

Central Kitsap Community Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 20, 2011

Location: Water and Fire District Community Room

Called to order by President Robert Moyer at 7:08 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Brody, Mary Earl, Sue Fox, Lucy Johnson, Tex Lewis, Hank Mann-Sykes, Robert Moyer, Jon Pearson, Richard Shattuck, Dennis Sheeran, Carol Smiley, Jerry Van Fossen, Kay W. Wilson, Commissioner Josh Brown

Absent: Natalie Bryson, Kericho Corry, Jim Thomas

Agenda adopted as amended — added section for committee reports
Minutes of March 17 meeting adopted as amended

Correspondence/Announcements:

Bob Moyer announced that newly appointed County Commissioner Rob Gelder was attending the meeting.

Tex Lewis announced that the Salmon In the Classroom program this year served about 800 students in Central Kitsap.

Bob Moyer announced that the CK Family Fun Night would be April 21.

Mary Earl announced that the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce had chosen a new slogan for Silverdale after a community contest. The winning slogan is “Rural Roots, Urban Flair.”

It was announced that the CK Food Bank would have a fundraising auction and dinner on May 21.

Business Meeting

Committee Reports:

Carol Smiley reported that the next meeting of the CK Community Campus Committee to discuss draft design standards for the campus would be April 28.

Bob Moyer reported that the TIP committee had met with county staff and would probably be submitting “one or two proposals” for consideration in the next round of transportation project reviews.

Presentations:

Gerianne Babbo presented information about the Olympic College Baccalaureate Nursing Degree program. The program, which began in 2007, has admitted 97 students, 31 of whom have completed their degrees. Another 22 are scheduled to graduate in June 2011. The program is set up to allow students to complete their degree in as little as a year or as long as four years from the time they begin. Babbo reported that the program is now using every single clinic slot available for their students, which would make it difficult to expand the program any further. The program allows registered nurses to receive their bachelor’s degree in Nursing.

Jeffrey Brown of Olympic College’s Engineering Program reported on OC’s partnership with Washington State University to provide a baccalaureate engineering degree at the Bremerton campus. The school now has 30 slots for students who wish to receive a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. The first class in the program, 14 students, began in the fall of 2010. Another 19 students are set to begin the program in the fall of 2011. Because of the cost of equipping an engineering lab, the OC students must spend 8 weeks in the summer in residence at Pullman to get their lab work in the WSU engineering lab. He said the need for new engineers is acute. Because of retirements coming up, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard will need to employ 100 new engineers each year for many years to come.

Angie Silva of the Kitsap County Department of Community Development gave a brief report explaining the work to be done in the coming month to change the configuration of the intersection of Poplars Avenue and Silverdale Way. The change will create a right-in, right-out intersection as part of the Poplars Avenue renovation in front of the new Y. The work is scheduled to be completed by May 31.

Marcus Hoffman, spokesman for the Silverdale Incorporation initiative, presented information about the group's plans to pursue incorporation of Silverdale. The boundaries of the proposed city have been set. The boundaries follow the Silverdale Urban Growth Area as defined in the county's comprehensive land use plan except that it excludes the neighborhood east of Island Lake that is in the Poulsbo postal area. The plan is to have incorporation on the ballot in the spring of 2012. Passage of the initiative would trigger a 6-month to 18-month transition period in which a seven-member city council would be elected and make decisions about how urban services would be provided as the city began to operate on its own. Hoffman said he expects the new city would contract with CK Fire and Rescue for fire services, with the Silverdale Water District for utility service, and with Kitsap Regional Library for library services. It would likely also begin by contracting for police service, while it may decide to form its own police department later. All those decisions will be made by the city council once it is elected. Hoffman said the best reason to consider incorporation is because city residents would have local control and local accountability. He said the county has made it clear that it can't effectively provide both urban and rural services as well as regional services such as the court system. There were several questions from CKCC members and members of the public who attended the meeting. Commissioner Josh Brown said a community conversation about this issue would be constructive. He pledged that the county would conduct an analysis so the public will know exactly what the impact of incorporation would be.

Public Comment

No additional public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.