



# **Central Kitsap Community Council Minutes**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 16, 2011**

Location: Water and Fire District Community Room

Called to order by President Robert Moyer at 7:12 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Brody, Natalie Bryson, Kericho Corry, Mary Earl, Sue Fox, Lucy Johnson, Hank Mann Sykes, Robert Moyer, Dennis Sheeran, Carol Smiley, Jerry Van Fossen, Kay W. Wilson, Commissioner Josh Brown

Absent: Tex Lewis, Jon Pearson, Richard Shattuck, Jim Thomas

Agenda was adopted as presented

Minutes of the Feb. 16, 2011 meeting were adopted as amended

## **Correspondence/Announcements:**

Commissioner Brown announced that:

1. The 2011 county budget should result in an additional \$1 million being added to cash reserves after a 2010 budget that added \$2 million to reserves. The result is that county reserves at the end of 2011 will reach about 10 percent of budgeted expenditures in the general fund.
2. All contingencies have been met and the county purchase of the Rolling Hills Golf Course will become final.
3. The Kitsap Public Facilities District is paying for the installation of Field Turf at one of the Gordon Field soccer fields adjacent to the Fairgrounds. The county and the district are also considering installing lights at the field, which could increase the field's capacity for use by 40 percent.
4. The commissioner would like to promote the idea of planning a Silverdale Park n Ride lot near the new Kitsap Transit transfer station on Greaves Way.
5. Rob Gelder has been sworn in as the new county commissioner from North Kitsap.
6. Dana Daniels has been appointed to serve as clerk of the County Board of Commissioners. Greg Case has been named as Commissioner Brown's community liaison.

Hank Mann Sykes asked Commissioner Brown for funds to replace the older Silverdale light pole banners. Angie Sell of the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce offered to help seek financial support from Chamber members for new banners.

Natalie Bryson suggested that Kitsap Transit create a colorful shuttle bus to take passengers from the Greaves Way transfer station to the Mall and also into Old Town Silverdale.

Jeff Brody introduced Melody Sky Eisler, the new branch manager for Kitsap Regional Library in Silverdale. Eisler expressed her enthusiasm to be in the community and to work to build support for a new library facility in Silverdale.

Mary Earl announced that Citizens United for Silverdale will be filing papers seeking incorporation of Silverdale as a city and said that the group plans a public meeting to share its plans March 29 at the Silverdale Way Fire Station, April 20 with the CKCC, April 27 with the Chamber and April 28 with the Silverdale Rotary.

Sue Fox reminded members of the Family Fun Night April 21 at the Fairgrounds.

### **Business Meeting**

Silverdale Chamber of Commerce —

Angie Sell, the president, and Kathleen Knuckey, the executive director, presented information about the activities and goals for the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce. They said the chamber is returning to its roots as a service organization and advocate for area businesses. They are taking a lead role in organizing all the chambers in Kitsap County to work with the Kitsap Visitor and Convention Bureau to promote tourism in Kitsap County. Volunteers have been recruited to help work in the chamber office and Knuckey plans to visit with every chamber member at their place of business to talk about how the chamber can help them succeed. The chamber has also offered its meeting room free for members to use and to conduct educational seminars that help them generate contacts and business.

Kitsap County Annexation Policy —

Eric Baker of Kitsap County presented the outline of an annexation policy the county hopes to create jointly with the cities of Poulsbo, Bremerton and Port Orchard. The policy focuses on the county's associated urban growth areas, those areas adjacent to existing cities that are tabbed for future urban growth. The county wishes to work cooperatively with the adjacent cities to encourage annexation of those areas to the cities by the end of 2015. Baker said that piecemeal annexation of those areas can exacerbate issues between the county and the cities, leaving the county to provide urban services to residential areas in the UGAs while cities annex commercial areas that generate the substantial portion of the revenues that pay for those services. The county wishes to engage with the cities in a coordinated public education effort that will explain the ramifications of annexation, or failure to annex, for residents in those areas.

Commissioner Brown said that citizens will have the ultimate decision whether to annex to the cities, and they often fear that they will receive no better services while having to pay higher taxes after annexation. But the county will not be able to continue to provide intensive levels of urban services, such as fast police response time, street maintenance and snow removal in those areas as it struggles in the future to pay for the regional services it is responsible for, primarily the county criminal justice system, property assessment, and its auditor and treasurer functions. "It's the county's responsibility to do the analysis and planning so residents have the information they need to decide on annexation," Brown said. "It's the county's position that UGAs will eventually either be incorporated or annexed into existing cities."

