

Market Neighborhood Association (MNA) Meeting

March 20, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Chairperson: Michelle Sailor (MNA Board Chairperson)

7:05 PM – **Agenda/Introductions:** Neighbors and MNA attending board members

7:10 PM – **City Planning and Finances Overview,** Mayor Joan McBride

- In December, the city passed its bi-annual budget; passed by all 7 council members (first time in years all members approved)
- City has AAA credit rating with a stable outlook
- Council revised their reserves policy given the experience during the recent downturn where much of the reserves were needed and a 10% workforce reduction was required; to keep key services going and maintain their workforce, a higher reserve is being built
- Praise for passing the 2 November levies, which is key to improving city parks and streets
- The ideal city resident to city spending ratio is 5-6%; City of Kirkland is at 3%
- Current audit was completely clean with no issues
- **Parklane:** City funding \$1m + using \$1m in state funds for makeover
- **Park Place:** Expecting an update soon
- **Sewer building:** Approximately 1 more year of construction required; most of the work is sub-surface
- **Google Expansion:** Company establishing 4th largest engineering office in the world; cleaning up the Pace chemical land which is a “brown site” (contaminated) and turning it into a LEED building
- **South Kirkland Park & Ride:** being built out; although an inconvenience currently, it will add some needed relief shortly
- **Totem Lake Shopping area:** Comprises approximately 30% of city sales tax, whereas downtown is 7-8%; although the property/project is still stuck in a lawsuit, expecting progress this year
- **Totem Lake:** There is an actual lake in Totem Lake, which is managed by a government agency; it is in need of a boardwalk upgrade; city might be able to acquire the land cheaply
- **Evergreen hospital** will begin further expansion
- **Public Safety Building:** Current bid of \$20m is being finalized
- There has been increased demand for “Community Policing”, but currently too expensive
- **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Currently in progress given an expected an increase of 1 million people in the Puget Sound region expected over the next 10 years; the Council would like resident input here

Attendee questions:

- Q: What about better Crosswalk Lighting?
 - A: Increased focus to improve cross-walk lighting and visibility; less road lighting and more higher-level visibility
- Q: Will downtown parking improve?
 - A: Parking has always been an issue. But there has been increased parking added over recent years.

7:45 PM – **Kirkland Trail update**, David Godfrey

- The Kirkland trail is approx. 100 ft. wide across most sections
- Goals
 - Actively use the corridor in the near future
 - Maintain the corridor in good condition
 - Serve transportation needs of Kirkland
 - Disclose and mitigate environmental impacts
- Rail removal company removing rails and paying City of Kirkland \$100k to do so (earliest date for work to begin is April 22 and completed by August 2, 2013)
- Interim trail will be built initially:
 - 8-10' wide gravel on existing rail bed
 - Similar to E. Lake Sammamish Trail
 - Begin construction in Fall 2013
 - Complete construction Sprint 2014
- For more information: www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor

8:20 PM – **Old/New Business**

- Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 @ 10:30am, Waverly Beach Park – To participate, drop off 2 dozen FILLED eggs per child to Sharon Singh's house (704 17th Ave W.)
- “Wickerman” playing at the Eagles club May 18 – This is to support the 4th of July festivities
- Upgrades are required at the Waverly Beach Park – considering bringing a guest speaker from the Public Works department to the May Neighborhood meeting to discuss this, sidewalk, crossing and street upgrades

8:35 PM – **Meeting Adjured**

Minutes Recorded by Jason Hofmann – MNA Board Secretary