

Kitsap County Citizen's Budget Committee

September 29, 2008

Present: Steve Maxim; Vee-Jay Brann; Gary Nelson; Ron Rada; John Ahl; Robert Meadows; Chris Tibbs; Paul Uhlig; Monica Hunsaker; Jim Sommerhauser; Shannon Childs; Robert Gelder; Walter Washington, Kitsap County Auditor; Dolores Gilmore, Auditor's Elections; Nancy Lawrence, Auditor's Licensing & Recording; Anna Wilderbuer, Auditor's Administration; Dave Schureman, Auditor's Accounting; Stephanie Pinard, Admin. Svcs; Lisa Fryer, Admin Svcs; Nancy Buonanno Grennan, County Administrator; Shawn Gabriel, Admin Svcs Director; R'Lene Orr, Purchasing Manager; Jim Trainer, Treez Inc; Nick Penovich, Soil Science; Deanna Erstad, Commissioners Office.

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

Walt Washington, Kitsap County Auditor and his staff gave a presentation on their department, followed by a questions and answers.

Jim Trainer with Treez Inc and Nick Penovich with Soil Science gave a short presentation of a "Buying Local" program. They talked about how using local contractors and buying local supplies keep the tax dollars in Kitsap County. They asked why services such as landscaping, tree services, consulting etc. were contracted with companies outside Kitsap County.

R'Lene Orr, Kitsap County's Purchasing Manager, explained the bid process and the vendor list. The committee asked if they could have Purchasing come give a presentation so they could better understand this process. Stephanie said that Administrative Services will be doing their presentation on November 3rd and Purchasing will be included at that time.

The minutes from September 15, 2008 were approved with several corrections.

Steve talked about the "presentation comments" that everyone is sending to Monica to compile and asked if there was a better way to format these. It was decided that the committee should only send questions to the departments, not comments. It was also discussed that Nancy could most likely answer a lot of the questions so Monica will consolidate and send to Nancy for her response. It was then decided that the committee will go over the questions one at a time at the meetings prior to the final lists being sent to departments.

Nancy gave an update on Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority. She also said the Board of Commissioners had signed a resolution this afternoon directing KCCHA to sell several properties and the money used to pay down the guaranteed debt. Nancy will get a list of the properties to Stephanie. She also gave a briefing on the Poulsbo City Hall project.

Chris Tibbs said he has talked to various city police departments to better understand how they operate so he can better formulate his questions for the Sheriff's Department.

Jim asked about the county's new "Take Home" policy for county vehicles. Nancy will get a copy of the new policy to the committee but added that it doesn't apply to the Sheriff's department vehicles. She also spoke about the "anti idling" policy for county vehicles which is more of an educational tool for employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2008.