

*Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA)*  
*Tuesday October 12, 2021, 7:00 PM*  
*Meeting Notes*

**1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience**

Larry Toedtli, CHNA President, opened the meeting and introduced himself. The audience members, including our guest speakers, also introduced themselves and what they were interested in hearing about at the meeting.

**2. Police Lt. Goguen - [pgoguen@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:pgoguen@kirklandwa.gov)**

- Lt. Goguen thanked us for having him join the neighborhood meeting. He is interested in finding out more about each of the neighborhoods.
- He spoke briefly about the emphasis patrols at waterfront parks and along Lake Washington Blvd this summer. He noted that Student Resource Officers from the schools were reassigned to these types of duties during the summer months.
- He answered a few questions about car prowls and Ring/Nest doorbell cameras.
- Check out the [City's Crime Mapping website](#)
- To file a non-emergency police report use this [link](#)
- Please feel free to contact him at [pgoguen@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:pgoguen@kirklandwa.gov) if you have further questions

**3. Active Transportation Plan – Kimberly Scrivner, Transportation Planner, [KScrivner@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:KScrivner@kirklandwa.gov) 425-587-3871**

- The City is updating its Active Transportation Plan, which has not been revised since its 2009 adoption. This Active Transportation website can be accessed [here](#).
- Active Transportation, previously known as non-motorized, is mainly focused on pedestrian and bike methods of transportation throughout the

City. This update's main goals are: 1. Demonstrate progress 2. Evaluate the bike network 3. Outline plan implementation.

- A survey this year revealed that personal safety from other roadway users was the number 1 deciding factor for people about whether they chose to walk or ride a bike versus driving in a vehicle. (Convenience/time was a close #2). Not surprising. From 2015-2019, 62% of all fatalities and serious injuries on roads were with pedestrians and people on bikes.
- For March 2021 Transportation Commission presentation of the Active Transportation Plan, see:  
[https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/boards-and-commissions/transportation-commission/2021/03\\_march-24-meeting/active-transportation-plan-update.pdf](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/boards-and-commissions/transportation-commission/2021/03_march-24-meeting/active-transportation-plan-update.pdf)
- Larry asked about how key bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects adopted as part of the *6th Street Corridor Study* would be incorporated and prioritized. CHNA will follow-up with City staff over the next few weeks to discuss how to move these projects forward.
- A draft plan is expected by December 2021, with final plan and Council adoption by Spring of 2022
- Comments and questions to Kimberly Scrivner (see above for contact info)

4. **Neighborhood Safety Program 2021** - David Wolbrecht, Senior Neighborhood Services Coordinator, 425-587-301, [dwolbrecht@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:dwolbrecht@kirklandwa.gov)

The City Council authorized the Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) in June 2014. The purpose of the Program is to re-energize Neighborhood Associations by empowering them to work collaboratively to identify, prioritize and address pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in Kirkland neighborhoods. Each year there is a total of \$350,000 available for projects citywide under \$50,000, including \$150,000 funded by the voter approved 2012 Streets Levy. [See the NSP Website.](#)

- Our project from last year, a proposed installation of a 4-way stop at 106th Ave NE/NE 55th Street near Carillon Woods Park, fell below the point level to be funded.

- Initial CHNA ideas for the 2022 NSP:
  1. Rapid Flashing beacons at crosswalks on NE 68th Street. There may be an opportunity to combine with Everest as this project is on the border between our neighborhoods. The flashing beacon also would serve students at Lakeview Elementary. These hopefully would increase opportunities for funding.
  2. Repair of path in pocket park at the end of 105th & 104th Ave NE.
  3. Sidewalk repair on 106th Ave between NE 60th and 68th Streets
  4. School Speed Zone flasher at the T- intersection of 108th Ave NE and NE 52nd Street. Depending on costs of such items, we may include a list of other needed School Speed Zone flashers (we have 6 schools in our small neighborhood!)
- If you have any other ideas for NSP, please contact CHNA at [centralhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:centralhoughton@gmail.com) or Lisa McConnell ([lisaamcc@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaamcc@hotmail.com) )

**5. Northwest University Update – John Jordan, CFO**

John Jordan updated us on the status of Covid on campus. He also provided a summary of project status of the Northwest University Master Plan.

- Prayer Chapel Project - is in final design and is targeted for completion in May 2022
- Refurbishing/refreshing Residence Halls - Instead of moving forward with the proposed new residence hall that was defined in the Master Plan, the University is going to focus efforts on updating/refreshing the existing residence halls. Perks Residence Hall, near tennis courts, will be the first to receive a refresh with new paint, windows, and lighting, in May 2022. Other residence halls will be upgraded about 1 per year.
- A new business and technology building to be located along NE 53rd St (which replaced the original tennis center in the Master Plan) is slated to begin design/build in 2024.
- John also reported that he will be retiring from the University in the first part of 2022 and that a new CFO is being hired. Larry thanked him for working with CHNA over the many years.

- Larry asked John if the 2019 approved Master Plan has been codified by the City. It has not.

## 6. Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

- **Brochure/ Mailer** - This project is to develop a mailer to send out to all addresses in the neighborhood association boundaries. We have new residents that do not know much about CHNA and its often confused with the Houghton Community Council (HCC). Larry noted that CHNA started on this project as part of the 2019/2020 grant program but was stopped because of the pandemic. We restarted the project as part of the 2021/2022 Matching Grant Program.

