



Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

The Kitsap Peninsula is the home of sovereign Indian nations, namely the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes.

KRCC Board Meeting Summary

Approved 10/3/2023

Date: June 6, 2023

Time: 1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Hybrid meeting with in-person participation at Norm Dicks Government Center Chambers and remote participation via Zoom

Decisions		
The KRCC Board approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 5/2 KRCC Board meeting summary Voucher 23-8 The draft housing allocations as an appendix to the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies 		
Actions	Who?	Status
Continue discussion regarding KRCC legislative engagement	Executive Committee	In Progress
Forward approved Housing Allocations Appendix to Kitsap County for adoption into CPPs	KRCC Staff	Complete
Cancel June PlanPOL meeting	KRCC staff	Complete
Review and update KRCC and PSRC rosters due to PSRC president election and appointment of County Commissioner	Executive Committee	In Progress

1. Welcome and Introductions

KRCC Chair/Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler welcomed the Executive Board to the hybrid meeting.

2. Chair’s Comments

The major agenda item for this meeting was voting on the countywide housing allocations as an appendix to the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies.

3. Consent Agenda

- Approve the May 2 Board meeting summary and expense voucher 23-8

Commissioner Garrido moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the May 2 Board meeting summary and one expense voucher totaling \$14,204.05. Commissioner Strakeljahn seconded the motion. The consent agenda was approved as drafted without objection.

4. Full Discussion/Action Items

- Approve the draft Housing Allocations as an appendix to the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs)

The KRCC Board reviewed the draft housing allocations during its May meeting. As outlined in the memo in the board materials packet, the KRCC Board, Planning Policy Committee, and Land Use Technical Advisory Committee have worked over several months to choose an appropriate methodology and develop these countywide housing allocations for Kitsap County jurisdictions. KRCC

considered developing a Kitsap-specific methodology but opted to follow Department of Commerce's recommended Methodology A to save time, costs, and complications that could result from creating a unique methodology. Because there is not a better alternative available, PlanPOL and LUTAC recommended passing these draft allocations. Board members shared the following comments:

- More housing is needed, and housing is a top priority, but these housing allocations numbers will not be achievable without significant funding. Subsidies and investment will be needed to create housing, especially for the lower income bands.
- Housing allocations numbers seem aspirational and not within the control of local governments.
- Current tax structures do not support local governments' needs to meet the rising demand for housing. Local jurisdictions do not have structures in place to achieve these goals.
- Housing allocations requirements are perceived by local governments as unfunded mandates.
- Medicaid beds in skilled nursing facilities are not counted as permanent supportive housing. It is unclear whether veterans in supportive housing are counted.
- Local governments are creative and strategic with the funding they receive from state sources but will need more funding and better collaborative partnership from state government to address rising demand for housing at all income levels.

After approval by the Board, housing allocations will be included as an appendix to the Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies. Changes to appendices of the CPPs do not require full ratification by Cities and Tribes; rather Kitsap County can re-adopt the CPPs with the new appendix.

Mayor Putaansuu moved to approve the draft housing allocations as an appendix to the CPPs. Mayor Deets seconded the motion. The motion was carried with unanimous approval.

- Discuss a revised approach to engaging with legislators in 2023

State legislators had originally been invited to attend the June 6 Board meeting for a discussion with the KRCC Board about the recent legislative session. Because few legislators had been available to attend, the discussion with legislators was canceled. Instead, Board members discussed ideas for revising their approach to engaging with legislators. 26th district Senator Emily Randall attended the KRCC meeting as an observer and offered her thoughts on how to build stronger working relationships with state legislators, effectively communicate priorities and concerns and how and foster a spirit of cooperation between state and local officials.

Observations and suggestions from the senator:

- She found observing the KRCC Board meeting informative and will encourage other legislators to attend KRCC Board meetings.
- Written legislative agendas get read once and filed away. Interaction, whether virtual or in-person, is longer lasting and builds deeper relationships.
- Legislators are often more available for longer interactions to learn context and research issues to gain deeper understanding in the interim between sessions.
- The panel discussions and conversations at prior KRCC receptions have been useful to hear from KRCC members about the issues they care about to inform legislators as they head into a new session.
- Hearing when KRCC members are aligned on an issue is helpful, AND hearing from individual jurisdictions or agencies is also helpful.

Observations and suggestions from Board members:

- Receptions have been useful for building lasting relationships. Even when legislator turnout is low, the conversation among those who do show up is valuable.
- Would like to continue to have receptions, regardless of whether there is a formal panel or a more informal dialogue.
- It seems important to engage other Council Members and Commissioners too. Historically the reception was moved to an evening event with food so more could attend. Recommend continuing in that format with a few key questions or topics to prompt interest in discussion.

The Executive Committee will take this input into account as they move forward with developing plans and next steps for legislative engagement.

5. KRCC Committee Reports

Land Use

Since the housing allocations appendix was approved by the Board, the June 20 PlanPOL meeting will be canceled. The next PlanPOL meeting will be on October 17. The next LUTAC meeting will be on September 14. Fall discussions will involve planning for the land use program for 2024.

