

**City of Kirkland
Kirkland Senior Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 23, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 23, 2024 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:29pm by Chair Terry Steele-Kalet.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kurt Ahrensfeld, John Barnett, Carole Bryan, Maru De La Pena, Scott Emmons, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Kathy Iverson, Jeri Jay-Kelley, Phillip Jennings, Michael Kovsky, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Susan Prows, Terry Steele-Kalet, Joyce Stone, Charlotte Svenson, Barbara Trunkhill, Bob Warren

Members Absent: Steve Lewis, Caryn Morawek

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Barbara Loomis motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Member Carole Bryan, motion passed unanimously.

4. ITEMS FOR THE AUDIENCE

- A. Penny Kahn was present to discuss Resource Guide distribution and the new boxes that were purchased to make this easier.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- A. Welcome to Kurt Ahrensfeld, John Barnett, Maru De La Pena, Phillip Jennings, Michael Kovsky, Susan Prows, Joyce Stone, Charlotte Svenson and Barbara Trunkhill.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chair Terry Steele- Kalet discussed the City's decision to not support future editions of the Senior Resource Guide due to loss of funding from EvergreenHealth and no longer being able to offer staff support for the project. Member Susan Harris-Huether has submitted a Public records Request to the city asking for all information

regarding the cost of publishing the Senior Resource Guide and would like to look at alternate forms of funding. She also believes there are ways to reduce the printing cost by reducing the content. The Resource Guide Committee will move into the Outreach committee and explore news funding opportunities and how to downsize guide.

- B.** Chair Terry Steele-Kalet discussed a potential opportunity for the 2024 Workplan. Human Services is interested in having three (3) members help read grant applications for the upcoming 2024-2026 grant cycle that directly impact seniors and give their feedback. This committee would not be voting or deciding on funding, it would be in an advisory capacity only.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

- i. **Advocacy**
Member Kathy Iverson presented the proposed 2024 State Legislative Agenda and asked for the KSC support. Member Barbara Loomis mad a motion to accept the 2024 State Legislative Agenda as written, seconded by Karen Hartman, motion passed unanimously.
- ii. **Education**
Member Ingrid Martin reported that the upcoming Anti-Fraud Workshop was full with a waiting list.
- iii. **Housing**
Member Barbara Loomis upcoming senior living open houses.
- iv. **Outreach**
See update under new business.
- v. **Resource Guide**
KSC members will meet at the Peter Kirk Community Center on Tuesday, February 6th at 2pm to redistribute the Senior resource Guides into smaller boxes.
- vi. **Transportation**
Member Karen Hartman discussed the recent Eastside Easy Riders meeting. Sound Generations will be presenting at the February 27th Human Services Commission meeting about the new eastside Hyde Shuttle service.

- vii. Viva Volunteer
Member Jeri Jay-Kelley reported that the 2024 goal is to increase the number of agencies in the data base and the Viva Volunteer visibility to the public.

- viii. Chair Report
No additional report

B. Staff Report

- i. Discussed the opportunity to make senior programming services and programs more visible and more easily accessible on the city website. Representatives from the City Managers Office will be at the February retreat to discuss more, please bring your ideas and suggestions.
- ii. Reminder that KSC retreat is on Tuesday, February 13 at 10am. A link to order lunch will be sent to all Council members.
- iii. Encouraged KSC members to listen to the new city podcast, if there is a topic that KSC wants to have on the podcast please let staff know.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Susan Harris-Huether motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Ingrid Martin, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.