

CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2007

I. Call to order

President Jon Pearson called to order the regular meeting of the **Central Kitsap Community Council** at **7:05 p.m.** on **September 19, 2007** in the **Fire & Water District Community Room, Silverdale, Washington.**

II. Roll call

Council members introduced themselves. The following persons were present: Natalie Bryson, Mary Earl, Jon Pearson, Hank Mann-Sykes, Sue Fox, Kay Wilson, Richard Shattuck, Carol Smiley, Dave Peterson, Gary Lindsey, Tex Lewis and Roger Zabinski. Also present was Commissioner Josh Brown.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting and adoption of agenda

After discussion, the minutes from the meetings of May, June and July, 2007, were approved as presented.
The agenda was adopted as presented.

IV. Correspondence/Announcements

Mary Earl reported to the Council on the Port of Silverdale presentation of its development plans. She also passed out maps of the Clear Creek Trail and announced the annual Clear Creek Celebration will occur on September 29, 2007 at noon.

Jon Pearson announced the celebration of life for Paul Brittan was held at the Clear Creek Trail Interpretive Center on August 26, 2007, and that the Council's resolution honoring Mr. Brittan was well received. He also discussed a meeting members of the Council had completed with Representative Jay Inslee, and honored Tex Lewis for being named as the "Volunteer of the Year".

V. New business

- a) **Jon Pearson** introduced two Central Kitsap students deserving of special recognition by the Council. Cloe Parsons of Brownsville Elementary was recognized for attaining a perfect score on the WASL examination, and Erin Lee of Ridgetop Junior High was recognized for her golfing prowess.
- b) **Jon Pearson** introduced representatives of the Port of Brownsville to the Council. Present were (1) President of the Board, Jack Bailey, (2) Port Manager, Jerry Rowland, and (3) Assistant Port Manager, Greg Faulkner. The Port representatives provided a presentation on the Port of Brownsville, including an historical overview, an outline of current projects (including a the recent purchase of the local Fire and Rescue building, a tenant storage project,

a Steele Creek Salmon Enhancement project and breakwater improvements), and announced Brownsville Appreciation Day which was scheduled for September 22, 2007.

- c) **Commissioner Josh Brown** led a discussion of the Newberry Hill Heritage Park. Commissioner Brown noted that the County was working with the State of Washington in an effort to exchange some County watershed property for land now held by the Department of Natural Resources. If successful, the Heritage Park will span over 1,000 acres and include diverse ecological plant and wildlife communities. He discussed his hope that a community stewardship committee can be established to “adopt” the park.
- d) **Commissioner Josh Brown** provided an overview of the current work on the Silverdale Community Campus. The Commissioner noted that a market survey had been commissioned by the Housing Authority to determine the community reaction to placement of a YMCA on the Campus. He reported that the results would be available within a few days. In response to questions from Council members, Commissioner Brown stated that the County was looking for grant monies to help keep the roof on the Billie Eder building in good repair. There was some discussion about the potential for establishing a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to assist with campaigning for Campus funding.
- e) **Commissioner Josh Brown** next reviewed the budget crunch facing the County. He stated that the Commissioners plan to work toward cost-cutting measures, including cutting back on overtime expenditures. As a result, the Commissioner’s office will not be providing staff support at the Community Council meetings. The Commissioner emphasized that his office and staff will continue to help with production of Council materials such as the Council’s brochure, and encouraged the Council members to contact him directly with any questions or concerns they may have.
- f) **Public Testimony** noted that the road sign for Old Town Silverdale contained a misspelling of the word “District”.

VI. **Adjournment**

Jon Pearson adjourned the meeting at **9:20 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Richard Shattuck, Secretary