Transportation

TransTAC met on May 11 and talked with PSRC Transportation Policy Board. TransTAC members also discussed ongoing projects. Project delivery is on track and moving forward. Kitsap County and Kitsap Transit are preparing for the Rural Transportation Competition. Screening forms were due June 2. Applications are due July 28. TransTAC and TransPOL meet next in the fall to develop the transportation program for 2024.

6. PSRC Board and Committee Reports

- Updates from the PSRC Executive Board

The PSRC Executive Board met in person for its General Assembly last month. Poulsbo Mayor Erickson was elected for a 2-year term as PSRC president. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was elected PSRC vice president.

- Updates from the Transportation Policy Board

Because of Mayor Erickson's role as PSRC president, Kitsap Transit Board elected Mayor Putaansuu to replace Mayor Erickson as the representative for Kitsap Transit on the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) and notified PSRC of the change. Someone else will need to serve in the small cities seat on the TPB, which represents Bainbridge, Poulsbo, and Port Orchard. Members from those cities recommend Bainbridge Island Councilmember Schneider who has been serving as small cities alternate be elevated to representative and Port Orchard Councilmember Clausen to serve as the small cities alternate.

- Updates from the Economic Development District Board

Commissioner Strakeljahn's 2-year term as Economic Development District (EDD) Board president ends in January. The EDD will meet June 7 to discuss the Americas Competitiveness Exchange tours held last month in which 60 delegates from 20 countries spent a day touring each of the four PSRC counties. The tours were well attended and well received.

7. Corridor Committee Reports

- Highway 305 - Appreciations were shared for the City of Bainbridge Island and Kitsap County who spoke up to support coverage of \$1.12 million in overages in the Johnson Road roundabout project outside Poulsbo. Their support was instrumental in getting concurrence for the Department of Transportation to reprioritize funding to cover these expenses. The road connecting the roundabout is scheduled to open June 17. Deer and other wildlife are already using the bike tunnel to safely cross the road.
- Gorst – \$16 million of funding for Gorst was at risk of being cut from the state budget, but thanks to the support of Senators Rolfes and Randall and others, that funding was retained and will begin to become available to the project starting in July.

8. KRCC Emergent and Countywide Issues

A shelter is needed in Kitsap County to house people in need and in crisis. Existing shelters and the soon-to-open shelter on Mile Hill Drive in Port Orchard cannot meet current and anticipated need. Mayor Erickson recommends working together to plan for a shelter in the central part of Kitsap County near the hospital and Silverdale that could open by fall 2023. Mayor Erickson plans to task Poulsbo staff to outline the pieces of a plan for a shelter and suggests a multijurisdictional approach to funding it. She plans to bring a draft for consideration to the next KRCC meeting. Other members acknowledged the need and the desire to work together on this issue. The Mile Hill Drive shelter is willing to host another open house and tour of the shelter.

9. Staff Report

- 2023 Audit
KRCC staff submitted the 2022 audit using cash basis reporting.
- Staffing updates
Claire Wendle will be heading to law school in the fall. Sophie Glass will be serving as interim Transportation Program lead. Peter Walters took a different position, so Cheryl Klotz will remain the administrative point of contact for KRCC's day-to-day business.
- KRCC Income Statement
The income statement is provided in the meeting packet.

10. Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was offered. There were no public comments.

11. KRCC Board Questions, Concerns, and Announcements

- October 3 Board meeting
The next meeting of the KRCC Board will be October 3, 1:45-3:45 pm and will include presentations and discussion on economic development in the Kitsap region in addition to regular KRCC business and planning for KRCC's 2024 work plan and budget. Part of the economic development discussion will involve KRCC and Kitsap's potential relationship with Greater Seattle Partners.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Appendix A – Board Members in Attendance

Jurisdiction	Board Member	In Attendance?
Bainbridge Island		
	Councilmember J. Deets (V. Chair)	present
	Councilmember L. Schneider	
Bremerton		
	Mayor G. Wheeler (Chair)	present
	Council Member D. Frey	
	Council Member M. Goodnow	
Kitsap County		
	Commissioner C. Garrido	present
	Commissioner K. Walters	present
	(Vacant seat)	
Kitsap Transit		
	Director J. Clauson	present
Naval Base Kitsap		
	Captain J. Hale	present
	Allison Satter (alt.)	present
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe		
	Chairman J. Sullivan	
Port of Bremerton		
	Commissioner A. Strakeljahn	present
	Commissioner G. Anderson (alt.)	
	Commissioner C. Bozeman (alt.)	
Port of Kingston		
	Commissioner M. McClure	
	Commissioner S. Heacock (alt.)	
Port Orchard		
	Mayor R. Putaansuu	present
	Council Member J. Rosapepe	
	Council Member Mark Trenary (alt.)	
Poulsbo		
	Mayor B. Erickson	present
	Council Member E. Stern	present
Suquamish Tribe		
	Council Chair L. Forsman	
	Council Member J. Mills (alt.)	
Other		
WSDOT	JoAnn Schueler	
WSDOT	Gaius Sanoy (alt.)	
WSF		
Dept. of Commerce		

Appendix B – Non-Board-Member Participants

Affiliation	Name
KRCC Facilitation Team	
KRCC Program Lead	Sophie Glass
KRCC Administrative Lead	Cheryl Klotz
KRCC Transportation Program Lead	Claire Wendle
KRCC Land Use Program Lead	Pauline Mogilevsky