

CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, ~~March 16, 2005~~

7:00-9:00 PM

Water & Fire District Community Room
5300 NW Newberry Hill Road
Silverdale

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SUMMARY

Call to Order:

Introductions: Hank Mann, Carol Smiley, Kay Wilson, Catherine Davidson, Jon Pearson, Jack Hamilton, Dale King, Dave Peterson, Carl Johnson, Mary Earl, Sue Fox, Nika Botkin, Naomi Pursel, Kristopher Nyquist, Tex Lewis and Commissioner Patty Lent. Staff: Deborah Heller

Absent: Gary Lindsey, Natalie Bryson

Meeting Summary: ~~February~~ summary approved as presented.

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Adoption of Agenda: Adopted.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Hank Mann-Sykes

- Thanked **Naomi Pursel** and **Jack Hamilton** for attending a Mason County meeting to discuss the creation of a community council similar to the CKCC.
- Stated CKCC has regular access to the Central Kitsap Reporter. Received advertising rates from them guaranteed for one year.
- The owner of Dominos Pizza in Silverdale received a letter from Code Enforcement about a banner sign, **Commissioner Lent** would like to have these letters or emails before the meetings so a response can be provided.
- Received an email from Richard Arper regarding the naming of a road or the boat ramp after his father, Bob Arper, a community pioneer. **Commissioner Lent** will look into it.

Tex Lewis

- Asked if the county has standards for tree trimmers as some area businesses are trimming trees severely. . He feels there should be a uniform standard for the trees on Silverdale Way. **Commissioner Lent** will ask the Master Gardener's at the WSU extension office to prepare a flyer regarding appropriate pruning of trees..

Hank Mann-Sykes

- Asked if **Deborah Housen** was expected to replant the trees she cut down, **Commissioner Lent** stated Ms Housen has been contacted and told to replant the trees.

Jerry Van Fossen

- Announced the dedication of the Square Dancers Flagpole in Gorst, 11:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, April 9th. The Navy Band will provide music, Commissioner Lent will do the dedication and this will be followed by a square dance.

Dale King

- Thanked Commissioner Lent for her participation in the Youth Forum and the time she spent discussing the issues with the youth.

Special Presentation:**Sub-Area Plan Update – Angie Silva**

Planning Coordinator for the CAC. Need for communication and education is continuing we are continuing to meet individually with the Citizen Action Committee members.

March 8 was the first design subcommittee meeting. A homework assignment was distributed to the group asking what type of buildings and design they would like to see in Silverdale. March 17 there will be a transportation/parks & recreation meeting

March 24 watershed information will be discussed and on March 31 Angie and Jim will meet with the CAC Community Group.

The design charettes will be held on April 8th and 9th.

Hank Mann-Sykes asked Angie to email a schedule with the time and location of the meetings periodically. Angie Silva stated these are also available on the County website and are updated regularly.

Commissioner Lent said the County website is now being redesigned to make it easier to access the information the public is looking for. The new design should be up and running very soon.

CK Citizens for Quality Education – Greg Lynch/Bob Bentley

The Capital Projects levy is the new funding vehicle for the CKSD. A little history...the School District is still paying on the 60 million dollar bond from 1992 that has cost the community about 30 million dollars in interest. Another bond in 2003 failed so the District took a look at why it failed. First it was a fall bond that is a risk to focus community attention and answers were not provided to all the questions asked. Some of the questions regarded Fairview replacement, at that time the CKSD was in negotiations for the property and could not answer those questions directly. Language on the bottom of the handout is what CKSD hopes to see on the ballot in a few weeks. Assessed value table shows what would be paid if levy is passed, \$1.79 per 1000 of assessed value in the later years, but we will not exceed \$2.39 per 1000 which is the rate paid in 2004. With this levy plus 11 million dollars in State matching funds and 29 million dollars in Federal impact funds due to our military students, which is a luxury most school districts do not have, we will be debt free in 2011.

In phase 2 we will run another levy in 2011 that will help us finally reach our goal of being fiscally responsible to our community and our students in the long term.

The downside is a delay in rebuilding our 2 junior high schools for 24 to 36 months in order to assist us in becoming debt free.

Kay Wilson asked if this is constant dollars or an increase. **Dr. Lynch** stated a 3% increase is built in.

Hank Mann-Sykes asked if waiting 2 or 3 years to rebuild the junior high schools was cost effective as he feels they are in deplorable condition now. **Dr. Lynch** said with the resources we have now and what we will have later this is a good use of time and funds.

Jerry Van Fossen does not think these schools should have been allowed to get into the condition they are in. **Dr. Lynch** said the good thing about the Capital Facilities Levy is we have life cycle maintenance built in to it.

Bob Bentley stated that with the Capital Facilities Levy the CKSD will have more money in a shorter period of time to rebuild than if they were to attempt other methods of fund raising over that same period. The 6 year cycle of the levy makes the CKSD accountable.