Possible Remand of the Kitsap County 2006 Comprehensive Plan —

Eric Baker also presented information on the potential remand of the county's 2006 comprehensive land use plan. Four points of the plan have been challenged. The county prevailed in initial challenges to the Growth Management Hearings Board and in Superior Court, but an

Appellate Court decision has ruled that the Hearings Board must reconsider the four points. Three of the points involve decisions pertaining to the minimum number of dwelling units to be allowed per acre in the Kingston, Silverdale, West Bremerton, Gorst and SK/Port Orchard UGAs. The challengers contend that the county's UGAs are larger than necessary because higher minimum density was not required. Baker said there is no guarantee of any impact from the decision. The county may still prevail in its arguments when the Hearings Board reviews the plan. But if the board asks the county to rework the plan (the decision is expected in early summer, 2011), there will be a process that allows public involvement in drafting the changes. He said the county will probably have less than a year to rework the plan and will depend on groups like the CKCC to be involved in the process.

Baker also said that the revisions to the UGAs in the 2006 plan were relatively minor. He pointed out that the Silverdale UGA was separated from the East Bremerton UGA by the Barker Creek corridor, assuring that Silverdale cannot be annexed by Bremerton and will only become part of a city if it incorporates as its own city.

Baker did say that Kitsap County seems to be held to a different, and more rigorous standard by the Hearings Board than Kitsap's cities and other counties in the Puget Sound region have been. He said some people suggest that is a hold-over from the county's initial response to fight the Growth Management Act when it was initially made state law.

#### CKCC Goals for 2011 —

The Council voted to approve a draft list of goals for the year, along with a designation of which committee or member is responsible for each goal. The list of goals is attached as an addendum.

#### CKCC Committees and committee rosters for 2011 are as follows:

Community and Government Relations Committee: Carol Smiley, Natalie Bryson, Lucy Johnson, Mary Earl, Hank Mann-Sykes, Dennis Sheeran

Community Campus Committee: Carol Smiley, Jeff Brody, Natalie Bryson, Lucy Johnson, Jon Pearson, Kay Wilson

TIP Advisory and Transportation Committee: Mary Earl, Tex Lewis, Richard Shattuck, Jerry Van Fossen, Bob Moyer

Facebook Project Committee: Mary Earl, Kericho Corry

Comprehensive Plan Remand Issues Committee: Tex Lewis

Water Issues Committee: Sue Fox, Bob Moyer

Legislative Issues Committee: To be named

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

## Addendum

### CKCC 2011 Goals – Final

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
I. Improve Communications and outreach	
a. Explore quarterly letter in CK Reporter, Kitsap Sun	Pres
b. Have more consistent use of Contact List	CGR
c. Increase cooperation with Silverdale CoC	Pres
d. Present information about CKCC to 2 community groups	All (each)
e. Increase cooperation with neighborhood associations - 2 joint meetings per year	XCOM
f. Expand web site	Pres
a. Member pictures and biographies	
b. Quarterly updates on Council activities	
II. Enhance a sense of community	
a. Welcome to Silverdale signs	
1. North End improvements	Mary Earl
2. West End sign	Ric Shattuck
3. South End sign	CGR or TIP
b. Continue support for new Silverdale library	CGR or Campus
III. Advise county government	
a. Develop Community Campus master plan	CC
b. Develop plan to review Community Campus partners	CC
c. Review initial design for Community Campus commons	CC
d. Advise on Community Campus transportation connections	CC or TIP
e. Advise on Chico Way/Silverdale Way/Newberry Hill design	TIP
f. Review County 2012 TIP/advise on new projects	TIP
g. Support downtown Silverdale Park and Ride	TIP
h. Advise on new Silverdale bus transfer location	TIP
i. Establish legislative issues team to review	Pres or XCOM
1. County Code enforcement update	
2. Commissioner redistricting	
3. County budget	

Legend: 1. Pres: President; 2. CGR: Community & Government Relations Committee; 3. TIP: TIP Advisory & Transportation Committee; 4. CC: Community Campus Committee; 5. XCOM: Executive Committee