



## Kingston Community Advisory Council (KCAC)

### Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025

**Notes taken by:** Beth Berglund

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

**Present:** Tim Davis, Glen Hutchinson, Dave Bomalaski, Cynthia Logan, Breane Martinez, Marla Powers, Steve Heacock, Jen Skalbeck, Allena Koch, Beth Berglund, Shep Griswold, Patrick Heye, Chris Gilbreath, Kate Joncas (arrived at 6:52PM)

**Excused Absence:** Alena Wolotira, Kaitlin Murray

**Absent:** Steve Marchese

**Also present:** Christine Rolfes, Chris Cooley

**Quorum:** Yes

**Welcome & Call to Order:** *Co-chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.*

- Initial Public Comment (2-minute limit per person)
  - none
- Introduction of members
- Commissioner Remarks
  - Maintaining SR 104 Realignment funding during delay due to Whisper Creek is still a top priority
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. *Glen moved to approve. Dave seconded. All ayes. Minutes are approved.*

#### Ongoing or Unfinished Business

- Open At-Large Position

#### New Business:

- KCAC 2026 Planning Session, December 10th
  - 2025 KCAC Work Plan

#### Reports:

- **Council Announcements:**
  - None
- **KCAC Committee Reports**
  - **Environment & Land Use (Dave Bomalaski)**



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- Dave referenced the letter that had been sent to the Commissioners expressing concerns related to YOTR project drafts.
- **Parks, Trails, Open Spaces** (Shep Griswold)
  - New advisory board member (Jen Skalbeck).
  - Arness Park fence moved about 3 ft reflecting 3 yrs of significant erosion.
  - VG Forest restoration work party this Saturday.
  - Volunteer groups are getting re-organized.
  - KPTOS 12/13 at Whisper Creek trail.
- **Transportation:** (Tim Davis)
  - ATMS Update: progress / construction is happening. You can now see where the traffic will be queued behind the new ticketing system. Completion is projected for late Nov / early Dec. Then testing will begin.
  - KC Public Works took a look at Barber Cutoff in anticipation of increased traffic.
  - Signs have been installed to try to direct cars down West Kingston to Miller Bay Road.
  - The County is looking at data to support the possibility of a traffic calming on 104 around Barber Cutoff.
  - Tim suggested sharing the information about the ATMS with friends and neighbors
- **Community Services** (Cynthia Logan)
  - Community Services last met on October 17 at the Village Green Community Center 4:00 pm
    - Guest for November meeting to be Adam Dysart, Principal of Kingston Middle School
    - Guest for February 2026 meeting confirmed: Bethany Lahaie, Principal of Wolfle Elementary
    - Social Service Wednesday project update included scheduled meetings with Poulsbo Library Coordinator to replicate this monthly, in-person representation of needed services here in Kingston.
  - The Affordable Housing Working Group met on October 14 and heard updates on current projects and is connecting with legislative representatives about upcoming bills pertaining to affordable housing. They also discussed the ongoing search for potential building sites in the UGA .The next meeting is November 18 and is open to the public



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- Opened a discussion of our 2026 Goals to be submitted to KCAC in December
- Ongoing discussion regarding progress on Access Bus service for the Accessible Community Advisory Council members to attend a trail-garden walk at Heronswood in June 2026
  - Next Meeting is Friday, November 21 at Village Green Community Center at 4:00 pm / Open to public.
- **Organization Reports:**
  - **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe** (Marla Powers)
    - Survey still open. See QR code. Closes soon.
    - Long Live the Kings has an update on salmon runs. Nearly 1,000 chum were noted to be migrating thru Lilliwaup
    - FYI: there are 5 types of salmon being monitored: chinook, coho, chum, pink, steelhead
    - Flyer: November 15 event (see VGCC bulletin too)
  - **Chamber** (Jen Skalbeck)
    - December 6 Kingston Cove Christmas festivities.
    - A full day of activities culminating with the lights at the Port.
    - Budgeting for 2026: targeting maximum number of Board members
  - **Port of Kingston** (Steve Heacock)
    - Congrats to Steve on his re-election
    - Lights, lights, and more lights....still opportunities to volunteer. Will stay up through the end of January.
    - PGST Council meeting happened with more planned.
    - Preparing for a special election in February 2026
  - **Kiwanis Club** (Shep Griswold)
    - Fun Halloween event was well attended
    - Santa’s Workshop on 12/6
  - **Rotary Club** (Chris Gilbreath)
    - November 22-23 - Interact Key Club food drive (at Safeway and Grocery Outlet)
    - Holiday wreaths go up in town on 11/29 at 10AM. Volunteers are needed.
  - **Village Green Foundation** (Beth Berglund)
    - Nu2U Gently-Used Community Sale will be Saturday November 22nd from 11AM-3PM. Dropoffs of donations will be accepted the day before.
  - **North Kitsap School District** (Breanne Martinez)



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- Recent Parent / Teacher Conferences: better attendance, more families attending
- Government Shutdown Impacts: fill the bus drive thru 11/21 (see NKSD website). Will be delivered to ShareNet and Fishline. <https://www.nkschools.org/about-us/news/details/~board/general/post/fill-the-bus-food-supplies-drive>
- Welcome to new Board members
- **Youth Rep** (Allena Koch)
  - Football team is doing well.
  - Homecoming was successful and yielded over \$3,000 in revenue. Theme “Bash on the Bayou”.

**Guest Speaker Presentation: Update on Kingston Stakeholders Activities, Nancy Langwith.** See presentation deck.

#### Q&A:

- Comment (Patrick Heye): Kingston Hills, house for sale, within a week multiple above asking price offers.
- Q (Patrick Heye): 104 Realignment: is there a vision for that?
  - A (Nancy Langwith): Yes, getting a more walkable downtown. Study done ~2018 called Complete Streets reflects the vision at the time.
- Q (Chris Gilbreath): What is the key to attracting young people / families?
  - A (Nancy Langwith): not enough employment, limited recreation, affordable housing, childcare.
- Q (Beth Berglund): Does Christine Rolfes have any insight about the remand comment related to Kingston employment deficiencies that’s related to Nancy’s presentation?
  - A (Christine Rolfes): Kingston has a mixture of commercial and residential zoning. We need to make space for 540 more jobs. KC is working with the Department of Commerce on this expectation. They don’t let us count indian reservation. The goal is to meet the remand without re-zoning properties.
- Q (Dave Bomalaski): What do you think explains the trends in downtown Kingston
  - A (Nancy Langwith): not sure. Dave suggested it’s correlated with the Growth Management Act.
- Q (Breane Martinez): Has SH done any studies about what types of businesses might be feasible? It would be really nice to know what would work / be successful.
  - A (Nancy Langwith): we do need that and a feasibility study would be good.



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- Q (Shep Griswold): lots of activity at Lindvog and Arborwood. That's a good trend isn't it?
  - A (Nancy Langwith): yes, that will be beneficial.
- Q (Glen Hutchinson): 30% of Arborwood are retirees. Surprised him.
- Q (Beverly Parsons): any info / explanation about the loss of medical?
  - A (Bill Parnell): turnover of qualified medical staff, hard to compete
- Comments (Beth Berglund): the only way to truly leverage the ferry traffic that moves thru Kingston is with reservations so folks can get out of their cars.
- Comments (Glen Hutchinson): big disappointment that fast ferry has such a limited schedule of service. Last ferry during the weekdays means you can't use it for dinner runs.

#### Remaining Public Comments:

- none

**Adjourn:** *Glen motion to adjourn. Chris seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.*