

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
KIRKLAND SENIOR COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 21 2021 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:32pm by Chair Susan Harris-Huether.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jim Hall, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Kathy Iverson, Penny Kahn, Steve Lewis, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, June Palon, Jack Staudt and Dave Wagar.

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

Members Absent:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Kathy Iverson motioned to approve the July meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Dave Wagar, motion passed unanimously.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Members Barbara Loomis, Jack Staudt and Karen Hartman will join Chair Susan Harris-Huether to comprise the new member recruitment committee. These members will complete interviews for prospective new members as applications are received. Interviews will be help virtually, staff will help set the interviews up as needed.
- B. Members discussed what types of educational public meetings they would like to schedule:
 - i. Insurance/Medical Billing re: COVID
 - ii. Property Tax Exemption
- C. Members discussed having the art show in Spring 2022 and Viva Volunteer in either 2022 or 2023 depending on COVID restrictions and case trends.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Members Dave Wager raised concerns that the pedestrian walkthrough located on Lake Ave W. was potentially going to be closed. A resident has brought litigation against the City and would like the gates to be locked. KSC members discussed their concern with this possibility because several local senior groups use this path. Member Dave Wagar made a motion to write a letter to City Council in support of keeping the walkway open, Member Kathy Iverson 2nd the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Barbara Loomis also volunteered to speak at the next City Council Meeting during public comment on behalf of the KSC and their concerns.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

i. Advocacy

Member Kathy Iverson reported that members of BNOA/KSC Joint Advocacy Committee met with representatives from Susan DelBene, Maria Cantwell, Adam Smith and Patty Murray's offices to discuss the Advocacy Committee's legislative agenda. The emphasis on the agenda includes prescription drug pricing, Scrap the cap and adding dental, hearing and vision benefits to Medicare.

Member Kathy Iverson also reported that the Housing Committee through the BNOA/KSC Joint Advocacy Committee has been active and has been working with the City of Kirkland regarding a plan to address affordable housing.

ii. Art Show

Member Penny Kahn indicated that she has been in communication with Merrill Gardens and that they would like to host in the Spring 2022. New ribbons need to be ordered for next show.

iii. Resource Guide

Member Penny Kahn would like for the Resource Guide committee to meet to set up a plan to resume verifying organization information, especially the Non-Profit Organizations that are listed in the guide.

iv. Vial of Life

Member Penny Kahn reported that Vials of Life now had to be purchased, members discussed if they wanted to continue the program. Staff was asked to contact KFD to see if the Vials of Life are still effective. Member Penny Kahn is going to approach some other local pharmacies to see if they would be interested in donating the vials.

v. Staff Report

KSC meetings will continue virtually through October at least, staff will send out Zoom meeting requests through the end of the year just in case we continue to meet virtually.

PKCC is open for all activities except congregate dining at this time, however drop-in programs have been slow to return.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Member Barbara Loomis motioned to adjourn the meeting and Member Jack Staudt seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.