

Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting Notes
Tuesday November 13, 2018, 7:00 PM
Fire Station 22 on 108th Avenue NE

CHNA has developed a draft version of web pages related to the July 12 Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Merger of the Cities of Houghton and Kirkland. We will be making changes to document the event as a way to record part of Houghton's history. You can access the photos, presentation boards, and the walking tour materials at the following link. Please share your thoughts and ideas and any additional materials that may be pertinent.

<http://www.houghtonlives.com/houghton-50th-celebration.html>

1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience

Jonathon Heuer from Crossing Kirkland is looking for support for the 2019 event. Support can be in the form of cash contributions or volunteer time. Jonathon noted that a Steering Committee meets monthly to develop the theme and strategize /organize the event. (See 2e. Matching grant below).

Please visit <http://www.crossingkirkland.org/volunteer/> to get involved! For questions, contact crossingkirkland@gmail.com.

The 2019 event will likely be held on the first or second Saturday of 2019. The 2018 event had 6 stations along the CKC; the 2019 event may consolidate the stations. For example Central Houghton could partner with another neighborhood group. The event is oriented all ages, and has events/stations targeted to families and children.

2. City Staff Presentations (Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator)

- a. **2019 Neighborhood Safety Program** – We went over the map that includes all the Suggest –A- Project requests. There were a few sidewalk requests, especially around the International School. These projects tend to be expensive and out of the range for the NSP which has a \$50K maximum for projects. These projects may be best served in the School Walk Routes program (see: [https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public Works/Construction Projects/Capital Improvement s/Elementary School Walk Route Enhancements.htm](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public%20Works/Construction%20Projects/Capital%20Improvements/Elementary%20School%20Walk%20Route%20Enhancements.htm) for more info).

To get all the details about the Neighborhood Safety Program as well as schedule for deadlines and construction see:

[https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood Services/NSP.htm](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood%20Services/NSP.htm)

The two projects we are considering submitting for the 2019 program are:

1. **Rapid Flashing Beacons at Phyllis Needy Park crosswalk.** This is rolled over from last year's

submittal due to patent negotiations.

2. **Rapid Flashing Beacons on 68th Street, east of 112th Avenue NE.** This one will be studied by PSE for installation of pedestrian level lighting at the crosswalk. This would be paid for by PSE and would greatly help the safety and function of this crosswalk.

- b. **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Decision Process** – for a complete summary of the CIP program see: <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Finance+Admin/2019-2024+CIP/2019-2024+Preliminary+CIP+Summary+Document.pdf>

The City of Kirkland Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a plan that addresses construction, repair, maintenance and acquisition of major capital facilities and equipment. This is the process where capital projects move from plans to reality. Of particular interest for CHNA are the transportation projects identified in the recently adopted [6th Street Corridor Study](#).

The CIP is the City's six-year funding plan for building, maintaining and improving the roads, sidewalks, public buildings, parks, and other fixed assets. The funding allocations in the first two years of the CIP align with the 2019-2020 operating budget, which was presented to the Council for consideration at the October 30th Study Session and decision by City Council December 11, 2018. Questions regarding the CIP process can be sent to Ray Steiger RSteiger@kirklandwa.gov.

- c. **Bike Share in Kirkland** – See the City web site at the following link to get more background on discussions of a pilot program for bike share in Kirkland.
http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/Bike_Share_Pilot_Program.htm

You've probably seen them already, the green Lime bike rentals. Early this year, staff initiated conversations about bike share with the cities of Redmond and Bellevue, which announced their intentions to launch pilots in 2018. The three cities are coordinating requirements with each other for safe operations and vendor responsiveness. So what do you think about having bike share in Kirkland? What are your concerns? We got a brief Q&A and a chance to give feedback at our meeting.

You can provide input on the potential for a pilot bike share program through the [City's Bike Share Survey](#):

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

In addition to the survey, you can hear presentations, talk to City staff and provide input on a potential bike share program in Kirkland at the following events:

December 1

Winterfest event booth

December 5

[Norkirk Neighborhood Association meeting](#)

December 6

[Community Conversation at City Hall](#), 7-8 p.m.

