

# *Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA)*

## *Meeting notes*

*Tuesday January 8, 2018, 7:00 PM*

*Fire Station 22 on 108th Avenue NE*

### **2019 Safety Grant Program – Status and Schedule**

We submitted our project in December. We applied for a Rapid Flashing Beacon on 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the crosswalk at Phyllis Needy Park. Conferences and Neighborhood review panels meet in February – March, with a final decision March 26 and Council decision April 16<sup>th</sup>.

We also have coordinated with City staff to get a new street light installed at the crosswalk on NE 68<sup>th</sup> Street, east of 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. PSE needs to conduct a study of lighting levels at the crosswalk. If approved, the street light would be funded through a different program (not the Neighborhood Safety Program).

### **2019-2020 Neighborhood Matching Grant Project Ideas/Final List -**

The Neighborhood Matching Grant Program provides Kirkland neighborhoods the opportunity to apply for City funds to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods. The grant is for a biennium. The following projects were discussed and we decided which projects to apply for the 2019-2020 grant program. The grant application is due January 31; Larry will prepare and submit to the City.

- a. **Web Site Hosting** – Continue to fund our webpage hosting service at \$200 over 2 years.
- b. **Postal Service Mailer and Other CHNA Communication Programs -**  
Develop brochure on CHNA and mail to all addresses in Central Houghton to increase awareness of distribution list, web site, Facebook, and other communication tools (such as Next Door) and to get more people involved with providing input and engaging in CHNA, including neighborhood grant projects. Brochure also could be used as a 'Welcome to the Neighborhood' flyer when people move in. Cost range is \$950-\$1300. We also hope to reach out to relators serving the neighborhood.
- c. **Crossing Kirkland Event -** Help host/support a station for the 3rd and 4th annual crossing Kirkland events held in early September of each year. Average \$400 per year for a total of \$800. We discussed ways to incorporate materials from last July's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Event of the merger of Houghton and Kirkland. We have the event display boards, walking tour, and lots of wooden nickels.

- d. ~~4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade~~—Decided not to do both the parade and Crossing Kirkland due to the lack of volunteers willing to participate
- e. ~~Doggy Bags at Parks and Along CKC (Other locations?)~~—Not worthwhile if not paired with trash can and pickup service. We will continue coordinating with Parks department on strategies to address these concerns.
- f. ~~Watershed Park Signs Rehab~~— After contacting Parks Department, they created a work order for sign maintenance, so we do not need to use grant funding for this maintenance.
- g. **Charity Events (such as Nourishing Kirkland or Pantry Packs) - A** potential way to get CHNA more engaged with greater community needs. We also will contact the administration and/or PTSAs for schools in the neighborhood for possible ideas. We agreed to increase the proposed \$200 to \$400. This will be dependent on getting more volunteer participation in food drives or other charity drives.
- h. Other Ideas?

This is the final list and was voted and agreed upon this for the grant application.

### Other Announcements and Discussion Items

- a. **Bike Share Survey** Due January 18: <https://www.research.net/r/kirklandbikeshare>
- b. **Off-leash Dog Survey** Due January 18: <https://www.research.net/r/kirklandoffleashdogs>
- c. **Eastside Rail Corridor Renaming Survey** Due January 18: <https://www.research.net/r/ERCBranding> - Developing a new name and brand for the [Eastside Rail Corridor](#) (ERC), the multi-purpose corridor connecting Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville and Redmond. Currently, the ERC includes trail segments like the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#) and the [Redmond Central Connector](#), along with part of Sound Transit’s light rail line in Bellevue.
- d. **Tree Code Revisions -** [https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code\\_Updates/Projects/Tree\\_Code\\_Updates.htm](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code_Updates/Projects/Tree_Code_Updates.htm)  
 Upcoming Meetings  
 January, February, March 2019 Planning Commission and City Council meetings  
 April 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing  
 likely April 2019 City Council adoption  
 Early 2019 Houghton Community Council meeting Final Approval  
 Staff memos and the recorded presentations for the associated meeting dates can be found on the applicable web page: Planning Commission, Houghton Community Council, or City Council.

- e. **Development Projects** - Citizen Amendment Requests (CAR) to the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, and/or Zoning Map. The City considers citizen amendment proposals once every other year during odd years (2017, 2019 etc.) as part of the City's Annual review of the Comprehensive Plan. CARs will be begun to be reviewed February/March. We will update you of any significant CAR in the Central Houghton neighborhood.  
([https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code\\_Updates/Projects/Citizen\\_Initiated\\_Requests.htm](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code_Updates/Projects/Citizen_Initiated_Requests.htm) )
- f. **Northwest University Master Plan Status** – nothing new to report at this time; we will send out information as we get it from the City.
- g. **Input on Future Meeting Topics** – Metro’s NE Mobility Project and big changes in bus routes and schedules as well as closure of the Montlake Station will be happening in March. We’ll put together a digest version and alert commuters prior to changes. Following our meeting, we were contacted by Sound Transit regarding giving a presentation to CHNA about the I-405 Bus Rapid Transit Project and NE 85<sup>th</sup>/I-405 station area plans which are part of the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) funding package that the voters approved. We will likely have a presentation from ST and hopefully Metro at the March meeting.

#### **CHNA Business Items**

- a. CHNA is transitioning to using Gmail for distributing the meeting agendas and notes. We will be sending out the notes twice (once from Lisa’s personal account as we have been doing, the other from [centralhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:centralhoughton@gmail.com). That way we hope to make sure we have everyone successfully transitioned.
- b. We have Open Board Positions!
- c. Next Meeting – March 12 (see item g above)

*Potential future agenda items include – Communication Strategies, Welcoming week, Public Works – Transportation, transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Programs/Projects, Planning Staff – plan development and/or development review, Fire Marshall/ Emergency Services, Map Your Neighborhood*

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