AGENDA ITEM: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Judy Foritano called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. She introduced John Armstrong, P.U.D. commissioner for Kitsap County District 1 and Chief Dan Smith, of North Kitsap Fire and Rescue. She explained that each would speak, following which GHAAC members and then guests could ask questions.

AGENDA ITEM: GHAAC PRESENTS
John Armstrong told of the services provided by the PUD and he and Daniel Kimbler answered questions. Chief Smith gave a review of the 50 year history of the fire service in this area and told of the services offered and some of the procedures in place. He also answered questions from the floor.

AGENDA ITEM: GUEST
Following the guest speakers, Dennis Cziske reported on the ferry committee activities. On February 18 he participated with others in a protest on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia. He learned that the state legislators are influenced by the letters and e-mails they receive from the voters and therefore it is important to contact them on issues that are important to us. One such issue is the proposed fare increases, including fuel surcharges and super-surcharge over and above the usual summer increase. The House Transportation Committee has recommended an annual increase of 4% per year over the next 9 years. There will be another trip to Olympia on March 23rd. Dennis also reported that during the Hood Canal Bridge closure in May and June there will be a passenger only ferry between Lofall and Shine with free buses from the Kingston and Winslow park and ride lots and to Port Townsend and Port Angeles on the west side. On week nights, the usual Edmonds 8:40 PM ferry will be diverted to Port Townsend. Tony Atkinson asked the status of the ferries being funded as state highway. Dennis there was nothing new and they are waiting to see what the House Transportation Committee will do.

AGENDA ITEM: INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Laurie Wiegenstein asked the status of replacing Sid Knutson who had resigned as a representative. Judy said any replacement needs would be handled. Gary Paulsen commented that when the lawsuit was brought the attorney advised the GHAAC to cease any governance activity. Since the suit was over only a short time ago nothing has yet been done to reactivate the governance committee to address that and other needs. Wiegenstein asked if there is someone at the County to contact and she was referred to Pete Sullivan. NOTE OF FACT: Sid Knutson rescinded his resignation and remains a member.

Judy reported that the suit which had been filed against the GHAAC members had been found groundless and dismissed with prejudice, meaning the same charges could not be re-filed against the 41 individuals charged. She said the people who had brought the suit had then withdrawn the additional charges against Kitsap County.

AGENDA ITEM: APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
There was a request to correct the February minutes to include Nancy Garing’s phone number (360-638-2780) re loan out of medical equipment. The minutes were approved as corrected.
AGENDA ITEM: WHAT’S HAPPENING (abbreviated due to time constraints)
Bonnie Isaacs reported that Cliffside had conducted an Emergency Preparedness drill on March 7 in which Block Captains went throughout the neighborhood, where residents had posted signs saying either “OK” or “HELP”. The signs were part of a preparedness publication provided by the County and used as a guideline in setting up Cliffside’s program. They felt the drill had been beneficial in making people aware of the system in place and their responsibilities. One or more of the Block Captains had volunteered to assist any group that would like help in setting up such a system.

AGENDA ITEM: PLANNING PRIORITIES AND COMMITTEE UPDATES
No Planning Committee report as Linda Redling had to work
Judy mentioned that nothing had yet been accomplished in the way of forming a community wide co-ordinating committee for emergency preparedness for the Greater Hansville Area.

Pete Sullivan was out of town but sent a report saying that Dept of Community Development (DCD) personnel would attend the Kingston Open House on March 18 to present department-wide highlights. Also, a new attorney has been assigned to the Eyer nuisance property case, no news at present. The DCD staff will no longer have individual phone extensions, calls to them will go through a central number (360) 337-5777. There is no change to e-mail. At the April 14 GHAAC meeting Katrina Knutson of DCD will update us on the Rural Wooded Incentive Program which has significant impact on the area.

AGENDA ITEM: CURRENT AND NEW COMMUNITY IMPACT ISSUE
Judy Roupe reported on the February 23 boat ramp meeting by Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). She said it was a good presentation but did not address resident’s concerns. The plan includes 19 parking spaces for boat and trailer, 23 overflow spaces and 9 handicapped spaces. WDFW proposes razing buildings now there and putting in parking and a toilet. They suggested “Adopt An Access” to manage the facility, whereby cleaning and maintenance would be done by local volunteers, similar to sections of highway that are signed as being maintained by various groups. Gary Paulsen asked about funding source for proposed changes, considering WDF&W does not have money to work with. It was said that they hope to get a grant to pay for it. Fred Nelson reported that the county shoreline development department will require a community impact report as part of their permitting process. Evan Zachary pointed out that although there could be some problems the boat ramp park could also benefit the Hansville store and Hansville Repair in addition to providing the needed boat ramp itself.

Tony Atkinson made a motion, seconded by Fred Nelson and unanimously approved that a Community Impact committee be formed to study the matter and interface with WDF&W on the proposals. It was determined that membership would be limited to residents of the Greater Hansville Area but within that area the greatest possible representation would be sought.

Daria Nelson said she felt Judy Roupe’s report was biased and expressed her interest in having GHAAC be sensitive to all views. Judy Roupe said she is definitely biased and for that reason would like someone other than her to be the point person on the issue. Tony Atkinson, Fred Nelson, Gary Paulsen, Judy Roupe and Evan Zachary agreed to organize a meeting time and place and solicit participation from the community.

AGENDA ITEM: UPDATES ON PRIOR ISSUES
Nothing new on road safety task teams
Eyer Nuisance Property – see DCD report
AGENDA ITEM: GOVERNANCE
The nomination of Bonnie Isaacs as GHAAC secretary which was made in February was unanimously approved.

Judy explained that the governance committee had been put on hold due to the law suit but could now be activated to look at the replacement of resignees as well as the issue of areas or groups that belong but do not participate. She stated that the by-laws had proved strong as evidenced by having survived the law suit.

AGENDA ITEM: COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNER UPDATES
Olympic Resources not present
Port Gable S’Klallam Tribe not present
Kinley Deller was absent but sent word that there was no Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting this month. Eglon is holding a seedling swap on Sunday, March 15 from 2 to 4 and Kingston is doing the same on April 18.

AGENDA ITEM: ANNOUNCEMENTS
The next GHAAC meeting will be April 14 at the Greater Hansville Community Center at 7 PM. Katrina Knutson, DCD will speak on the Rural Wooded Incentive Program.

Lynn Hix reported she attended ferry meeting and only 18 people were there. The meeting presented information that would be beneficial for all to hear and it was too bad that there was such a poor turnout.

AGENDA ITEM: OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT
Daria Nelson said she wants to be sure all meetings are advertised. Judy Foritano responded that all meetings are always advertised.

Respectfully submitted
Bonnie Isaacs, Secretary