

**City of Kirkland
Kirkland Senior Council
Minutes of Annual Retreat
May 14, 2024**

1) CALL TO ORDER

The April 9, 2024 Kirkland Senior Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Chair Terry Steele-Kalet.

2) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kurt Ahrensfield, John Barnett, Carole Bryan, Maru De La Pena, Susan Harris-Huether, Karen Hartman, Kathy Iverson, Michael Kovsky, Steve Lewis, Barbara Loomis, Ingrid Martin, Susan Prows, Terry Steele-Kalet, Joyce Stone, Charlotte Svenson, Barbara Trunkhill and Bob Warren

Members Absent: Scott Emmons (LOA), Jeri Jay-Kelley, and Caryn Morawek (LOA)

Staff Present: Betsy Maxwell, Program Coordinator

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ingrid Martin motioned to approve the minutes from April 2024 as written, seconded by Member Kathy Iverson, motion passed unanimously.

Member Susan Harris-Huether motioned to approve the minutes from June 2023 as corrected, seconded by Member Bob Warren, motion passed unanimously.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** Member Barbara Loomis reported that the Housing committee is continuing to work on the proposed letter to City Council that includes recommendations for building specification for future projects. Discussion followed regarding components the letter should have.
- B.** Chair Terry Steele-Kalet discussed more about policies, procedures and succession planning for each committee, she would like rough drafts by the September 2024 meeting.
- C.** Staff discussed the upcoming 4th of July Parade, KSC will have a 10x10 booth by Lake & Central, a table, chairs, tent and weights will be provided. Volunteers will need to be at the booth to set-up 9:30am-11am. The parade will be 11am-1pm. The road will be closed from 9:30am-2pm. Volunteers will need to park elsewhere, there will be no reserved parking. The following people volunteered to work the parade: Susan Harris-Huether, Barb Loomis, Karen Hartman and Michael Kovsky.

- D. Staff registered the KSC to have a table at the Wednesday Farmers Market on the following dates and the following people volunteered to work the table:
6/19/2024- Susan Harris-Huether, Barb Loomis and Charlotte Svenson
7/17/2024- Susan Harris-Huether, Charlotte Svenson and Barb Loomis
8/21/2024- Susan Harris-Huether, Charlotte Svenson and Barb Loomis

5) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Member Joyce Stone reported that she is helping start a new peer discussion group at the Northshore Senior Center for family/friends to discuss family issues such as substance abuse,. The meetings will take place the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:30pm.

6) COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Reports

i) Advocacy

Member Kathy Iverson reported on joint meeting with BNOA, they are starting to work on the 2025 legislative agenda. There was discussion if both state and Federal legislative agendas are necessary, there was also a recommendation to add a local legislative agenda to the advocacy committee work plan.

The advocacy committee would like to work on compiling a list of free and discounted items in the community for seniors.

ii) Art Show

Volunteer Penny Kahn reported that there are currently 36 artists and 56 pieces of art entered in the upcoming art show.

iii) Education

Member Ingrid Martin reported that the upcoming Emergency Preparedness class will be on Thursday, June 6th from 2-4pm. There are currently 24 participants registered for the class.

iv) Housing

Member Barb Loomis discussed more details about the new senior housing development in Totem Lake and how the KSC can be more involved with planning/permitting for senior housing. Members suggested that large housing projects be posted on social media platforms such as Facebook, so the community is informed on what is happening.

v) Human Services Panel

Member Carole Bryan reported there are 14 grant applications that pertain to seniors. The committee is reading the applications and submitting their recommendations and input to the Human Services Commission by the end of May.

vi) Marketing

No report

vii) Outreach

Member Susan Harris Huether discussed the upcoming market schedules:

Friday, June 14	Susan and Bob
Friday, July 12	Susan and Jerri
Friday, August 9	Susan and Barbara L.

viii) Transportation

Member Karen Hartman discussed the new light rail in Bellevue. Karen also reported the Metro-flex program is looking to expand the program to encompass all of Kirkland.

ix) Viva Volunteer

No report

x) Chair Report

Chair Terry Kalet reported that she and some other members of the KSC attended the May City Council meeting and accepted the May 2024 Older American's Month proclamation.

b) Staff Report

- i) Staff has asked for a Study Session with the City Council, currently waiting to hear about a date.
- ii) Staff discussed the VSHS Levy awards and what that means for PKCC programming.
- iii) PKCC will be offering a Russian speaking resource specialist on Thursdays, this program is in partnership with CISC.
- iv) Staff discussed summer meetings and asked if Council Members would prefer to skip the July meeting as stated in by-laws or the August meeting, Council Members preferred to skip the August meeting.

- v) Reminder that the Community Appreciation Night is on Wednesday, May 15 at 6pm.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Member Charlotte Svenson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Joyce Stone, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.