

KINGSTON CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

October 5, 2011
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION:

North Kitsap Fire Station on Miller Bay Road

- 7:00 INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
 Opening Comments
 Introductions
 Review/Approve Minutes
 Correspondence – membership changes
 Old Business
- 7:10 SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Jon Brand – Stillwaters Fish Passage Progress
- 7:45 COUNTY REPORT
- 8:00 KCAC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Parks & Open Space Committee – Walt Elliott
 WSF Committee – Walt Elliott
- 8:15 COMMUNITY REPORTS
 Carpenter Lake/Creek – Steve Heacock
 Kingston Garden Club – Mary Ann Harris
 Village Green Foundation – Dave Wetter
 Chamber Of Commerce – Tom Waggoner
 Kiwanis – Ken Hanson
 Kingston Port & SoundRunner – Meisha Rouser
 Downtown Kingston Association – Nancy Langwith
 Rotary – Clint Boxman
 Friends of the Library – Jan Richards/Pat Wicklund
 Kingston Stakeholders – Dan Martin
 Kingston Farmer’s Market – Clint Dudley
 Schools Updates – Rick Jones & Kari Golden
- 8:45 NEW BUSINESS
- 8:55 OPEN COMMENT PERIOD/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9:00 ADJOURN

***** Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 2 , 2011 *****

KINGSTON CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting Summary
October 5, 2011

Present

Naomi Maasberg, Co-Chair, Member at Large
Betsy Cooper, Co-Chair, Member At Large
Clint Boxman, Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary
Dave Wetter, Village Green
Steve Heacock, Carpenter Lake/Creek
Ken Hanson, Kingston Kiwanis
Nancy Langwith, Downtown Kingston Association
Kari Golden, School Parent
Annie Humiston, At Large
Walt Elliot, At Large
Dan Martin, Kingston Stakeholders
Cindy McKay, Secretary
Clint Dudley, Kingston Farmers Market
Jan Richards & Pat Wiklund, Friends of the Kingston Library
Mary Ann Harris, Kingston Garden Club
Rick Jones, North Kitsap School District

Absent

Tom Waggoner, Chamber of Commerce

Excused

Denise Leitz, Member at Large

Kitsap County Representatives

Jon Brand, Kitsap County Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
Introductions were made.

Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

Correspondence

The committee received an email from Jan Richards who stated she will be resigning. She's already found a replacement. Pat Wiklund will be appointed as her replacement.

Meisha Rouser will not be representing the Port and the Sound Runner. Rebecca is submitting a resolution to add the Port of Kingston as an official part of this committee. Pete DeBoer will be the representative. Naomi will send him the information.

Old Business

None.

Special Presentation

Jon Brand from Kitsap County Public Works gave an update on the Stillwaters Carpenter Creek Fish Passage project. To date \$845,000 of the \$2.1 million dollar budget has been spent. The temporary traffic bypass has worked out well and is much appreciated by the community. He apologized for those occasions when the contractor had to monopolize the park.

A slide presentation of the project was shown. The bridge could be done by the end of November. The storm drain will be located under the bridge; it is an energy dissipater. The possibility of artwork on the wing walls has been discussed. The slope on the waterside will be lined, covered with rock and filter fabric then landscaped with emergent vegetation. The ills of the culvert, particularly the scour holes were discussed. The lower hole is nearly full. Filling the holes now, versus allowing the holes to naturally fill has been examined and discussed. One hole is about sixteen feet deep and full of fish.

It will take about a month to finish the bridge deck; weather will determine when the bridge will open and it could be any time from November to January. The deck will be paved, have bike lanes and a six foot sidewalk. Most, and hopefully all, utilities will run under the bridge.

Other County Reports: Jim Rogers sent out a six year Transportation Improvement Plan that has not been finalized. Please send your comments. There are no new project plans for Kingston but they are still working on the storm water development so that is still in the works.

Betsy heard from Eric Baker who will be attending the November meeting to discuss the ramifications of the court decision regarding the sizing of the RGA's.

Naomi spoke with Rebecca who is working on a plan to get all of the local community advisory groups together before the end of the year.

Budgets now restrict how frequently the county can get reports out to the advisory committees; use of the website is being encouraged.

Sub-Committee Reports

Parks & Open Space – Walt Elliot

The North Kitsap Trail Association draft trail plan is complete and has been submitted to the county. Individual subcommittee members recently testified requesting that Planning Commission recommend that the plan be approved by the County Commissioners. Three public meetings will be held; October 20, 7 p.m. at the Miller Bay Fire Station; October 26, 7 p.m. at Poulsbo City Hall and November 7 at 7 p.m. at the Bainbridge Community Center. Letters of support may be sent to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners by Tuesday, October 18; emails may be sent to Dennis Oost by October 12. The County Commissioners will consider adoption of the plan on Monday, November 14, 7 p.m.

NK Heritage Park – trail work Saturday October 8 from 9 to noon. The permit to build a boardwalk to avoid wetlands as part of the Blue Trail re-route has been approved. The

trail across the meadow will be decommissioned. The stewardship committee plans a grant request to cover materials.

Ferry Advisory Committee Report – Commissioner Garrido continues to represent us on the “Connecting Washington Task Force”. They are working on priorities for road and transit funding including ferries. Emphasis this past week has been on the value of ferries to tourism. Pete DeBoer testified on the need to include passenger ferries in the priorities and Kingston is leading the way for the region. Send comments to the Task Force via the Governor’s website; click on the Connecting Washington Taskforce. Comments may be submitted by clicking on “website form” then typing them into the questionnaire.

Small Car Fares – Expect a break at the toll booth when being measured for a small car fare. The toll person may come out and measure your car if necessary.

Walt would like KCAC to vote on whether or not we will support the NKTA trail plan at the next meeting. Betsy asked if there have been any negative comments about the plan. There have been over 750 responses to an on-line survey with very few negative responses. There are three main concerns; people are worried that there will be mandated property crossing (this is not the case); the project is perceived as a waste of money (however very little money is actually involved); and people are worried that trails near their property could invite a people of questionable character. There are a large number of positive comments. Maintenance of the trail will most likely be through a volunteer force; there may be Park Department involvement. At last tally, there are over 52,000 volunteer hours logged on this project.

Community Reports

Carpenter Lake/Creek – Steve Heacock

John’s presentation sums up the latest information. There is nothing additional to report.

Kingston Garden Club – Mary Ann Harris

No new information since last month.

Village Green Foundation – Dave Wetter

1) As part of the Administrative Conditional Use Permit (ACUP) process, a technical review of documents was held with the County DCD staff on 9-21-11. Some additional information was required and was subsequently submitted.

2) We are building the foundation of a capital campaign for the community center – senior center, Boys & Girls Club, library, at the Village Green and all of the project partners are involved. Be on the lookout for a high-energy brainstorming event featuring food and beverages early in November to gather input about community connections we all have, people who could be interested in helping the capital campaign in any way.

3) The MPD is lining up a local resource to begin trash removal service at the park. In the meantime, and under no circumstances, should trash be placed in the Randy-Kan.

Chamber of Commerce – Dan Martin reported in Tom Waggoner’s absence

One hundred and twenty flower baskets have been taken down with help from Dave.

Kiwanis – Ken Hanson

Evening meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. The next one is October 13. Your first visit as a guest is free.

Kingston Port and Sound Runner – Pete DeBoer

Sound Runner has been a challenge. There is a meeting on October 26 to discuss milestones that have been set. The ORCA program is large and complex and should be coming soon to the Sound Runner. Announcements will be placed on the community reader board when it officially begins. There is one van share and work is being done on local parking incentives. Cost cutting measures are under way. Customers are being interviewed for suggestions and ideas. Special event trips haven't been successful yet. Work is being done on the publication of a walking map. It is necessary to communicate with elected officials; the amount of money that the Port of Kingston needs is very small in the bigger scheme of things. People are encouraged to contact the transportation committees; the legislature needs to know we are serious.