Dr. Lynch stated the CKSD's need for community assistance to get this information out to the public before the May 17 ballot (if we are not successful this time, we may have to cut into programs in order to keep up the maintenance on our aging facilities). Dr Lynch will be happy to come out to any community group to explain this levy any time.

Commission on Aging – Tawnya Weintraub

The goal of the Division of Aging is development and building of elder friendly communities. There are 13 divisions of aging across the state and many more nationwide, our job is to plan for delivery of services to those 65 of age and older. We do this through an area plan process with

focus groups and community surveys. We want to look at addressing basic needs, promoting civic and social engagement, optimizing physical/mental health and wellbeing and maximizing the independence of individuals.

The latest survey shows that most elder residents do not know where to turn for basic needs in our community and do not know what programs are available.

We are seeing growth in the older population, there are now 1 in 7 Kitsap residents over age 65, in 2020 there will be 1 in 4.

Over 24% of these residents feel there are not enough social or health services available to the aging population in Kitsap County. There are brochures available that list some services and how to access them. In Kitsap County through the Division of Aging we have a program called "Senior Information Emphasis" that provides general information and services for seniors. We have two sites in Kitsap County for seniors and caregivers to talk one on one with someone to find the services they need, one at Givens Community Center and one at Silverdale Community Center. There is no income ceiling on accessing these services. May is Older Americans month and there is a tab that comes out with information on services available to seniors.

Tex Lewis asked why the county is taking this program on. **Tawnya** stated that the majority of our funding comes from Federal and State funds. **Commissioner Lent** stated that this program is mandated.

Dorothy Kent wants youth to move into Kitsap County, not a bunch of old people.

Jack Hamilton agrees with Tex and feels that everyone should contact United Way, who has to stand up to audits, can the County stand up to the same kind of scrutiny.

Reports/Updates:

Rob MacDermid: The Community Campus is the home of the CK library, the Community Center, hopefully an arts center, an outdoor swimming pool and all those young faces Dorothy wants to see. The Public Information Campaign will serve 3 purposes, to go out to the public and explain the vision, to build public support, proactively collect ideas and input from the community. The website is under development as well as a brochure and a poster that we can put up around the community. A local bank may assist in the development of the poster and brochure. We intend to look to the business community to help fund some of the information campaign. Once we collect the public input, we will begin to develop plans on where some of the buildings will be placed.

Commissioner Lent stated the signs for the Community Campus will be in place next week.

Ellen Newberg: Regarding the funding of the operation and maintenance of the library. Kitsap Regional Library has only built one building, the Sylvan Way branch. Before anything can happen the issue of operations & maintenance has to be addressed. This has to come from the community where the library is located. It is very important that the plan be in place for the operations and maintenance of the branch before any construction can begin.

Commissioner Lent stated that if you look at your tax statement it shows a library fee.

Hank Mann-Sykes asked if we could raise this fee to the ceiling of 50 cents per 1000 with the approval of the voters for the operations and maintenance of the new Central Kitsap Library.

Dorothy Kent stated that since the whole county helped to pay for the Sylvan Way Library

the whole county should pay for the new CK library as well.

Gary Johnson asked why the 41 cents per 1000 that we have already been assessed could not be put towards the operations and maintenance. **Ellen Newberg** stated that fee is already used for operations and maintenance within the library system.

Nicki Johansson is the owner of Pheasant Field Farms where she held an open house last year and this year is allowing us to hold the Easter Egg Hunt on her farm. Her husband retired in 1999 and they opened their farm to tours for children. Kitsap County Parks has partnered with Nicki and the CKCC to open her 15 acre farm with lots of park like area for an Easter Egg Hunt. The farm is on Clear Creek Road beyond Trigger Avenue. The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26th between 2 and 4pm and we need a lot of volunteers to help with everything from parking to stuffing plastic eggs. Contact Dale King or Naomi Pursel to volunteer.

Tex Lewis said the Clear Creek Trail is celebrating its 10th birthday on April 14th. With the addition of the Markwick property the trail will continue with community involvement.

Gary Johnson said the Tracyton Blvd improvements have caused a disruption in Bus service. The #13 bus is no longer on time and some services have been eliminated. This causes hardship for several Olympic High School students and others wishing to go to Old Town Silverdale. How can we make Old Town Silverdale a "walking community" without transportation to get there and back?

Dave Peterson stated the County Clerk Staff will be at the mall during Spring Break week to issue passports from 10:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. There are more stringent requirements regarding passports since 9/11 so please be sure to check them out on the county website.

Hank Mann-Sykes said the next meeting, our annual "Community Awareness Forum" will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at the Pavilion at Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

Adjourn: 9:15pm

Public Comment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Deborah Heller, Kitsap County Staff

Kay Wilson, Secretary

Carol Smiley, Vice President

Date