

# Minutes

## West Hill Cambridge Neighborhood Council General Meeting

Tuesday April 28, 2026

Fire Station – 26512 Military Road S. Kent WA

Start 6:03 PM

Close: 7:40 PM

### Welcome

Lanae Miller Co-President called meeting to order, welcomed Mayor Dana Ralph and Tracy Taylor, City of Kent and Tod Sakai, Owner and President of Sockeye Homes and SkyDADU. Approximately 45 members were present.

### Minutes and Reports

Minutes from April 22, 2025, General Meeting were approved and submitted  
Dawn Genzlinger presented the Treasurer's Report.

### Speakers and Presentations

#### Mayor Ralph

The legislative session in the Mayors opinion was the worst ever, of the 100+ bills passed no funding was made available for cities to use, costing the city of Kent money it doesn't have. The homelessness bill was stopped, it permitted more use of RV's, will probably be a topic again next year.

The automated license plate readers (LAPR's) data isn't being shared with any other government agency, city is able to keep film on hand for 21 days. Restrictions around schools, churches, medical facilities and food banks are limiting their use. If used around those areas the city can be fined. However there have been some successes.

The home invasion in our neighborhood (Hampton Way & Cambridge) the day before was targeted by 4 people that are known to be involved, they should all be in custody by next week. The owner who shot one of them will not be charged he was protecting his home.

City has 100 percent success in helping homelessness people that what to be helped! When services are offered and refused, they will be given time to move and if needed after that will be moved.

Areas of concern for drug addition includes the rail stations, library, and nearby schools, unfortunately our area his one of the highest in the nation. City is not supporting any programs that give drugs out.

Question was asked about street sweepers. They have been inconsistent and have not advertised properly allowing cars to be moved off the streets. Mayor will investigate and get word back to us.

#### Tod Sakai

CEO represents SkyDADU and Sockeye Homes that is a one stop financial and building company that helps homeowners in building DADU (Detached Accessory Dwelling Units or mother-in law homes). Maximum income and minable taxes, using recent legislation that makes these homes possible. Recent House bills 1110, 1337 and Senate bill 5559 have made this possible to build on existing lots and require no refinancing and zoning. Also allows some control in the number of occupants that live on a lot. Will also build Accessory Dwelling Units which are attached to existing homes.

Has been the most awarded builder in the area, so much that the Mayor is using them to build a DADU for her son! A few factors contribute to the feasibility of these units: they only need two feet of clearance from neighboring properties and five to six feet between the eaves of adjacent buildings.

### Elections

Resignation of Secretary Holly Isaman

Presentation of slate of officers for upcoming year presented to the membership for approval.

Lanae Miller chairperson; Dawn Genzlinger, treasurer; Dennis Hampton, secretary; and Gaby Hampton, Alex Lepeska, Mark Videen, and Kim Wise; Officers at Large. The floor was opened for additional nominations and members were encouraged to join the planning team.

Motion to Vote (passed by voice vote) The slate of candidates including Lanae Miller, Dawn Genzlinger, Dennis Hampton, Gaby Hampton, Alex Lepeska, Mark Videen, and Kim Wise was approved by the members present and all candidates were elected for a one-year term.

Help Needed: Yard Sale co-leadership; NNO events; website editor; Dog Walk event co-planner a couple of volunteers came forward and will be working with members at large that have interest in them.

### Future Meetings

- First Annual Dog Walk event – first walk looks to be in June
- Cleanups – May 30 & September 12 – Gaby spoke of her motivation and desire for anyone to help if they can.
- Collective Neighborhood Yard Sale – July 18 – Committee will advertise and provide maps for those who sign up.
- Drinks in the Driveway with the Mayor – looks like we will not be able to hoist one this year, because interest has been high for new neighborhood associations. The mayor said she would be happy to attend other events if her schedule allows.
- National Night Out – August 4 – National Night out requires fees, local doesn't, interest was good

### Other

Block Watch groups – Some are already in place, a few had interest needed more information from the City.

Need more signs to advertise community events – One comment for a person living out of our area. So also complained about handicap parking in the strip mall on Military Road

Door Prize Time – Hydrangea plant, Gardener gift basket, Puzzle and Mystery Gift Card that was auctioned off by Gaby for 10 dollars (20-dollar card) money placed in island fund for next clean-up.

Adjournment