GHAAC MINUTES
May 10, 2011
7:00 PM-GHAAC meeting
Greater Hansville Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Art Ellison, Chair. He restated the ground rules for GHAAC meetings and those present introduced themselves and gave their reports. There was nothing new reported unless otherwise recorded here: Sandra Larsen: Better Halves – Hansville store has made some nice improvements to dining area; Bonnie Isaacs: Cliffside Beach.; Bob Bennion: Coffee Klatch; Marion Fuller: Eglon/Pilot Point – working on getting a ramp to allow handicapped access to Eglon Community Center; Linda Redling – Finn Creek Agricultural Community; Nancy Garing: Flotsam & Jetsam Garden Club; Val Tangen: Foulweather Bluff Neighborhood – the county has done some beach cleanup; requested no trash be put in the dog poop receptacles; Fred Nelson: Greater Hansville Community Center and Hansville Neighbors – Bingo a big success, will be held again on June 11; Lynn Hix: Hansville Art Guild – thanked community for support of fashion show and studio tour; Art Ellison: Hansville Greenway Assoc.; Chris McClellan: Hansville Ladies Aid – announced May 14 Dinner Dance and Memorial service at the cemetery at noon on May 29 which will be the 100th anniversary of the cemetery; Heidi Kaster: Hansville Road Neighborhood – nursery is open; Gary Paulson: Norwegian Point Neighborhood; Tony Atkinson: Old Hansville Hwy Neighborhood; Judy Foritano: Past President Emeritus; Judy Roupe: Point No Point/Hillview Neighborhood; Martha Pendergast: Point No Point View Estates – renewed interest in emergency preparedness following Japan earthquake; Jean Connolly: South Hood Canal Drive Neighborhood; Gene Borgomanerio: Thursday Breakfast Group; Steve Heacock: Dept of Community Development liaison; Steve Bauer; Commissioner Rob Gelder; Rebecca Pirtle; Renee Hart; and Jim Rogers. There were 12 other guests.
Atkinson reported for Evan Zachary that residents were relieved that a proposed street light would not be installed at Pt No Point Road and Hansville Road intersection. Gelder reported that it was in response to objections communicated to the county.

Dennis Cziske—Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee update: WSF meetings scheduled for June 13 in Kingston, June 2 in Bainbridge, June 6 in Bremerton. Summer fares now in effect, an increase is scheduled for October 1st and there will be an additional 25 cent surcharge for funding new boats. The fuel surcharge scheduled for July 1 is delayed because the legislature wants rules in place before it is begun. Cziske reported that local legislators Rolfes and Appleton have worked very hard to get the best they can for their ferry dependent communities.

Fred Nelson – Passenger Ferry report – First run scheduled for May 31. At present, two round trips daily, possibility of a mid day boat if demand warrants. It takes 60 passengers to make it pay. One way fare will be about $7, 40 ticket pass will be about $250.

Initial public comments: None

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting  Approved as published
Guest Speakers

Ellison thanked Steve Bauer for his work with GHAAC and presented him with a set of four drinking glasses etched by Lynn Hix. Bauer thanked the group for their efforts on behalf of the community.

North Commissioner Robert Gelder—Bauer introduced new Commissioner Gelder and endorsed his appointment. Gelder said he is pleased to serve and thanked members for their participation. He is always willing to listen and will look for “common ground for the common good.”

He told that on May 19 he would be with a group touring the boat launch park with DFW. The county has held out for a commitment from DFW to incorporate “a lot of” concerns about the proposed improvements there. He said information would be made available as decisions are made which would be a while as DFW has no money for the project now. Atkinson pointed out that information after a decision is made is too late for community participation and asked for the community to have input before grant applications are submitted as grant terms are so specific. Pirtle said she would be e-mailing status reports so be sure she has e-mail addresses of those interested. The county has a letter of intention from DFW.

Jim Rogers of the County reported on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and gave information on how suggested projects are evaluated and rated for consideration and funding. He told that the current period for public input of suggested projects has been extended to May 15. The only project in our area now on the 6 year plan is the addition of shoulders on Hansville Highway from the casino to the Hansville store in 2012.

Point No Point Light Station update—Pirtle reported that the Coast Guard has applied for a grant for roofing and paint. If achieved, work will be done in the summer. The lighthouse is open, docents are working and the store is open. Front Street Gallery in Poulsbo will donate 20% of the proceeds from art sold on June 11 to the Friends of the Lighthouse.

She also reported that the County Conservation Agent has moved into the Maggs house. Connolly asked that GHAAC reps be sent e-mails so that they could share information about the lighthouse activities with their neighborhoods/organizations. Pirtle agreed to do so. Daria Nelson said that brochures and other materials are available at the lighthouse and the Kingston Chamber of Commerce.

Hansville Farm Project—Renee Hart showed slides and talked about a proposed project to obtain 144 acres of land that Olympic Property Resources is selling that is above the houses in Driftwood and Shorewoods and adjacent to the Greenways. Her group would like to see the land developed to grow produce to be sold locally and also to make available P-Patch gardens for residents. They feel the project will enhance the community and provide educational and mentoring opportunities for local participants.

GHAAC Committee Presentation/Updates
Community rep reports – see first paragraph
Response to public comments from last meeting: None
By Law updates—Linda Redling reported that some work was required to determine accurate neighborhood definitions.

New Issues/updates on prior issues: Susie Howes reported that the only information she had been able to get from the Parks Dept is that horses are permitted on the beach but there is no money now to change the signs. Also, any such policy and signs must be consistent county wide and that cannot be accomplished at present. At Foritano’s suggestion Howes was thanked and asked to continue as the liaison person on the topic, to which she agreed.

Election of new officers: There being no nominations from the floor, the slate proposed by the nominating committee was accepted as follows (Bennion moved, Paulson seconded):
  Chair: Linda Redling
  Co Chair: John Remington
  Secretary/Operations Manager: Bonnie Isaacs
  Trustee: Jean Connolly
  Trustee: Heidi Kaster
  Trustee: Evan Zachary
  Past Chair Emeritus (with responsibility of advising on ByLaws): Judy Foritano
  Immediate: Art Ellison

Status of new reps for advertised positions—Pirtle reported that the Commissioners are setting up appointments to interview those who have applied.

Open Public Comment — Terra Prendergast endorsed the Farm Project and said that the subject parcel of land is a “rare Jewel” that should be preserved.

Announcements

Next meeting

  July 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  Greater Hansville Community Center

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie Isaacs