

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The Kenmore City Council special meeting was called to order by Mayor Baker at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker, Deputy Allan Mayor Van Ness, Councilmembers Brent Smith, Laurie Sperry, Milton Curtis, Nigel Herbig, and Stacey Denuski.

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Nancy Meehan, City Clerk Representative.

FLAG SALUTE

The Council led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as written.

BUSINESS AGENDA

For The Love Of Kenmore Debrief – Peter Kageyama

Peter Kageyama gave the Council a debriefing of his visit to Kenmore.

Mr. Kageyama reported that on Monday morning he met with the Kenmore Business Alliance Group, and after that Mayor Baker took him on a tour of Kenmore. They went to Daddy's Donuts, where they met with the owners, who are a local couple who loves their city. They also went to St. Edward State Park, Swamp Creek and went to view the planters on Simonds and 84th Ave. NE.

Mr. Kageyama met with last year's Co-Creators at the Co-Creator's Lunch at noon, and the all-city For The Love Of Cities event was that evening from 6 – 9 p.m. There were approximately 60 citizens at the "For The Love" event. At that event, citizens were asked to identify "psychic centers" of their neighborhoods. Mr. Kageyama defines "psychic centers" as "identifying features" or something that identifies the neighborhood or area. He mentioned that the cement silo could be considered a "psychic center", even though it's ugly, because it's something that's very identifiable and is something the community is getting together to make more attractive.

Mr. Kageyama proposed having another Co-Creator meeting in a few months and asking our current Co-Creators to ask others they know who might also like to be a Co-Creator to come to the meeting.

On Tuesday morning, Assistant City Manager Ousley took Mr. Kageyama to Bastyr University to meet with Bastyr's President Dr. Mac Powell. They met with the former president, Dr. Church, when he was here two years ago, so it was interesting to him to see how things were going for them now.

The All-Staff Workshop with City staff was from 10:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m., ending with a working lunch. Then he met with local faith community leaders from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mr. Kageyama indicated that he was impressed with how many “love notes” the City of Kenmore has put into place since his last visit. From the mural, to the “For The Love Of Kenmore” summer party, to the silo beautification project, to Kenmore’s mascot Hank Heron, and all the other love notes that are still in the works or being planned.

Further, he talked about how impressed he was with The Hangar building, and how he thought that would be the natural “psychic center” of the city. One idea he had for functions that could take place at The Hangar were board game events, since board games are becoming more popular again, and they require a more personal interaction. He mentioned that Janet Quinn might be able to get the board games at cost from Snapdoodle Toys. The board games could be housed in the lockers at The Hangar.

City Manager Karlinsey mentioned some of the ideas that came out of the All-Staff Workshop were creative and fun, including painting the planters on Simonds/84th Ave. to look like a train, painting the crosswalk on 181st by Safeway in a creative way, and painting in the intersection of 68th and 181st, for fun and for its traffic calming effect. He indicated that Stacey Adman has some ideas for the intersection at 68th/181st – possibly a huge dahlia.

Council was enthusiastic about all the ideas and had some of their own, including having a concert at the Lakepointe property in its current state, which was Councilmember Smith’s idea, or having the Lakepointe property be a viewing area for the July 4th fireworks show, which was Councilmember Sperry’s idea.

City Manager Karlinsey mentioned that Council should expect to get feedback from citizens regarding the cost of painting intersections. Since painting crosswalks has such a proven traffic calming effect, he proposed the possibility of putting crosswalk painting in the safety budget.

Several Councilmembers mentioned that they’ve heard from citizens who would like to see a dog park locally – possibly in the front area of City Hall, or on the currently grassy area north of the Hangar, or possibly at Twin Springs Park.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey mentioned that there will be trucks and equipment staged for drilling in the right-of-way on Juanita Drive in the next couple of weeks for soil testing for the Juanita Drive improvements.

City Manager Karlinsey also indicated that there are plans to have the planters on Simonds and 84th Ave. moved back slightly.

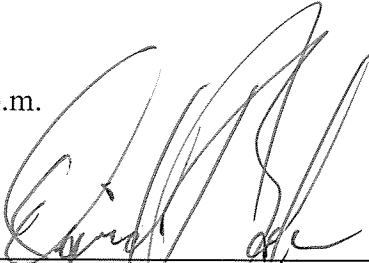
COUNCILMEMBER INITIATIVES

Sound Cities Association has indicated that they would like to have Peter Kageyama speak at an SCA event coming up during the last week of November.

Mayor Baker mentioned that he has been out to Swamp Creek Park several times and has met quite a few people there, many with dogs. They want the park to stay the way that it is, with not a lot of changes. But there were some people who mentioned it should be more wheelchair accessible.

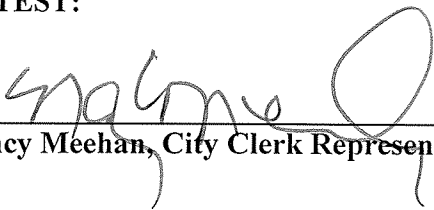
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nancy Meehan, City Clerk Representative