

Keyport Improvement Club Meeting Minutes – 2-13-24

Location = 1863 Pacific Ave. 2nd Floor

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 PM

Participants: 12

Guest Speaker: Gene Bullock – Kitsap County Audubon Society

Gene gave us his background with the society and answered a few questions from the audience. Gene and his wife Sandy have been with Kitsap Audubon for 24 yrs and have traveled from Belize to the Arctic circle watching birds. Gene has been the newsletter editor for 18 yrs. Both him and Sandy have taken turns being president over the years. Over 70 million people are bird watchers and is second to gardening as a favorite pastime beating hunting and fishing. Originally, there was an annual event on Christmas Day of shooting as many birds as possible. Frank Chapman, an ornithologist suggested they change the sport to an annual bird count which still exists, and it is now the longest running census on the planet. Gene is the author of The Kingfisher newsletter and if you're interested in viewing, please email Gene at genebullock@comcast.net

General Business:

Minutes from 1-9-24 – MSP

Treasury Report – This information is available at the KIC meeting or by contacting Flo Schule.

Parks Committee - Doug C. – Provided information from the meeting that Aaron Bartleson and David Tucker with the Public Works Dept., along with the maintenance directors on 2-12-24 and basically Public Works has said that KIC can go ahead with the install of the sprinkler system at Central Park but we can't use their water. They can't spend public money on what they consider private use. A meter would have to be installed on the water supply which they estimate would cost \$11,000. Then we would have to pay approximately \$600.00 annually in water cost and a \$40.00 month charge to hold the account open. So around \$600/\$700 a yr. to keep their plants watered. Doug proposed that we go back to the county commissioner and tell them that we aren't using their water, that they're using their water and that they would be using our sprinkler system. So we still don't have a solution.

Port of Keyport – Ellen Ross-Cardoso – Commissioners agreed at possibly acquiring a piece of waterfront property for housing man powered watercraft. It's in the preliminary stage but grants are available. Also talking to Port of Poulsbo and DNR about getting no wake buoys and a policy on big logs or boats that wash up on the shore.

Broadband Fiber Optics Update – Claire W. – New developments from KPUD. Keyport base is having a fiber line brought in and a node is going in at Saltwater Park bringing the service closer so we wouldn't have to buy a node. They have lowered the price for the installation fee to \$200.00 through the end of 2025 instead of \$2500.00. So, the new estimated price to bring to your home is \$1700.00. There was a lot of interest in the community on the committee door to door campaign which may help to bring the cost down even more. Claire suggested another meeting with KPUD possibly in May.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – Karol S. – Moving forward working with DEM and we now have 3 Excel lists to integrate and figure out where to store supplies. The committee will work on integrating their information into the current plan for Keyport.

New Business

Kitsap County new website link – Feb 1st, they transitioned from kitsapgov.com to [kitsap.gov](https://www.kitsap.gov)

Events:

Navy Band NW – Feb. 18, 2024 – Undersea Museum – 2 PM

2024 Garden Tour – June 15th – 11 – 4 PM - **We need people to volunteer!**

Garage Sale – July 27th – 8 AM – 3 PM – **We need volunteers here too.**

Community Bar-B-Q – tentative dates are Aug. 17th or Sept. 7th. More details as plans develop. A couple of residents who helped last year have offered to do the food so we're looking at using the commercial kitchen at the church. **Need people for the planning committee.** Claire Ward volunteered to help.

One of the residents expressed concern about people walking dogs without a leash. There was discussion about a law prohibiting but the general opinion was that it's probably not enforced.

Next Mtg. – 3-12-24

Meeting Adjourned: MSP – 8:34PM