

City of Kirkland

Kirkland Senior Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 13, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 13, 2022 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:32pm by Chair Susan Harris-Huether.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Jeri Jay-Kelly, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek, June Palon, Terry Steele-Kalet and Dave Wagar.

Members Absent: Jim Hall, Penny Kahn, Steve Lewis and Jack Staudt

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jeri Jay-Kelly motioned to approve the July minutes as written, seconded by Member Ingrid Martin, motion passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. James Lopez, City of Kirkland Deputy City Manager, External Affairs discussed updates on the King County Health through Housing project located on the former La Quinta property in Kirkland. This will be permanent supportive housing that pairs subsidized housing with case management and supportive services. This property will be used exclusively for permanent supportive housing and will not be used as a shelter. King County will use a tiered process for potential residents based on age, race/ethnicity and health to prioritize admission.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The last Friday Market went well on September 9, 2022 though it was not as busy as August.
- B. Member Karen Hartman joined staff to be interviewed by a reporter from Greet Kirkland for an article about the Kirkland Senior Council.
- C. Member Susan Harris-Huether gave an update on the Viva Volunteer project; forms are slowly being returned from different agencies. Member Dave Wagar is still looking for other members to help put together a display to be taken to different events to help promote the agencies looking for volunteers.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Kirkland Senior Council will be recruiting new members October 1-31, 2022 and is open to adults that live, work, or serve seniors in Kirkland. The recruitment committee will include the following members: Terry Steele-Kalet, Karen Hartman, Jeri Jay-Kelly, Jack Staudt and Barbara Loomis.
- B. Member Susan Harris-Huether will represent the Kirkland Senior Council on the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC)

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Member Reports
 - i. Advocacy
Member Karen Hartman reported on updates with the BNOA and the updated legislative agenda that was sent to KSC members. Member Susan Harris-Huether made a motion to accept the Legislative Agenda as submitted by the Advocacy Committee, seconded by Dave Wagar, motion passed unanimously.

Member Barbara Loomis would like the KSC to write a letter to the City Council asking for a dedicated staff person to advocate for senior issues, to have a dedicated seat on the Human Service Commission and to have a 1-click option on the Cities home page for Senior services.

ii. Housing

Member Barbara Loomis reported the BNOA is working on a letter to the Bellevue City Council addressing affordable housing for seniors.

iii. Resource Guide

Member Susan Harris-Huether reported that the Resource Guide committee is working on agency updates and will have the updates completed by the end of the year. There is a new online form that needs to be used for each updated agency.

iv. Education

Member Ingrid Martin reported that the Senior Property Tax Relief Public Forum is scheduled for January 25, 2023 at 2pm. Staff will be creating a flier for the event that will need to be distributed. Staff will advertise the event on the Cities Facebook pages as well as via email to past participants. KSC members will be needed to help set up and clean up the event.

v. Transportation

Members Karen Hartman and June Palon gave a transportation update regarding the new ORCA card software system and what the changes will mean to riders. Once the new software system is rolled out staff will schedule an on-site senior ORCA card event to help seniors access the new card that is needed.

B. Staff Report

Staff reminded KSC members that the October meeting was moved to October 18, 2022. Also encouraged members to come to the Senior Resource Fair on Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 10am-12pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Member Ingrid Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Barbara Loomis, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:11pm.