

*Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2019, 7:00 PM
Fire Station 22 on 108th Avenue NE*

1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience

- Heather McKnight from the Park Board introduced herself
- Nate Paczan (Everest neighborhood resident) - Parking issues from hide-and-ride commuters are effectively narrowing 9th Ave S so it is difficult to drive. It also results in neighbors and service vehicles not having anywhere to park. Suggested changing residential parking policy and instituting a time limit on parking on this street. Kimberly Scrivner, City of Kirkland transportation planner, was in attendance and will take the concern back to City hall. Lisa McConnell noted that she would also bring it up at the next Transportation Commission meeting.

2. Active Transportation Plan

The Kirkland Downtown Association was not able to attend as scheduled. The agenda was updated with a presentation by Transportation Planner Kimberly Scrivner, about the Active Transportation Plan.

(https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Transportation_and_Traffic/Active_Transportation_Plan.htm)

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was last updated in 2009. It has the top 3 goals of:

1. Eliminate all transportation related fatal and serious injury crashes in Kirkland by 2035
2. Complete a safe network of sidewalks, trails and crosswalks
3. Interconnect bicycle facilities.

The update is moving quickly with a Draft Plan next summer and should be completed by September of 2020. **The City needs your input about what you want from the Active Transportation Plan and what you want to see for walking and biking in Kirkland. Please take the survey <https://www.research.net/r/safeandactive>**

The slide deck for the presentation can be found here:

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Boards+and+Commissions/Boards+and+Commissions+PDFs/Transportation+Commission/2019/October/Active+Transportation+Plan+Update.pdf>

Audio of presentation from Transportation Commission begins at 1:03:05

https://kirkland.granicus.com/player/clip/4134?view_id=39.

As part of the discussion, the extension of NE 100th Street to connect to the Willows Road corridor was discussed. If you have other questions about the Active Transportation Plan, you can contact Kimberly at KScrivner@kirklandwa.gov.

3. **Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP)**

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

- a. 2019 Project Update – Our project for 2019, the Rapid Flashing Beacon (RFB) at the Phyllis Needy Park crosswalk, had several setbacks and cost increases that put it just out of the ranking for funding for 2019. The City Council, however, is still interested in seeing this project built and we are currently looking for ways to fund the final parts of this project. City staff is cautiously optimistic that it can be funded but will need to wait on final bids (in February 2020) for the other Safety Projects before that decision can be finalized. We hope to provide an update at the January 14, 2020 CHNA meeting.
- b. CHNA Projects for 2020 Program Submittal – we may resubmit all or part of the Phyllis Needy Crosswalk RFB. After discussion, the safety study at NE 65th Street and 112th Avenue NE intersection and approach streets by the International Community School will also be submitted as part of the 2-020 NSP. See map
<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/CMO/Neighborhoods/Central+Houghton+2020+NSP+Map+of+Suggest+a+Projects.pdf>

4. **Postal Service Mailer/Other CHNA Communication Programs**

CHNA created a handout for the Crossing Kirkland event that we would like to modify as a mailer to all of Central Houghton to let people know who CHNA is and what we do. There are lots of new neighbors who need an introduction to our community.

If you'd like to help us get out a mailer in early 2020, please contact us by email or through our website. Larry will be setting up a meeting in December to move the project design and strategy forward. The goal is to get the mailer sent out in the first quarter of 2020. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting us at centralhoughton@gmail.com.

5. **Other Announcements and Discussion Items**

- a. **Tree Code Revisions** –
https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code_Updates/Projects/Tree_Code_Updates.htm
 - i. November 5 Public Hearing -
https://kirkland.granicus.com/player/clip/4138?view_id=12
 - ii. Houghton Community Council meeting – November 25
 - iii. Planning Commission meeting – December 12

Larry noted that he had participated in many of the public review meetings, as well as the Finn Hill/Master Builders working group. At the public hearing (and subsequent City Council meeting) he requested that the City reach out more proactively to all of the

neighborhood associations, similar to the approach used by the City to get input on dog parks and bike share.

- b. **Northwest University Master Plan** –Larry noted that City Council approved the Hearing Examiner’s recommendations for the Master Plan at it November 6 meeting with no changes. The HCC will take final action at its November 25 meeting.

https://kirkland.granicus.com/player/clip/4144?view_id=54

- c. **Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Unit Codes** – The City is considering amendments to Chapter 113 of the Kirkland Zoning Code in order to further incentivize construction of Missing Middle Housing (MMH). Missing middle housing would include duplexes, triplexes, and cottages in current single-family neighborhoods throughout the City. An increase in MMH housing is intended to provide more variety in housing choice and stock, in addition to more affordable options for those individuals and families looking to buy or rent in the City. The latest PC meeting packet on MMH can be found here.

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Planning+Commission/Missing+Middle+Housing+08082019+PC+Meeting+-+CAM19-00152.pdf>

The City is also looking at code changes related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) which include smaller separate units on single family lots. These can include attached (such as a basement unit or above garage, etc.) or detached units. The City’s discussions include possible changes to allow more than one ADU per lot, as well as changes in the maximum allowed floor area, and other code refinements that may help expand housing options. The following link is for the latest HCC meeting packets on the ADU code.

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Houghton+Community+Council/Accessory+Dwelling+Units+-+CAM19-00282.pdf>

The Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council are scheduled to hold Public Hearings on these two code topics at a joint meeting on January 23.

- d. **Development Projects**

- i. Nothing significant in Central Houghton to report.
- ii. Everest - The property where Chainline brewery is located on 6th Street is in permitting for SRM/Google. (SRMKCCA a 136,000sqft office space)

- e. **RapidRide K Line Planning**

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/programs-projects/fares-routes-and-service/rapidride-expansion/k-line.aspx>. This will affect transit in Kirkland, as 234/235 and 255 may have service cuts depending on where this new proposed line is routed. **Please take the survey and let King County know how you feel about transit in Kirkland!**

f. **Rooftop Appurtenances**

City staff is also exploring changes in the code related to rooftop appurtenances on multifamily and commercial buildings. The potential changes relate several items such as the allowed heights of HVAC and elevator systems and potential railings above allowed building heights. The latest packet from the October 28 HCC meeting can be accessed with this link.

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Houghton+Community+Council/Rooftop+Appurtenance+Code+Amendments+-+CAM19-00502.pdf>

g. **Parks Board Funds**

Heather McKnight (a member of the Parks Board) noted that there may be up to \$50,000 available in funds for park amenities. Lisa McConnell suggested a wheelchair accessible table at Carillon Woods Park. Margaret Bull suggested more drinking fountains at parks, including for dogs.

6. **City Council Election Results / Houghton Community Council**

Toby Nixon, Kelli Curtis, Amy Falcone, and Neal Black are the newly elected City Councilmembers. Neal Black will be leaving his position on the Houghton Community Council. This leaves an HCC position open for interim appointment until the next election in 2021.

7. **CHNA Business Items**

- a. **Board Reports** – Larry noted that he paid the annual renewal for Weebly which hosts the CHNA website. This is part of our 2019-2020 Matching Grant.
- b. **Open Officer Positions** – Larry noted that we have Board positions open – Vice President and Treasurer. He noted that the positions don't take much time, but we would really like to have some additional input and participation at the Board level for CHNA.
- c. **Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday January 14**
 - i. *Topics of Interest? Please contact us.*

8. **Adjourn**

*Potential future agenda items include – Communication Strategies, Welcoming week, Transportation, transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Programs/Projects, Planning Staff – plan development and/or development review, Fire Marshall/Emergency Services
Other Ideas?*

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comments or suggestions,**

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<http://www.houghtonlives.com/>