We were fortunate to have Hanna Christerson volunteer to assist us in getting restarted. Larry showed an initial draft concept for a postcard mailer. We need to do some follow up on the size and cost trade-offs before deciding on actual pictures and text. We plan to continue our efforts to put together a mailer to send to old time and many new residents detailing what CHNA is, what we do, and how residents can become involved in their community.

If you are interested in helping with this outreach project, please let us know! ([centralhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:centralhoughton@gmail.com))

- **Post COVID Neighborhood Celebration** - One of the ideas we had was to have a regathering party/event to reintroduce neighbors to one another post-Covid. Well, that has obviously been delayed, as we were optimistic about when it would be safe to get together again.

We would love to hear your ideas about what this sort of event could be to really get people to come out and celebrate. We would like to start brainstorming ideas by November 2021. ([centralhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:centralhoughton@gmail.com))

- **Central Houghton Identifiers/Sense of Place Ideas** - What place or object makes you think Houghton? One of the ideas for the grant program we had was creating an identifier for Houghton or enhancing/highlighting one that already shouts "Houghton!" **Any and all ideas welcome.** The goal for 2022 is to have one or more ideas/concepts defined which could be further developed as part of a future (possibly 2023-2024) grant program project.

## 7. Other Topics

**a. International Community School (ICS)Traffic** - ICS is seeing increased traffic because more parents are driving students to school instead of them taking school bus, transit, or carpooling. A previously planned (pre-Covid) traffic analysis of the area around ICS will be happening soon. This will include drone surveys of traffic flow over key intersections.

**b. Taco Truck Site Development** - Design Review is complete for this 3-story office building. No building permits have been issued yet.

**c. NE 85th Street Station Area Plan** – This area around the I-405/85th Street interchange is being looked at for rezoning. Although the area was extensively examined in the North and South Rose Hill Neighborhood Plans updates in 2019, the City is ‘analyzing potential community benefits that can be provided with future development’.

Visit the webpage for previous presentations of this hugely impactful area. Questions or comments to Allison Zike, AICP, Senior Planner, 425-587-3259, [azike@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:azike@kirklandwa.gov)

Upcoming meetings on the Station Area Plan include:

- **October 26, 2021: City Council Special Study Session**
- **November 1, 2021: Community Question & Answer Session**
- **November 18, 2021: Planning Commission Meeting**
- **December 14, 2021: City Council Meeting**

**d. Eastrail/Cross Kirkland Corridor Event** – October 16 (10:00 AM -2:00 PM)  
This event was CANCELLED.

**e. City of Kirkland Tree Code** - As reported at prior CHNA meetings, the City is updating the Tree Code. The Tree Code Amendments are looking at requirements for retaining and replanting trees with and without development. They also may address changes within City public places such as parks and street rights-of-way. The City web site can be accessed using this [link](#).

Due to changes in City staff, the project is now on hold until further notice.

#### **f. Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station Siting Project (King County)**

Larry reported that King County is looking to replace the existing Houghton Transfer Station (HTS) on the eastside of I-405 with a new modern indoor recycling and transfer station. Something similar to the Factoria Transfer Station or the North Seattle Transfer Station (in Fremont). This fall, King County will be starting environmental review studies for three potential sites. Two of the sites are in Kirkland, including the existing HTS and the Houghton Park and Ride lot. A third site will be in Woodinville along SR 202 at about 160th Street.

More information can be found at the [County's website](#). You can sign up to get notifications of meetings and alerted to new materials.

**g. Virtual Recycling Tour** - Larry noted that Waste Management would be holding a virtual tour of its Woodinville Recycling Center on Wednesday October 13. <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Whats-Happening/Community-Events/Public-Works-Department-Events/Virtual-CRC-Tour>

**h. Tech City Bowl/Bridle Trails Rezone-** The City's Planning Commission was briefed on the proposed rezone request for the Tech City Bowl site in the Bridle Trails Shopping Center. The [meeting packet can be viewed at the PC webpage](#).

#### **8. November 2, 2021 Election** - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx>

Larry reminded everyone that the November 2 election was coming up. There is still time to register to vote or change addresses, etc. See the above link to the King County Elections web site. Please VOTE.

Four City Council positions are on the ballot.

In addition, Proposition 1 asks voters to approve or not approve continuance of the Houghton Municipal Corporation (Houghton Community Council- HCC) for four more years. The ballot also includes election of the seven HCC Council member positions which would be elected if the HCC continuance vote passes. The ballot also includes positions on the Lake Washington School Board.

Jennifer Jaeger, a member of the No on HCC spoke briefly on their position. Matthew Goelzer also spoke briefly on why he is running for City Council.

## 9. CHNA Business

- Board Positions - Larry noted that continuance of CHNA is dependent on getting more people involved - either as Board members (Treasure and Vice President positions are currently vacant) or as volunteers for grant or other projects.

Please contact us at [centralhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:centralhoughton@gmail.com) to discuss what's involved. These positions do not take much time but adding new voices to the Association will add lots of value.

- **Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday November 9**

Our next meeting will be held virtually (via Zoom) at 7:00 PM on Tuesday November 9. We will have a member of the Parks Board report on parks activities and projects. We also will be deciding on the CHNA submittals for the 2022 Neighborhood Safety Program.

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