

**City of Kirkland
Kirkland Senior Council
Minutes of Annual Retreat
July 9, 2024**

1) CALL TO ORDER

The July 9, 2024 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:31pm by Chair Terry Steele-Kalet.

2) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kurt Ahrensfield, John Barnett, Carole Bryant, Maru De La Pena, Kathy Iverson, Michael Kovsky, Steve Lewis, Barbara Loomis, Terry Steele-Kalet, Charlotte Svenson, Barbara Trunkhill, and Bob Warren

Members Absent: Scott Emmons (LOA), Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Jery Jay-Kelley, Ingrid Martin, Caryn Morawek (LOA), Susan Prows, and Joyce Stone

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Kathy Iverson motioned to approve the minutes from June 2024 as written, seconded by Member Michael Kovsky, motion passed unanimously.

4) ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- a) Holy Spirit Lutheran Church will be showing the movie God & Country on Friday, September 20th at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join.

5) SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Diana Gil-Vargas. King County Metro Engagement Planner and Jerry Roberson, King County Metro Lead for Expansion Project, discusses the launch of a survey seeking feedback for the Rapid Ride K Line on design of routes, bus stop locations and other project improvements.

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The discussion on policies, procedures and secession planning was tabled until the fall.

7) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Member John Barnett discussed what the AARP Aging Friendly City criteria is. John spoke to officials in Renton about how they became an aging Friendly City. The three main areas that Renton concentrated on were health, nutrition and housing.
- B. The Council discussed their upcoming Study Session with City Council and decided that the three main areas of discussion should be:
 - a. Housing- Senior and affordable housing
 - b. Transportation- pedestrian safety, lighting at intersections, a shuttle system throughout Kirkland
 - c. Kirkland becoming an AARP Aging Friendly City

8) COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

- i) Advocacy
Member Kathy Iverson reported there was no advocacy meeting in July.
- ii) Art Show
No Report
- iii) Education
Member Michael Kovsky reminded members of the upcoming Emergency Preparedness class at the Peter Kirk Community Center.
- iv) Housing
Member Barb Loomis reported the letter to City Council regarding senior housing was sent in mid- June.
- v) Human Services Panel
No report
- vi) Marketing
No report
- vii) Outreach
The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help set up the tent at the Wednesday Market on July 17th.

viii) Transportation
No report

ix) Viva Volunteer
No report

x) Chair Report
No report

b) Staff Report

i) Staff reported that the webpage is being worked on and an invitation to view the new page will be coming shortly.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Member Charlotte Svenson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Michael Kovsky, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm.