

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 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-Kelly, Penny Kahn, Steve Lewis, Ingrid Martin, Jack Staudt, Terry Steele-Kalet and Dave Wagar.

Members Absent: Barbara Loomis, Caryn Morawek and June Palon

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jerri Jay-Kelly motioned to approve the July minutes as written, seconded by Member Jim Hall, motion passed unanimously.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** The Kirkland Senior Council recruited and interviewed new members October 1-31, 2022. Member Steve Lewis indicated that he would be like to extend his term on the KSC by submitting a letter to the Executive Board. The interview panel discussed the applicants and made their recommendations. Member Jeri Jay-Kelly motioned to approve and offer three-year terms to the following applicants Carole Bryan, Scott Emmons, Kathy Iverson, Robert Warren, seconded by Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Per KSC bylaws a new executive board the annual election of Vice Chair and Secretary are to be done at the November meeting. The Council is also in need of a Chair as last year's Vice Chair is unable to fill the Chair position currently. Member Penny Kahn motioned to nominate Jack Staudt as Chair, Terry Steele-Kalet as Vice Chair and Karen Hartman as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Member Ingrid Martin and passed unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

i. Advocacy

Member Karen Hartman reported on updates with the BNOA and discussed a letter that regarding women's reproductive rights. Member Jack Staudt made a motion for the committee to move forward with the letter, seconded by Penny Kahn, motion passed unanimously.

ii. Housing

No report

iii. Resource Guide

Member Penny Kahn that there is now a new way of making updates on the Resource Guide is now on OneDrive and that it is much easier for the committee to get the corrections to the Human Service staff that is helping with this project. There is a new color code system in places so that the committee and staff can easily see what has been completed and what is still needing to be worked on. The committee is trying get this project finished by the end of the year.

iv. Art Show

Staff reported for Member Penny Kahn that Merrill Gardens is willing to store the art show grids but that they still need to be picked up from a storage unit in Bellevue. Member Jim Hall volunteered to pick up the grids and take them to Merrill Gardens, Member Susan Harris-Huether volunteered to help with this also.

The 13th Annual Art show will be at Merrill Gardens in 2023 however it will have a shorter run time. Dates have not been confirmed.

v. Education

Member Ingrid Martin reported that the Senior Property Tax Relief Public Forum is scheduled for January 25, 2023 at 2pm. Registration is open and will be advertised on the City's Facebook pages, in the Parks department eBlast to current participants and in the City's This Week in Kirkland publication.

vi. Transportation

Members Karen Hartman has asked that a representative from Hopelink come to a future meeting to discuss the new ORCA card. This presentation is scheduled to take place at the February 2023 meeting.

vii. Viva Volunteer

Member Jack Staudt reported on the how the new volunteer format was working. It was suggested that the KSC still be present at the Juanita Farmers Market in the summer. The Committee would like to try a mini-Viva Volunteer fair in conjunction with the annual Resource Fair in Fall 2023. Staff will work with the committee on the logistics to make this happen.

B. Staff Report

Staff discussed existing member term limits and asked that co-chairs be found for some committees at the KSC retreat so that when a member is rotated off of the Council there will be someone up to speed and able to take their place.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Member Jack Staudt motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Jerri Steele-Kalet, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:14pm.