



Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 11, 2026

Notes taken by: Alena Wolotira

This meeting was held in person at the Village Green Community Center

Present (in person):

At Large representatives present: Tim Davis (co-chair), Glen Hutchinson (co-chair), Steve Marchese, Cynthia Logan, Alena Wolotira, Kate Joncas, Patrick Heye,

Dave Bomalaski, Cynthia Logan, Kaitlin Murray, Steve Marchese, Breane Martinez

Representing representatives present: Allena Koch, Glenn Malin (Kiwanis), Chris Gilbreath

Ex Officio representatives present: Beth Berglund, Marla Powers, Steve Heacock, Miranda Smallwood (NKSD)

Absent:

At Large and Representing representatives absent: Kaitlin Murray, Dave Bomalaski

Ex Officio representatives absent: Jen Skalback

Also present: Chris Cooley

Welcome & Call to Order: *Co-chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:31.*

- **Initial Public Comment** (2-minute limit per person)

- None.

- **Quorum:** Yes.
- **Introduction of KCAC members**

Commissioner Remarks: by Chris Cooley in Commissioner Rolfes' absence

- 2 Day budget retreat, with significant budget challenges in the months ahead. Perhaps some town halls in communities to discuss options.
- Tour of the Kingston Treatment Plant on 2/20 3-430 PM–please contact Chris if you'd like to join

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Hutchinson moved to approve. Gilbreath seconded. All attendees approved unanimously.

Ongoing or Unfinished Business:

- Welcome to Miranda Smallwood! - Seahawks!

New Business:

- **Grant submission by the Port to install EV charging stations on Port property–Letter in Support.**
- Davis moved to approve. Berglund seconded. All ayes. Approved.

Committee Reports

- **Environment & Land Use–(Beth Berglund)–**
- first meeting of the year, by Zoom, last month (Wednesdays following KCAC)
- Going through the elements of the work plan.
- If you wish to join any meetings, just reach out to Beth or Dave for more info.
- **Parks and Trails (Mark Libby):**
- **February 3rd Meeting**
- Parks Director Alex Wisniewski and Parks Planner Carman Smith attended the last meeting on February 3. Plan to attend more of these types of meetings and put out a survey.
- Discussing the current and future uses for Kola Kola park, which is in the UGA.
- What are the current users needing to make the park more usable and what are some possible capital improvements for the 6 year plan. Our projects will compete with other local projects.
- One issue–no lights in the winter! Sometimes local vehicles attempt to light up the field
- Toilet facilities
- Wildlife assessment for Eglon was completed in December and will be available soon
- Stewardship training is now called “Leadership Training” with volunteer activities led by these leaders
- Next work party–2/21 restoring Village Green Woods, 10-noon, excellent opportunity for local Scouts!
- **Transportation (Tim Davis)**
- Jen Skalback and Chamber are working on some way-signs to point out businesses and services to visitors. Was hoping to work with WSDOT to add a sign at the new ATMS
- TIPS submission from the committee, including pedestrian and bicycle safety

- Members liaising with NKSD personnel to discuss their transportation-related safety concerns
- Tecla Legge works with Kitsap Transit and it sounds like there might be a possible solution for transporting visitors to the Discover Kingston Open House from Bayside Community Church (the Park and Ride on Barber Cutoff). 9/28 is the current tentative date
- ATMS–striping has started. Project wall getting worked on. Machines are in. Lights are installed. Kitsap County Public Works thinks Mother’s Day at the latest
- Comment: Chris G. wants to compliment Public Works– See, Click, Fix– cleaned up some debris for his wife.
- **Community Services (Cindy Logan)**
- No January meeting, 2/20 meeting will host the two principals from the elementary schools
- Affordable Housing: updates on some projects. Grant award reviewing. Upcoming point in time survey. HEART program-Homeless Encampment Active Response Team to help resolve two unhoused individual social service needs.
- 2/13: Community Meal. Olympic Connects will be in the lobby and available for questions. They help folx apply for affordable housing
- 3/10 meeting: Bainbridge Housing Resources presentation
- **Communications Committee (Glen Hutchinson)**
- First meeting will be online on 2/17 from 3 to 4 pm. Reach out to Alena if you’d like a Zoom link.

Organization Reports– <https://www.kingston4thofjuly.org/>

Port Gamble Sklallam Tribe (Marla Powers)

- Tribe’s Education and Early Childhood Development Career Fair–all community members are welcome to attend. 2/21 in the gymnasium.
- Opening of a pharmacy at the health clinic, open only for the Tribal community
- Port of Kingston 2/24 meeting–Marla will be presenting about culvert injunction work. Areas and culverts most important to the Tribe, plus perhaps a bit of Whisper Creek discussion. 630 PM at the Port.

Chamber of Commerce

- No attendee tonight.

North Kitsap School District (Miranda Smallwood)

- Special Election updates– E, P, & O Levy looks like it’s passing, Tech and Infrastructure currently failing, still counting votes

Port of Kingston–Steve Heacock

- Fourth Wednesday of every month–some topics more exciting than others!
- Marla Culvert Talk is sure to be fun!

- Shout outs to the light take-down crew! Chamber, Rotary, Kiwanis helpers are very much appreciated!
- Port-Parks, Trails, and Open Space plantings plug- whacking of blackberries can be fun!
- Fourth of July funding challenges. Encourages folks to use personal funds for the group fireworks, rather than purchasing their own and having home shows more likely to cause environmental damage and fires.

