

CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2008

I. Call to order

President Jon Pearson called to order the regular meeting of the Central Kitsap Community Council at 7:07 PM on November 19, 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, Greg Hunt, Gary Lindsey, Tex Lewis, Jon Pearson, Richard Shattuck, Carol Smiley, 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 amended. Minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2008 were adopted as corrected.

IV. Correspondence/Announcements

- A. **Josh Brown** announced that there would be a ribbon-cutting on Friday (November 21) at 10:00 AM to mark the completion of phase one of the restoration of Chico Creek. He noted, also, that great progress had been made on the Tracyton Boulevard culvert replacement project.
- B. **Roger Zabinski** noted that there were signup sheets in the back of the room for the Kitsap County Parks Commission.

V. Business Meeting

- A. **Puget Sound Partnership: Sara Lingafelter** gave an introduction to the Puget Sound Partnership. She noted that Puget Sound has over 1500 miles of shoreline and about 1.5 million people, whose impact on the environment has created a number of problems for the Sound. Our resident Orcas are highly contaminated, oyster and clam beds have been restricted for harvesting in a number of areas and beaches have been closed for swimming. Puget Sound fish have been the subject of contamination advisories and salmon stocks are down, as are many marine bird populations. Lots of open outfalls empty into

the Sound, an average of 14.7 per mile of shoreline. Puget Sound Partnership is a government agency that consists of a Leadership Council, a Science Panel and an Ecosystem Coordinating Board. Its approach is to coordinate resources, prioritize projects, base decisions on science, examine the costs and benefits of each project and hold people and entities accountable for results. The Partnership's Action Agenda seeks to answer four questions: (1) What is a "healthy" Sound; (2) What is the current status of the Sound; (3) What actions must we take to have a healthy Sound by 2020; and (4) Where do we start? The Leadership Council next meets on November 21 and the Action Agenda (see question 3) is scheduled to be released on December 1.

Kay Wilson noted that it seems like we did this before – and it wasn't very successful. Why do we think that this will be different? Ms. Lingafelter responded that there are some reasons for optimism: this effort will be science-based and projects will be held to measureable results. Also, the plan is designed to adapt to lessons learned as the projects proceed. **Gary Lindsey** noted that funding should be done by a gas tax, not by property taxes, because so much of the pollution is car-based. **Roger Zabinski** said that, based on his participation on the Hood Canal Watershed group, we now have much more information on dissolved oxygen problems, the role of alders, etc. **Tex Lewis** noted that it is pretty easy to mandate and pretty easy to tax, also. He favors devising incentives for property owners – these are not so onerous. **Josh Brown** noted that he chairs the Washington Coastal Counties Caucus – and that counties have very limited resources to apply to the cleanup. **Jon Pearson** remarked about the recommended limit of two meals per month for resident salmon – our health is directly affected by the quality of the Sound. **Gary Lindsey** wondered how much of the problem would be solved if public properties were cleaned up first – perhaps half? He noted that it would be important to make sure that the public knows. Also, make sure that the science is really good; otherwise, the argument will fail. **Natalie Bryson** suggested that incentives were a really good idea. There are numerous examples from other countries of using incentives to encourage good behavior. **Steven Cook** asked how programs at Central Kitsap HS could be part of the solution.

- B. **The Illahee Subarea Plan:** **Ron Ross** noted that Illahee was developed in the 1920s. It is an area with small lots and lots of waterfront. If the Illahee plan restricts development, where will the displaced numbers of people go in the future? Under the GMA guidelines, they will have to be absorbed somewhere.

Ron noted that he supports the community plan, but not the proposed boundaries; they are just too large. Showing a map of the proposed boundaries (attached to these minutes) he noted that the commercial strip along SR 303 has never been considered part of Illahee and should not be included. He questioned, also, the inclusion of the area between NE Sylvan Way and NE 30th Street. **Richard Shattuck** noted that the proposed boundary looks like the blueprint for a proposed city, with the inclusion of the commercial properties, and wondered if this wouldn't be a good idea.

- C. **The Illahee Subarea Plan:** **Jim Aho** responded to several of Mr. Ross' points. When the process for developing the subarea plan began, about 1000 questionnaires were passed out to residents of the area. The proposed boundaries result from that survey – it's where the people wanted them to go. In accord with the GMA, the boundaries follow those of the Port of Illahee. **Gary Lindsey** was really curious about the commercial strip being added, noting that he did not see the rationale. Mr. Aho responded that that was about 120 acres and it is in the Port boundaries. It's basically what the people decided. The area bordering Illahee forest to the West might be a place for senior and low-income housing. It would be possible to put high-rise buildings there. **Josh Brown** noted that he thought that local plans made sense. They could be used elsewhere in the County. It takes a lot of hard work, but it can be done. **Tex Lewis** noted that that the idea of incorporating countywide might make real sense. Maybe that would be worth looking into. **Josh Brown** noted that the only way for Counties to change now is through the freeholder process, which is very burdensome.
- D. **Central Kitsap Legislative Priorities:** **Jon Pearson** opened the discussion by noting that the Council's previous priorities were (1) continued support for the CK Community Campus and the YMCA project there, (2) continued support for transportation funding for area projects and (3) help with the Newberry Hill Heritage Park, especially with the proposed land swap with DNR. **Gary Lindsey** noted the possibility of adding support for the Harrison Hospital expansion in Silverdale. They might especially need help with transportation improvements. **Josh Brown** remarked that the County would like to create a local Hospital Benefit District, like the State did for the Gig Harbor hospital. **Kay Wilson** suggested that the Council consider adding support for the Puget Sound Partnership program. We really can't ignore that – and it's something that needs prompt action. **Carol Smiley** noted that support for the YMCA is really more than that – it is support for the Campus as a whole, including the master planning aspect and a new KRL library facility. **Tex Lewis** noted that one message for the legislators is that we are working too hard and not getting enough done – we need to do things differently. **Kay Wilson** asked about the second priority – transportation; specifically what? In response, **Josh Brown** noted that it would be best for the State to give the County a revenue source. Gig Harbor was the first hospital district. We are trying to learn from their experience.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. **Parks: Roger Zabinski** noted the upcoming ribbon-cutting at Chico Creek, previously mentioned by Commissioner Brown.

- B. **Transportation: Gary Lindsey** noted that the County's transportation advisory committee was working on some overall forecasting. Two projects from Silverdale made the list. The larger was the expansion of Ridgetop from Silverdale Way to Waaga Way, estimated to cost about \$25M. The second was improvements to the intersection of Anderson Hill and Apex Roads.

VII. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Jon Pearson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robert Moyer, Secretary