

CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2008

I. Call to order

President Jon Pearson called to order the regular meeting of the Central Kitsap Community Council at 7:04 p.m. on July 16, 2008 in the Water and Fire District Community Room, 5300 N.W. Newberry Hill Road, Silverdale, Washington.

II. Roll call

Council members introduced themselves. The following members were present: Natalie Bryson, Steven Cook, Mary Earl, Sue Fox, Carl Johnson, Tex Lewis, Gary Lindsey, Robert Moyer, Jon Pearson, Richard Shattuck, Jerry Van Fossen, Kay Wilson, Roger Zabinski, and Zoe Zadworny. Commissioner Josh Brown attended, also.

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

The agenda was adopted as presented. The minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2008 were approved as presented.

IV. Correspondence/Announcements

Jon Pearson noted that there will be an ice cream social on July 17 at 7:00 PM at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to honor **Natalie Bryson** for her work in the County to support equality for all. The event will be sponsored by the Pride Foundation in partnership with the Kitsap County HIV/AIDS Foundation. Also, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony on July 24 at 5:00 PM for the Waaga Way road extension project. The location will be near the intersection of Waaga Way and Clear Creek Road.

Josh Brown remarked that he had toured the Five-County YMCA at Parkland, MO, this morning, before his flight back to Seattle. This is a 60,000 square-foot YMCA associated with a 30,000 square-foot library, located in the Northland area of Kansas City, with a County population of about 90,000. **Gary Lindsey** asked about the status of the site plan for the Central Kitsap Community Campus. **Robert Moyer** noted that the review committee for the Campus civil engineering proposals had recently interviewed the three finalists and selected one group with which to enter into negotiations. **Josh Brown** said that the key to the project is a partnership with the Pierce County YMCA. Meetings about this are scheduled for next week.

Tex Lewis noted that the Anderson Hill overpass was cleaned last Saturday and that a professional painter has volunteered to paint the background. The proposed date for this is August 3. He thanked **Josh Brown** for making it happen.

V. Business Meeting

- A. **Harrison Medical Center: Tom Kruse** gave a review of the new facilities being developed by the Medical Center. In Belfair (North Mason Public Hospital District No. 2) they are working with a local developer to build a 12-hour urgent care and diagnostic facility slated to open about the first quarter of 2009. At its Port Orchard campus (owned by Tim Ryan Properties) the Center is developing a 24-hour urgent care facility – the first of its kind in the area. At Harrison’s 32-acre site in Silverdale, which has a 14-bed emergency room, birthing center and other facilities, the plan is to increase the emergency room to 32 beds, the same size as its Bremerton facility, which is now the fifth most active emergency room in the State. Harrison has asked for a height variance to allow it to expand the Silverdale Campus from 44 to 104 beds by 2012. Total capital spending at the two sites is expected to reach \$175 million (tentatively divided into \$125M at Silverdale and \$50M at Bremerton). At the Bremerton Campus, Harrison plans to expand its cardiac and oncology centers (it now ranks in the top ten percent in the U.S. for cardiac care, based on outcomes) and to do seismic upgrades.

Mr. Kruse noted that the Center has given quite a bit of thought about how to integrate the Clear Creek trail system into the Silverdale Campus, perhaps by bringing it into the orthopedic rehabilitation facility, where it could be used by patients. **Natalie Bryson** remarked that, in two locations of which she is aware, old railroad beds have been integrated into such rehab facilities. **Josh Brown** noted that the Harrison expansion and the Waaga Way Extension, which will add about 450 acres of industrial and commercial space the Silverdale UGA, provide two real opportunities for economic growth in the Silverdale area.

In response to a question, Mr. Kruse noted that Harrison’s expansion might reduce the number of cases going to Harborview by a small amount, but that Harrison has no intent to provide neurological or prenatal ICU services. He remarked that unless you do a lot of each, the services would not be profitable, nor would there be better patient outcomes.

- B. **Port of Bremerton: Bill Mahan** began by recalling that most of the ports in the County were created in the early 1900s to build docks for the Mosquito Fleet. At on time, the County had 18 port districts; it now has twelve, some of which were disbanded because they were inactive. The big change came after World War II when the Federal Government gave about 1700 acres to the County, including the airport. In turn, the County gave the land and facilities to the Port District. By State law, the Port’s charge is economic development.

Currently, the Port is expanding and strengthening the airport runway. A second-tier airline, Elysian Air, is looking at servicing Bremerton, possibly beginning with twice-weekly service to Las Vegas. The West side of the Port’s property is fully developed and it is now looking at the East side, where infrastructure is needed. The Olympic View Industrial park, which has been in development for 25-30 years has a number of tenants, including Safeboats, another company the builds closets and Westec Corp., which fills aerosol cans. The 400 acres south of Olympic View is an undeveloped brownfield site. Kitsap SEED is about 75 acres of that. The intent is to build a LEED Platinum building, which is more expensive (\$325-350/sq ft versus \$225/sq ft) but is key to attracting clean technologies.

Regarding marine development, the Port owns and operates two large marinas, Bremerton and Port Orchard. Bremerton is more like a public park – it has a large public pier and now has about 350 slips (250 permanent and 100 transient). Transient

berthing at the Port Orchard marina runs about 8000 boating days per year with local spending estimated at about \$180 per boating day. The Port's plan for the Bremerton marina is to fill the slips in 5 years, but 3 years is more likely. It expects to see about three times as many transient days as Port Orchard, which will be a significant contribution to the local economy.

Roger Zabinski asked if the Port plans to add a second runway at an angle to the existing one. Mr. Mahan responded "no", but that some consideration is being given to a parallel grass runway or a possible float-plane basin. Two companies have said that they would locate operations there if such a basin were constructed.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. **Parks: Roger Zabinski** noted that the Parks and Environment Committee would have a meeting on Friday, July 18, at 8:30 AM at the Silverdale Community Center.
- B. **Community Relations: Natalie Bryson** noted that it had been reported that the Kitsap Regional Library had decided not to request additional levy funds now. **Barbara Stevens** noted from the audience that the earliest would be in 2009. Mrs. Bryson remarked, also, that she was pleased to see that Commissioner Brown had been able to visit the suburban Kansas City YMCA/Library complex.
- C. **Economic Development: Carl Johnson** thanked Tom Kruse and Bill Mahan for two very good presentations. He noted, also, that John and Sandy Hunter, who own Logloft, were putting together a group to plan a local travel expo.
- D. **Transportation: Gary Lindsey** noted that the County has a committee looking at long term County needs, levels of service, etc. – and how to finance needed improvements.

VII. Public Comment

- A. **Sue Fox and Natalie Bryson** noted the recent passing of Pete Ross and offered the Council's condolences to the Ross family. Besides being an important and well-respected member of the Central Kitsap business community, Pete Ross was a life-long supporter of youth athletics, especially through the Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association. The five baseball fields and clubhouse, the "Pete and Dona Ross Field" complex, sit on land that he and his wife, Dona, donated. The Council very much appreciates Pete's efforts to better the community.
- B. **Jim Sommerhauser** noted that he had been trying to get the County to pay more attention to parking enforcement in the Kitsap UGAs. The current system, with the Sheriff's Department having parking enforcement as its lowest priority, isn't working. Also, he noted that the Silverdale design standards end at Highway 3. Design standards for the new area by Waaga Way will be discussed soon by the Planning Commission.

VIII. Adjournment

Jon Pearson noted that there would be no meeting in August, but the Council will have a booth at the Kitsap County Fair, August 20-24. He adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robert Moyer, Secretary