Betsy asked about the machine that is moving rocks on the bulkhead around the ferry holding lanes. Pete explained it is a storm damage issue from around '03; work is being done to shore things up.

Downtown Kingston Association – Nancy Langwith

Eat Your Way through History, sponsored by the Kitsap County Museum had 42 attendees.

Old Mill Days brought 8000 to Port Gamble. New promotions included Free Friday and military discounts.

KHS Homecoming was a success for students, organizers and vendors. The event was organized by parents and school staff this year.

Mid Day Run for the Sound Runner will be on October 6. The boat leaves at 11:00 a.m. and tickets will be available at the kiosk 30 minutes before departure. No reservations required.

Kingston Country Christmas is Saturday, December 10. Festivities will be coordinated with Port Gamble with joint marketing.

Rotary – Clint Boxman

There is a blood drive on October 11 at the Kingston Community Center.

Rotary is actively involved in raising funds to help build the Village Green Picnic Shelter. Interested persons should see Clint Boxman or call 360-297-8677.

Two new members have been inducted: Karen Gibson and Nick Jewett. They are actively seeking new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at noon at the Kingston Yacht Club.

Next year's golf tournament at WhiteHorse is June 22. Rotary is seeking major donors or sponsors (\$10,000 and \$7,500) for naming rights to the tournament.

Friends of the Library – Jan Richards and Pat Wiklund

Jan introduced Pat as her replacement. There will be a book sale on November 5.

Kingston Stakeholders – Dan Martin

The regular monthly meeting of the Kingston Stakeholders will be Friday, October 7, 9 a.m. at Cleo's Learning Center above Nancy's Green Garden. Tuesday, October 11,

Seattle SCORE; Dan Martin will attend a workshop on Angel Investing. The workshop will be led by Seattle SCORE counselor Todd Dean. On Wednesday, October 12 Dan will present "SCORE for the life of your business" at the Kingston Rotary meeting. Friday, October 14 he will be meeting with John Parsons, the new executive director of the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA). The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Kingston Cove Yacht Club from 9-10:30. Dan explained that he views the stakeholders the same as Angel Investors; members pay dues to help get things done quickly. He invited everyone to attend meetings and participate.

Kingston Farmer's Market – Clint Dudley

There are two more markets with the final one being held on October 15th. The annual membership meeting will be in November. In December officers will be elected and work will begin on next year's market.

Schools Update – Rick Jones and Kari Golden

Kari reported that Kingston High School won their homecoming game and that the homecoming parade was a blast.

Rick reported that NKSD has received two grants. One of them is a 3-year, one million dollar elementary science grant. The focus of the grant is to develop elementary teacher skills in teaching science.

NKSD has been selected as one of five school districts to pilot a new evaluation system for teachers and administrators. We will pilot the model next year and implement it the following year.

Rick was asked if the district will be bringing back any more teachers to help reduce class size. Probably not. Grades K-3 now average 22 students per class. Secondary classroom counts are still high with 24 to 35 per class. As state funds are eliminated, class sizes grow. The district is looking into whether or not there would be community support of higher taxes through a levy.

New Business

The desire for a KCAC Facebook page was discussed. Rebecca Pirtle is checking with various groups to see if there is an interest. The Kingston Chamber has a Facebook page; it's a good way to get information out as there are 580 people currently linked to the site and over 200 of them are actively watching and responding.

A Facebook page is a good way to reach out to a lot of people but it requires someone to keep the page updated. County restrictions could make this a difficult project.

Members were asked to think about it and we will revisit this at the next meeting.

Open Comment Period/General Announcements

Stillwaters has a mushroom walk with Andrew MacMillen of the Kitsap Mycological Society on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person; \$20 for 2011 members.

This is the last weekend of the Stillwater Book Sale.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy McKay, Secretary
KCAC