Youth Allena Koch

- All winter sports teams are going to either districts or state!
- Tolo Dance 2/27 with a Rose Garden theme
- New Reader Board-thank you to NKSD for helping to fund!
- Girls Tennis Team in dire need of a coach. Anyone in the community who is interested-contact the School District.
- Presentation at the March KCAC meeting!

Village Green-Beth Berglund

- 2/13 Community Meal by Kiwanis (waiting for Glenn to provide menu)
- Tax Aide-simple return tax preparation help with the focus on seniors and low income. W-Sat. From 2/18 to 4/11-BY APPOINTMENT ONLY-online or at the VG front desk
- Summit Lounge-Sunday music. This week-[CELLO MANIA](#)
- Village People's Chorus-sing with your neighbors for 12 weeks!

Kiwanis-Glenn Malin

- 5-630 Community Meal
- Menu-Macao Baked Beef Kafta, veg option, rice pilaf, sour cream crisps. Meals to go, serving here while they last.
- Kiwanis, Port, Chamber trying to resurrect Kites Over Kingston.
- Sourcing kites
- Kite organizations are disappearing.
- Saturday, 4/11, from 11-3 with a visitation by Ocean Shores Kites

Rotary-Chris Gilbreath

- Highway cleanup on 2/21 starting at 10 am. They meet at Starbucks.
- Postponed Auction Gala-conflict with the Kitsap Great Give to be prioritized (3/1 to 3/10)
- Swing for the Rotary Golf Tourney-6/26
- 4th of July-Ball Race funds not currently needed for baskets
- Moving the location most likely
- Trivia Night at Friends and Neighbors Brewing-3/22

Guest Presentation-Village Green-Park Commissioner. Metropolitan Parks District-David Traylor

- Doing recent planning to integrate the VG woods into the campus.
- 6 acres of woodlands on the 12 acre VG site
- These woods are really right in the middle of our community!
- Lots of opportunity for change. Restoration of the environment, improving access and circulation, promotion of nature-based recreation, opportunities for environmental education.
- Public nature of the land
- Room for improvement
- Blackberries and holly
- Stormwater issues
- Various visitors, including insecurely housed individuals
- Douglas Fir stand—not super healthy. Peninsula Environmental has studied this area—“Dog Hair” forest with canopy super high. Trying to figure out how to restore. Ground can handle the foot traffic better than wetland areas.
- Last 3 years—consultants engaged. Report on invasive species, critical areas, and hazard trees.
- Kingston Creek
- Category 3 wetlands, riparian vegetation, upland vegetation. All have regulatory buffers
- Invasive species—english ivy, holly, blackberry
- Plan adopted by Commission in October, worked with a landscape architect (same one who designed the landscaping around the building ten years ago)
 - Trails—some need to be emphasized and some used less to protect wetlands.
- Main entrance (VG parking lot)--place to meet.
- Main feature—studies for a boardwalk over the main wetland. Habitat restoration, education - Art walk?
- Volunteer Work Parties with Dave Green—3rd Saturday of every month to remove invasive species and install native plants.
- There’s a whirlpool under West Kingston Road!

Member Comments/Questions

- Beth: Only the Village Green Metropolitan Parks District and the Port are Kingston-specific.
- Glenn: what’s the green area between Mercantile and VG woods?
- Owned by Mercantile (private property) - Tim: what can we do to support?
- A: maybe a letter in support of grant when we need them - Steve: Question about funding source?
- Junior taxing district (zip code) \$.5M tax
- Foundation funds capital improvements
- VG fees
- Building tenants—share the costs of the building (Library pays for custodial, Boys and Girls club pay for staff, etc.) - Grants
- Steve—is there additional levy authority to seek more?

- Yes, can increase up to \$.75/1,000
- Marla—do you have an implementation/action plan yet? Once you know what you're going to do?
- A: volunteers who are experts in forest restoration are helping with the removal of invasives, next steps will be filling in the details
- Marla: fish passage barriers on Kingston Creek—down and upstream spots. Tribe could collaborate

Public Comments and Questions:

- Q: Kingston Creek—how to restore the original flow of the waterways and remove the water runoff shearing off of parking lots, etc.?
- A: we need another study of this issue
- Q: Original plan, there was supposed to be a dog park. What happened?
- A: problem is the proximity to the streams and wetlands. Not enough room for a dog park.
- Q: any plan for where the trails themselves would be built through the wetlands?
- A: working on funding for accessibility and trail improvements - Q: No easements in the area, correct?
- A: yes
- Q: Have you explored the possibility of obtaining the remaining green space from the private property owners?
- A: not yet but on our radar - Q: tan areas—what's the plan for them?
- A: these are areas where we are not having people go, decommissioning some of the trails through that area.
- Q: what did this place look like 200 years ago and what will it look like 200 years from now? 3 dominant trees now, plans for 3 dominant trees 200 years from now?
- A:
- Doug Fir—wetland friendly
- Comment: Consider Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, Sitka Spruce, Grand Fir. Climax forest trees - Q: opportunities for donations?
- A: yes, make a donation to the VG Foundation with the proviso for the funds only being spent on forest restoration

Final Public Comment:

None.

Closing Items:

- None.

Motion to adjourn by Hutchinson, seconded by Davis

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.