

# Kitsap County Citizen's Budget Committee

## October 7, 2008

Present: Steve Maxim, John Ahl, Gary Nelson, Vee-Jay Brann, Robert Gelder, Robert Meadows, Jim Sommerhauser, Chip Faver, Director Parks & Recreation; Elizabeth Ratliff, Parks Administration; Dori Leckner, Parks Superintendent; Matt Keough, Parks Planner; Frank Abbott, Fair & Special Events; Kay Anderson, Parks Accounting; Frank Stowell, Parks Board Chair; Kathleen Simpson, Parks Board; Don Martin, Parks Board; Arno Bergstrom, Director WSU Extension; Sean Gabriel, Director Administrative Services; Stephanie Pinard, Administrative Services; Deanna Erstad, Commissioners Office; Paul Nuchims, Charlotte Garrido

Absent: Shannon Childs, Monica Hunsaker, Paul Uhlig, Chris Tibbs, Ron Rada

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

He announced that Ron Rada has resigned from the Committee.

### Parks & Recreation Presentation

Chip Faver, Parks & Recreation Director introduced his staff and gave his presentation. Afterward it was opened for questions.

Points:

- Use of volunteers
- Artificial turf on ball fields
- Increase in prize money for Stampede events
- Free & discounted users for county facilities
- Possibility of charging entrance fees to county parks?
- Refurbishing or selling of Silverdale Community Center, Givens Community Center and Kingston Community Center and cost to maintain for a year.
- Increase of entrance fees to fair and rodeo – was it enough to offset the \$40,000 the county contributes each year?
- Charging for parking for events held at fairgrounds, ball fields, Special Events Center?
- Parks becoming an enterprise fund system?
- List of facilities and land the county would like to sell
- Facility user rates
- Cost savings if Parks consolidated work with Public Works crews?

The committee thanked Steve and his staff for their presentation.

## WUS Extension Presentation

Arno Bergstrom gave presentation on WSU Extension program. Afterwards it was opened for questions.

### Points:

- Volunteer usage for “land use” issues
- Open Space and Forest Stewardship – classes offered to citizens
- Where would he cut 2.2% from his budget
- They have only 3 general fund employees. The others are funded from other sources.
- Are they tied to the Conservation District and if so, how?
- Cost of square footage for their offices in the Norm Dicks Government Center per year?

The committee thanked Arno for his presentation.

Jim suggested that we postpone working on the list of questions for the departments until more members were present. It was second by John.

Steve said that he noticed that there are very few, if any questions from the members for the Treasurer, Auditor and Assessor. He suggested everyone go back over the presentations and put together some questions prior to the next meeting. One hour will be reserved to go over all the questions at the next meeting.

Deanna asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Steve said the committee hadn't received the minutes so will go over them at the next meeting.

Steve reminded the committee that the next meeting scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> will be held at the CenCom Facility in Bremerton where they will take a tour and have presentations by CenCom and Emergency Management.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm