The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Linda Redling.

Welcome and introductions of GHAAC members. Attendance taken.

Present were:
Admiralty/Twin Spits Neighborhood & N. Hood Canal/Sterling Highlands, Laurie Wiegenstein
Buck Lake Neighborhood, Evan Zachary
Cliffside Beach Homeowners, Judy Foritano
Koffee Klatch, Bob Binnion
Driftwood Key Club, John Remington
Eglon/Pilot Point, Pat Duvall
Finn Creek Agricultural Community, Linda Redling
Flotsam and Jetsam Garden Club, Connie Gordon
Greater Hansville Community Center, Fred Nelson
Hansville Arts Guild, Lynn Hix
Hansville Community Church, Cindy McDermott
Hansville Greenway Association, Van Bergen
Hansville Ladies Aid, Dagmar Brauer, alternate
Hansville Neighbors, Fred Nelson
Hansville Road Neighborhood, Heidi Kaster
Hood Canal Shores Neighborhood, Tom Ritley
Norwegian Point Neighborhood, Gary Paulson
Past Chair Emeritus, (Non-Voting), Judy Foritano
Point No Point View Estates Homeowners Association, Martha Pendergast
Point No Point/Hillview Neighborhood, Judy Roupe
Shoreview Terrace Neighborhood, Daria Nelson
South Hood Canal Drive Neighborhood, Jean Connolly
The Better Halves, Sandra Larsen
Thursday Breakfast Group, Gene Borgomainerio
West Twin Spits Neighborhood, Valerie Tangen
Young People, Alexander Walker

Also present:
Commissioner Rob Gelder.
County Liaison, Steve Heacock.

There were 7 people in the audience, including the Commissioner.

Absent were:
Hansville Business Community, Cathy Sand
Old Hansville Highway Neighborhood, Vacant
Past Chair Emeritus, (Non-Voting), Art Ellison
Shorewoods Neighborhood, Vacant

Redling read the ground rules for GHAAC meetings.
Public comments:
- Dennis Cziske, Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee Update. Dennis was unable to attend.

Guest Speakers:
- Ken Shawcroft, Kitsap Forest and Bay Project Coalition, gave a half hour update on the status of the negotiations and of the search for funds. Option expires the end of March 2013. Presently confined to only 2,000 of the available 7,000 acres, mostly on the west side of Port Gamble Bay. About 1800 acres in Hansville. The 480 acres in Heritage Park already has funding. Still looking for additional Grant funds.

Commissioner Gelder explained that the County’s objective is to acquire as much ‘dirt’ as possible to maximize the acreage, the trees and meadows can always be replanted. Many different approaches discussed including allowing Pope to clear cut forested areas once more and then buying the property for approximately one-half of the assessed value in order to stretch the available funds and possibly buying land at a lower initial price with a balloon payment downstream.

Pat Campbell: Public Works – Solid Waste Division (SWD), gave a detailed discussion of proposed rate changes. Existing fees have been in place since 2005. These fees provide 95% of SWD’s funding, no tax money is involved. Many costs are fixed and as revenue declined, beginning in 2008 due to reduced tonnage, reserves were used to avoid a rate increase during difficult economic times. Reserves are now depleted to the point that it is necessary to raise fees.

The rate study process began in February 2012 and included four Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings in February, May, June and October. In August and December of 2012 presentations were made to the Board of County Commissioners. Presentations to citizen advisory committees will be in January/February of 2013. Public hearing and adoption will be in the March/April timeframe with implementation July 1, 2013.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: There were two minor corrections to the minutes. The minutes as amended were approved unanimously.
- Connie Gordon noted that rather than the stated “working with” Dana Coggen, the comment should read that the Flotsam and Jetsam Garden Club’s “guest speaker is” Dana Coggen of Kitsap County/WSU Extension on Noxious Weed Removal
- Laurie Wiegenstein stated that the comment questioning the bylaws attributed to her in the Community Rep reports was not accurate and should only note instead that her Community address contain North Hood Canal, not North Driftwood Key as she claims it was sometimes written. The Community address as shown in the attendance on the first page was confirmed as correct.
Community rep reports:

- Laurie Wiegenstein. January and February is mating season for coyotes and they are very aggressive during this time. It was reported that they have already taken one small dog. Probably good to keep an eye on small pets and small children and do not feed the coyotes, which apparently some people do.

- Bob Binnion, Koffee Klatch, announced a Valentine’s Day Breakfast for widows and widowers on February 14th at the Driftwood Key Clubhouse.

- Fred Nelson, GHCC & Hansville Neighbors. Rummage Sale storage has previously been in an old building near Point No Point, which is being demolished. Storage will now be in the old structure at Norwegian Point Park.

- Cindy McDermott, Hansville Community Church said they were having a sing along.

- Dagmar Brauer, Hansville Ladies Aid, reported a successful Home Tour.

- Gary Paulson, Norwegian Point Neighborhood noted that the County was meeting on ways to mitigate damage from King Tides, another of which is due the 14th of this month.

- Gene Borgomainerio, Thursday Breakfast Group, enquired about why we have seen no results from the Hansville traffic study. He noted that the original request was only for the Hood Canal area passing through Driftwood Key and Shorewood and that the County had instead expanded the study to include the Greater Hansville area road system and engaged a private Consultant for $50,000. Commissioner Gelder stated that any resulting conclusions and recommendations from the Greater Hansville Area Traffic Study will be presented at the March meeting.

- Alexander Walker, Young People. They have a group who enjoy paintball games except that the paintballs are too messy. They have substituted air guns that shoot low velocity plastic BB’s and are looking for a site where they can play their games. If you have an area large enough to accommodate them or know of someone who does, please contact him.

He also announced that the Kingston High School is presenting ‘The Wizard of Oz’ in approximately six weeks.

Response to public comments from last meeting: None.

Action Items

Steve Heacock.

- Update of Greater Hansville Area Neighborhood Map. Steve Heacock reported that corrections to the map have been made and it has been reposted on the County website.

- There will be a Kingston Open House on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 7:00~9:00, at the Kingston Middle School

- Fiber optic presentation at the May meeting.
Last call for Public Comments that were missed: None.

Announcements:
Commissioner Rob Gelder.
• Point No Point Lighthouse Station has received a $50,000 grant for exterior restoration of the Keepers House, the third and final project. Before getting the funds, however, we must raise $50,000 as well, a one to one match. Additional funding is needed.
• Commissioner Rob Gelder looking for a ‘Commissioner’s Liaison’. The person would be the coordinator between Rob and GHAAC. The job would require reasonable computer skills and would be two days a week in Port Orchard.
• The Commissioner reported that the Feds still have not transferred the Norwegian Point property to the County so ownership temporarily in limbo.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting: March 12, 2013, 6:30 pm, at Greater Hansville Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Remington, Secretary