The meeting was called to order by Chair Art Ellison at 7:07. He restated ground rules for GHAAC meetings and reminded guests that statements they want included in the minutes should be given to the secretary in writing. Members identified themselves and their organizations. 19 neighborhoods or organizations were represented in person and 4 by proxy; there was 1 County Planner and 25 guests.

Ellison asked that Greg Cioc of Kitsap Public Works be first on the program as he needed to leave. Cioc distributed information on the selection process and asked for public input of ideas for road projects and suggestions to be included in the 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Suggestions will be accepted through April 30th and can be submitted at http://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/tipplan.htm. Cioc can be reached at (360) 337-5777.

Dennis Cziske—Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee reported that there will be a meeting on May 11 at 6:30 pm at the Kingston Community Center. Topics to be covered will include the proposed new scheduling, designed to improve on time service; fare increases; and possible surcharges. The ferry system is considering reduced fares for smaller vehicles and increased fares for pickup trucks with dual back wheels. The proposed reservation system will not be tested first in Kingston but in the San Juans. Dennis reminded us that it is the legislature that sets the fares and it is to them that we should direct our thoughts on fares. To receive Cziske’s informative e-mails send a request to rosehill1@centurytel.net

Initial public comments: Susie Howes, John Ross, Heidi Crawford, Bob Whitworth and Kim Ketchum spoke on the history of horses on the beach, the interest of horse owners and riders in being able to ride on trails and beaches, their desire to be part of the planning process, and their willingness to help with maintenance of same. John Ross’ comments are attached.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting  Minutes were approved as published

Guest Speakers

Joanna Myers, as stand-in for Susan Donahue, distributed a survey questionnaire about how the community uses and values the shorelines. And a flyer describing the Shoreline Master Program Update. She asked that members take the surveys to other groups as well as they are trying to reach as many people as possible. They would like to receive the completed surveys by May 25. Further information is available at http://www.kitsapshoreline.org/. The survey can be found there as well. They can be contacted by phone at (360) 337-5777.

Linda Berry-Maraist spoke about the North Kitsap Trails Association, a group working to improve and maintain walking, cycling, horseback riding and water trails
throughout the area. They especially want to increase and improve trails in Kitsap County to link with those east of the Sound and in the Olympic Peninsual. For information on donating or volunteering with the group, and to take a short survey on trail usage, visit http://www.northkitsaptrails.org/home.html. Their mailing address is NKTA, P.O. Box 759, Poulsbo 98370.

GHAAC Committee Presentation/Updates
During reports from GHAAC members it was reported that construction on Cliffside Road is expected to begin on June 1. During construction the road will be closed to all but emergency traffic and drivers will need to go around Twin Spits to get to Hansville Road. The road through the reservation will not be open and Cliffside will not be usable even at night when the crews are not working. Other reports included that Buck Lake is open for trout fishing, speeding is still a problem in that area but Sheriff’s deputies have been seen there quite often, Ladies Aid is holding a dinner dance on May 15, tickets available at the store; the Community Center has scheduled two music events in April and would like to hear from people with suggestions for other events. Contact board members as listed in the LOG. The Hansville Arts League is holding their Spring studio Tour on Aporil 23 and 24 and will include several new artists. The center interior will be painted April 26-28 and volunteers are needed. The Greenways need volunteers to maintain the trails, especially this time of year. After a meeting with Steve Bauer and the toxic cleanup people it was determined that the toxic cleanup around the store will be done after Labor Day, so that it would not interfere with the summer traffic at the store. It is expected to take approximately two months and will include removing contaminated soil and the source of the toxins and bio-remediation. Shoreview Terrace has concerns about a portion of the road that seems to be sinking and the county will be contacted. Eglon reported that the boat launch parking area will be re-graveled. Olympic Property Group said that aerial spraying of an herbicide to reduce brush competition on the areas that were cut and re-planted will be done mid-April or early May. Ritley reported that it appears the eagles have been preying on the herons and their nests in the Shorewoods area. Alan Otto reported that the For Sale sign on Hansville Repair is for the property only and the business is going strong and ready to serve everyone. On Saturday April 24 there will be an Adopt A Road cleanup, leaving from Norwegian Point Park at 10:00 am.

There was public comment and discussion on the pros and cons of horses and unleashed dogs in the local parks. A committee is being formed to study the issue and determine what people want and how to achieve it. If you have input, contact your GHAAC representative or ghaadvisorycouncil@hansville.org

New Issues/updates on prior issues

GHAAC by-law updates Judy Foritano reported that they are awaiting the approval of the Board of County Commissioners but in the meantime we can go ahead as described in the update and begin looking for replacement representatives where needed. Organization which hold meetings can nominate a representative, residents of areas with no formal structure can volunteer or suggest a candidate and the County will also advertise for volunteers. Candidates will be interviewed by the district Commissioner and the final choices will be presented to the full Board of Commissioners for approval.
Dog/horse issues on Point No Point Beach: Rick Troemel presented a proposal to write a letter to the county expressing the concerns of those residents who are troubled by dogs running loose and horses on the area beaches. He pointed out that this is unlawful but there is no enforcement. He said that the alternatives he sees are to enforce the existing laws or to get the law changed. There are concerns about dog and horse excrement left on beaches, lawns and walkways and damage to the beaches. Discussion from members and the input of guests made it clear that there are varying ideas on this issue and a committee is being formed to study the issue and determine what people want and how to achieve it. If you have input, contact your GHAAC representative or ghaadvisorycouncil@hansville.org

Elizabeth Wilson of Olympic Property Group reported on the aerial herbicide application to be done by Pope Resources on the areas recently harvested. She provided information on the products to be used and the method of application.

Open Public Comment

Next meeting June 8, 7:00 p.m. Greater Hansville Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Isaacs

Attachment – 1 Page John Ross Comments
Request to the GHAAC advisory council  April 13, 2010

We horse owners in the Hansville area would like to request that some accommodation for access to beach riding is provided. We would like to point out that horse riding on the beach and in the Hansville area is a long-standing practice that goes back over fifty years. We further believe that this practice is very much in keeping with the community values as stated in the GHAAC bylaws, in promoting a rural atmosphere and retaining agricultural uses.

We understand that there are some residents who have issues with this practice. We have also been told by many beach users and residents that they enjoy seeing horses on the beach and in the area, even though they are not riders or horse owners. Keeping these differing views in mind we would welcome the opportunity to work on a solution that would satisfy the majority of area residents. We also believe in the stated GHAAC value that inclusiveness of all individual differences and caring for our neighbors contributes to the vibrancy of the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Signed:  

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