

Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA)

Meeting Notes

Thursday May 23, 2019, 7:00 PM

Fire Station 22 on 108th Avenue NE

1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience

- a. **Kirkland Police Rob Saloum** – Our police visit at our meetings to update us on citywide policing, neighborhood issues and to hear our concerns and ask questions. He also gave us an update on the Public Safety Levy (https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Residents/Public_Safety/Enhanced_Police_Services_and_Community_Safety_Ballot_Measure.htm)

The Department is beginning to hire new officers, especially for School Resource Officers (SROs) and for the Pro-Act unit.

He also informed us of the City's pilot traffic speed camera program. The initial trials will be deployed near Kamiakin Middle/John Muir Elementary schools on 132nd Avenue NE in Kingsgate and near Rose Hill Elementary on NE 80th Street. These will be active 30 minutes before and after schools start and end of the school days. Fines will be directed toward school safety programs.

Audience members asked about the city's enforcement of drug possession and subsequent prosecution. Office Saloum noted that the city will still make arrests, but the prosecuting office will determine which cases to move forward with.

2. **Newest City Council Member Kelli Curtis** – Longtime Houghton resident and newly appointed Councilmember came to introduce herself. She has served Houghton and Kirkland in many capacities: Houghton Community Council, Parks Board, Housing Strategy Advisory Group and now the incumbent candidate running for the open seat on City Council. She noted that the ride along with City police and Fire crews were very eye opening and enlightening. She also wants to hear from more people – more voices at the table are good for the discussion of various topics affecting the City. Visit her page to learn more about her <https://www.kellicurtisforkirklandcouncil.com>
3. **2019 Safety Grant Program** – Flashing Beacon at Phyllis Needy Park.

Although our project scored well it just barely fell below the funding level. It was a more expensive project than anticipated. But there is hope. Councilmembers see the need for this project and Kari Page is diligently looking for supplemental and

alternative funding options to get this project done. This is thanks to Marylee Tyler speaking at a Council meeting last month in support of the crosswalk improvements. We will update you as this project hopefully moves forward soon.

4. 2019-2020 Neighborhood Matching Grant Project

Larry reported that we have received the final, signed contract for our neighborhood matching grant program. We received funding for three projects:

- a. *Web Site Hosting* – as always our website is a great resource for information. Visit at www.houghtonlives.com
- b. *Postal Service Mailer/Other CHNA Communication Programs* – we have funds set aside for future newsletter or other mailers and communications to help inform residents and others about CHNA and its role in getting information out to the neighborhood.
- c. *Crossing Kirkland Event* – This event is a citywide block party on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. This year's event will be September 7 from 11am to 3pm. CHNA will be hosting a table near the Google campus with the Moss Bay neighborhood. We sure could use your help for just an hour or two. If you are interested contact CHNA. (hoghtonlives@gmail.com)

5. Staff Presentations – Kari Page

Citywide Connections Map -

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/City-wide_Connections.htm Neighborhoods might not know if a connection is planned before the City or a developer starts to build one. As a result, the City Council directed staff to create a single, city-wide transportation connections map that shows all the planned street and pathway connections, and to create the map in consultation with Kirkland's residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. We got a chance at our meeting to review and comment on them. CHNA has very few new proposed connections. The majority of them were defined as part of the Houghton Everest Neighborhood Center (HENC) planning – see pages 61 and 62 of City Council packet adopting the HENC Plan. These could be required when the Metropolitan Market and/or adjacent properties are redeveloped in the future.

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/City+Council/Council+Packets/011618/10c_UnfinishedBusiness.pdf

- **Connections Workshop - June 15 from 9 to 11 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Participants will be able to discuss specific street and pathway connections with Kirkland's staff.

- If you cannot make the workshop, there is a way to provide your comments online to the map

<https://www.research.net/r/citywideconnectionsmap>

- a. **Safer Routes to School** – Kari Page introduced a new program to identify key steps to make walking, biking and riding the bus to school safer, more convenient and fun. In short, staff needs your input. We filled out a survey/questionnaire to get our ideas on how to increase safe walking to school and answered some of our questions. If you have questions or suggestions, please visit the webpage:https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/Safer_Routes_to_School_Action_Plans.htm or contact Kari Page Safer Routes to School Coordinator Phone: 425-587-3875 E-mail: KPage@kirklandwa.gov
- b. **“Heads-up” on Community Policing and Sustainability Master Plan** – Kari also provided short city developed videos discussing the City’s Community Policing and Sustainability Master Plan efforts. More information on these can be found on the City’s web site.

Community Policing

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/Community_Policing.htm

Sustainability Master Plan

- Join the conversation! **[Take the online survey about the Sustainability Master Plan](#)**. During the spring and summer of 2019, the City will be collecting feedback through a variety of civic engagement activities, including neighborhood association meetings, booths at community events, and community meetings to collect feedback on the Sustainability Master Plan.
- **Sustainability Forum**
June 22, 2019, 9am to 12pm at Kirkland City Hall.
[More information and free registration](#)
Background Information
City Council [Memo](#) (PDF) from March 1, 2019
Staff Contact David Barnes, Senior Planner Phone: 425-587-3250 E-mail: DBarnes@kirklandwa.gov

6. Other Announcements and Discussion Items

a. Tree Code Revisions –

the city is in the process of updating its Tree Code. The Tree code establishes requirements for retention of trees and required tree plantings as part of development, including short plats, subdivisions, and other permits. It also directs how many trees a property owner can remove each year.

The City has a web page developed for the project:

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code_Updates/Projects/Tree_Code_Updates.htm

Staff packet for May 30 2019 HCC Meeting can be found here:

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Houghton+Community+Council/Draft+Code+Amendments+KZC+Chapter+95+-+CAM18-00408.pdf>

Northwest University Master Plan Hearing

Continuance – June 11, 7:00 PM The public can still comment up until the Hearing is closed, either in person or in writing.

See webpage for documents, details, and project descriptions:

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Development_Info/projects/Northwest_University_Master_Plan_Zoning_Permit.htm

Email or call Tony Leavitt, Senior Planner for more information:

(425) 587-3253

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7. CHNA Business Items

a. Larry noted that all state and federal tax filings for CHNA have been completed

b. Board Elections – Let us know if you can help fill out our Board

i. President/Chair – Larry Toedtli re-elected

ii. Vice President – OPEN

iii. Secretary – Lisa McConnell re-elected

iv. Treasurer – OPEN - Larry Toedtli appointed as acting Treasurer

c. *Next Regular Meeting – September 10*

8. Adjourn

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact us at:
centralhoughton@gmail.com

Our web site is:
<http://www.houghtonlives.com/>