

**Market Neighborhood Association (MNA) Meeting**  
September 17, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Chairperson: Michelle Sailor (MNA Board Chairperson)

**7:00 PM – Meeting called to order, Introductions of board & attendees**

**7:05 PM – KAN update (Mark Nelson, Market KAN rep)**

- Marijuana update
  - City Council extended marijuana inter-ordinance by 6 months
  - City Council couldn't agree on how to develop long-term ordinance
  - Will be discussed further and decided by City Council
  - A possible retail licensee was at meeting and discussed concerns with residents
  - No retail licenses issues yet
- Neighborhood Safety Program: Program is funded by the voter approved 2012 Streets Levy. Each year there is a total of \$150,000 available for projects citywide under \$50,000. Projects fall into the following categories.
  - Bicycle facility: Bike lanes or trails.
  - Crosswalks: New crosswalks, improved crosswalk ramps (ADA), crosswalk islands, and rapid flashing beacons.
  - Intersection Improvement: Signage, parking, and pedestrian “bump outs.”
  - Traffic Calming: Traffic islands, speed cushions, pedestrian “bump outs,” signage, and radar signs.
  - Walkway/Sidewalk and Trail: gravel trail, steps, curb, traffic delineators, and sidewalk.
  - Street Light: on existing utility pole or installing a light new pole.Individuals, community organizations, businesses, and neighborhood associations interested in applying for Neighborhood Safety Funds must complete and sign a Neighborhood Safety Program Project Application and work with the immediate neighborhood to have the project evaluated against other improvements in the neighborhood. Applications are available on the City's Neighborhood Services website at [www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods)
- Neighborhood Matching Grants: Provides neighborhoods access to city funds to make overall improvement, in the following categories:
  - Community building events
  - Communications and operations
  - Physical improvement projects
  - Neighborhood identity projects
  - Leadership training & educationApplications are due before January 31, 2015; applications available at the City's Neighborhood Services page at [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov); for questions contact Kari Page ([kpage@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:kpage@kirklandwa.gov))

**7:15PM – Market Neighborhood Survey Poll results (Mark Nelson, Market KAN rep)**

- Poll regarding the proposed Aquatics & Recreation Center
- Most would support the bond, even though most would not use the facility
- However, there is more overall support to invest in the Kirkland corridor vs. the Aquatics Center

**7:20PM – Presentation on Proposal to reduce multi-family parking requirements – Jeremy McMahan, Planning Supervisor, City of Kirkland Planning Dept**

- King County received a grant from the federal government to survey the current parking situation in Kirkland
- This resulted in the September 8 “Amendments to the Multi-Family Parking Requirements”, changing current regulations from 1.7 stalls/units (+.5 stalls/unit for guest parking) to 1.2 stalls/studio / 1.3 stalls/one-bedroom / 1.6 stalls/two-bedroom / 1.8 stalls/three bedroom
- Attendee Feedback:
  - New recommendations & amendments are an overall reduction in available parking and not sufficient to address Kirkland’s overall parking shortage
  - There are enough units with 2 adults, each with their own car, where 1.2 – 1.8 stalls per residence is not sufficient
  - There is overall concern over how the survey was done; for instance, are there enough residents able to actually park at their residence to be included properly in this survey?
  - Some downtown apartments don’t include any parking, so tenants are taking up street parking for restaurants and shops
  - Overall audience feedback: Not in favor of making further reductions to multi-tenant parking which will also impact neighborhood parking for single family residences

**7:45PM – Market Neighborhood Picnic Update**

- Overall, the MNA had a surplus from the picnic due to generous donations and a successful raffle
- The focus for 2015 will be to increase awareness, in order to increase attendance

**7:50PM – Treasurer Report**

- Currently cash balance totals \$4,800.71
- From time to time the MNA will evaluate if there are activities or neighborhood projects where these funds can be used

**7:52PM – Nomination of Mark Nelson as MNA KAN Representative**

- Nomination: Wendy Alston
- Second: Patrick Wilburn
- Approved by voice vote

**7:55PM – Parking Changes to the Downtown Core**

- Proposed changes coming to Lake Ave West TBD
- Concern from residents is that reducing parking downtown will push parking into Market neighborhood

**8:00PM – Other Business**

- The Rotary is currently reviewing how to support funding for the Waverly Beach Park structure; Next steps TBD
- Current open MNA board positions for 2015:
  - Chair (Michelle)
  - Vice Chair (Sharon)

- November is the last meeting of the year; nominations for the 2015 board will occur then
- Interested in input on future meeting topics, such as:
  - An update on Google's Kirkland growth
  - Ability to support crowd-funding for area schools
  - Possible limited duration parking in neighborhoods
  - Input to the MNA is welcome.

**8:15PM – Meeting Adjourned**

*Minutes Recorded by Jason Hofmann – MNA Board Secretary*