December 7

Google Lights event booth

Questions? Contact David Wolbrecht

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dwolbrecht@kirklandwa.gov

- d. **Off-leash Dog Parks and City leash laws/enforcement** - Some of Kirkland's dog owners are taking their dogs off-leash in Kirkland's public parks or along the Cross Kirkland Corridor. How should the City respond to off-leash dogs in our community? During the fall and winter of 2018/2019, the City will provide a series of community engagement activities to learn what the community thinks about off-leash dog areas in Kirkland. Do you want to share your opinion about off-leash dog areas?

You can provide input on OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS AND ENFORCEMENT by completing the following [Survey](#):

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

Or you can Email: offleashdogsfeedback@kirklandwa.gov or text your feedback to 425-305-1305.

In addition to the survey, you can hear presentations, talk to City staff and provide input on the City's discussion of Off-leash Dog Parks and Enforcement at the following events:

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- e. **2019/2020 Neighborhood Matching Grant Program Ideas** – The City’s neighborhood matching grant program is up for renewal. Some of the ideas we are considering for matching grant are: the Weebly CHNA Web Site Renewal, money for flyers/postcards, Fourth of July parade entry, donation or table at Crossing Kirkland event. Any ideas you may have should go to centralhoughton@gmail.com. We will take final action at our January 8 meeting and submit our application by January 31, 2019.

3. Other Announcements and Discussion Items

- a. **2018 Hopelink Turkey Trot at Marina Park** - We discussed the annual Hopelink Turkey Trot which took place on November 18.
<https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/WA/Kirkland/HopelinkTurkeyTrot5K>
- b. **Kirkland Transit Implementation Plan** – Comments were due November 10. You can see the proposed projects and background on the KTIP at the following link.
https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Transportation_and_Traffic/KTIP.htm
- c. **Bridle Trails Plan** – The city is completing the Neighborhood Plan update for the Bridle Trails (and North and South Rose Hill neighborhoods) using a streamlined planning process that includes direct involvement of neighborhood representatives. Some of the draft recommendations build from the discussions that we had with City staff, Planning Commission, and City Council on the Houghton Everest Neighborhood Center in 2017. The Plan is scheduled for city council review and adoption at their December 11th meeting. The Plan web page can be found here:
https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code_Updates/Neighborhood_Planning/RHBT85_Subarea_Plan_Update.htm
- d. **Northwest University Master Plan Status** – still in holding pattern. We have not heard of any updates on the City recommendations or schedule for the Joint Hearing Examiner/Houghton Community Council public hearing. We will send out information to the distribution list as soon as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please email us at centralhoughton@gmail.com or contact City staff at tleavitt@kirklandwa.gov.

The Northwest University Master Plan files can be found on the City’s web site using this link:

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

- e. **6th Street Construction** continues. Repaving is not expected until late 2019. For more info and contact see:
https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Construction_Projects/Capital_Improvements/Google_Vicinity_Projects.htm

- f. **Upcoming Capital Improvement projects in Central Houghton.** On that note, one of the capital projects for our neighborhood is the replacement of the watermain under 108th Avenue, which may require full closures. This is expected to happen late 2019-2020. We will update you as the project nears.
- a. **Input on Future Meeting Topics.** If you have ideas on topics and/or presentations you would be interested having at a future CHNA meeting, please email us at centralhoughton@gmail.com.

4. CHNA Business Items

- a. **Weebly Web Site Renewal** – Larry has renewed the license for the CHNA web site.
- b. **Open Board Positions** – CHNA still has open officer positions – Treasurer and Vice President. We would love to have additional people to share ideas on how we can enhance the Central Houghton neighborhood and continue to build a thriving community. Please contact us at centralhoughton@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about these positions.
- c. **Next Meeting** – January 8, 2019 7:00 PM at Fire Station 22. We will be deciding on the final projects for the 2019-2020 matching grant program. Please let us know if you have additional ideas for meeting topics.