer necessary as the City Council had already proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month.
- C. Member Jack Staudt discussed the potential of sending a letter to City Council encouraging language be added that senior be exempt from paying additional taxes to future bond or levy measures. Staff provided RCW 84.36 to members that indicates ballot language will include the following “Qualifying seniors, disabled veterans and others would be exempt.” A discussion followed; it was decided that this can be done on an individual basis however not as a KSC representative.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Member Reports

#### i. Advocacy

Member Kathy Iverson met with a representative from the Gold Card program, this program offers senior discounts at various local and regional businesses for those 60+. The Gold Card representative anticipates more Eastside businesses will be participating soon. Fliers in English, Chinese and Spanish are available.

Member Susan Harris-Huether recommended that the representative meet with the KDA and the Rotary Club to promote the Gold Card and to look for more participating businesses.

#### ii. Art Show

Member Penny Kahn reported that there were 71 artists that participated registered and 160 pieces of art.

#### iii. Education

Member Ingrid Martin reported that the fraud prevention date needs to still be confirmed. The Medicare Parts B and D class is scheduled for September 21, 2023. The Aging in Place/Universal Design presentation is scheduled for November 2, 2023. Flier will need to be designed and printed 6-8 prior to all

events. Staff will assist with flier design and distribution by emailing to North Bellevue and Northshore Senior Center.

The committee will continue to look at new ideas for Spring and Summer 2024.

iv. Housing

Member Barbara Loomis shared that BNOA and KSC representatives met to discuss affordable housing.

v. Outreach

Member Susan Harris-Huether reminded members that they will be at the Friday Farmers Market once a month in June, July and August handing out Resource Guides and Gold Cards.

vi. Resource Guide

Member Penny Kahn reported that the draft for the new Resource Guide was almost ready and will be sent to the committee this week.

vii. Transportation

Member Karen Hartman reported two programs that are currently applying for more funding, the Flex Program and One-Call-One Click.

viii. Viva Volunteer

Member Jack Staudt discussed a new website that was created by Member Steve Lewis and what the plan is moving forward to keep the website current. More discussion will need to take place at the next meeting when Members Jeri Jay-Kelley and Steve Lewis are in attendance.

ix. Chair Report

Member Jack Staudt reported that he will be attending the June 27<sup>th</sup> Human Services Commission meeting and will have 40 minutes to discuss the KSC mission and work plan.

**B. Staff Report**

- i. King County would like to set up a meeting to discuss Older Adults and Healthy aging in Kirkland, Members Susan Harris-Huether and Terry Kalet-Steele volunteered to go to the meeting with staff.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Barbara Loomis motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.