

## **GREATER HANSVILLE AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007**

### **MINUTES**

Judy Foritano, Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) Interim Chair called the organization's fifth meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Twenty five members were present, two members sent proxies, one was excused, and two were absent. Approximately ten guests attended. Scott Diener, Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD) also attended. She thanked the GHAAC for its wide representation and impressive team-work. There would undoubtedly be disagreements as we move forward, but approaching them with a mature and reasonable perspective would assure progress. As the new leadership team comes into place, it would develop ground rules for the GHAAC's daily business and processes.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes for the March 21 meeting were accepted and approved unanimously.

#### **GHAAC Committee Presentation/Updates**

Kathy Bourassa, co-chair of the GHA Road Safety Advisory Committee, distributed a five-page "Speed Mitigation Pilot Project Proposal" which the Committee believes will begin to address the problem of excessive vehicular speed in the downtown Hansville and South Hood Canal Drive areas. The report statistically documents the problem, estimates a project cost, and includes a map of the proposed location for a total of eight speed tables (three in Hansville and five in the South Hood Canal Drive area) and one traffic circle at the intersection of Buck Hill Rd and Hansville Rd. Kathy explained that the proposal is acceptable to the local Fire Department, which estimates each speed table could slow response time by eight seconds. She noted, however, for the Hansville to Cliffside area, the vast majority of residential first responses would come from the Fire Department located inside the area the pilot

project area. This means that only in the event that second responders are called would they encounter the proposed traffic tables.

Responding to members' questions, Kathy said:

- a) the proposed circle at the bottom of Hansville hill will use a low-key profile, providing a psychological entry point to the community, rather than a larger device meant to regulate traffic;
- b) while this is a pilot program, which if successful could lead to the installation of additional speed tables, there is no intent to proliferate speed tables throughout the GHA;
- c) vehicles going the speed limit (35mph) will not be delayed by the speed tables, so no additional noise should result; vehicles in excess of 35mph, however, may create noise as they brake and accelerate for each table/traffic circle;
- d) regarding funding, Commissioner Endresen has supported the program all the way, and the modest amount of funding required should be available (Kitsap County's Scott Diener concurred with this, but observed that the estimated project cost - \$27,568 – seemed low.)
- e) the intent is to lower speeds generally, but especially to slow down those drivers who speed in excess of 30-50mph over the posted limit;

Other members observed that areas where speed tables are located would also become “double-striped” no passing zones, and that the speed tables could also be used as designated crosswalks.

Gerry Porter moved that the GHAAC encourage the committee to continue its work and host a public meeting on May 15 during which the Road Safety Committee would present the proposal to the community at large for further input. Fred Nelson seconded.

During discussion of the motion, Neal Kellner voiced his strong opposition to the pilot project proposal and read a statement detailing his concerns. Neal submitted his statement for the record.

Judy noted Neal's concerns, but observed that the proposal had been approved by the GHA Road Safety Committee with a quorum present, and that the inevitable disputes

that occur within committees should be resolved at the committee level, rather than being brought before the GHAAC.

The motion was put to a vote, with the majority of members supporting, and Neal opposed.

Fred noted that there would be another meeting of the GHA Road Safety Committee on May 1.

Sue Claeys noted that the GHAAC is a new organization that has adopted committees previously in existence. Not in possession of the complete record of each committee's deliberation process, the GHAAC is not in a position to adjudicate disputes within committees, so must ask that committees come to the GHAAC with a unified agenda.

Judy said that after the May 15 public meeting, the proposal would be brought back to the GHAAC for final approval, after which it would be sent to the County government.

Mike Brinton summarized the activities of the Saltwater Parks committee, explaining that there were three main projects:

- 1) Point No Point Light House, which operates more or less on its own, so no team has been formed; the County is preparing an application for the Coast Guard residence and the MAG house; an archeological and architectural history survey will also be required to identify any potential future development issues;
- 2) Point No Point Resort – Vic Nelson will head the team to put together a development plan for presentation to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; funding for the design of the boat ramp, and upland planning and design studies already has been approved;
- 3) Norwegian Point Park – Ken Shawcroft heads the team that will plan this park, and has made significant progress; Larry Johnson, contractor with the County, has looked at the boat house and three cabins and found them fairly sound, and noted their could be several different options for preserving them. He estimated the boat house could take \$200-300,000 for renovation, but that considering the building condition, no urgent action is necessary, and there is time to identify alternative funding sources. Mike explained that the State Interagency Committee

that funded the purchase of the Norwegian Point property doesn't allow for closed buildings on the site. On the other hand, the State Historical Preservation Office determined that the buildings could qualify for designation as State and even national historic significance. At a meeting in the near future, these two agencies will review whether the IAC grant could be modified to allow the continued use of the buildings.

Mike said the last meeting of the committee decided to ask the County to fund a master plan for the park, and drafted a letter making that request to be signed by Judy. Becky Ellison stressed that the County should also be made aware that the entire GHA community would be involved in planning the park consistent with the Hansville Futures Project.

Tony Atkinson noted that the Saltwater Committee's value statement was still operational, and if the committee wished to depart from that statement it should do so in a public manner. He moved that the Saltwater Committee revise its value statement to reflect the direction in which it wished to go prior to the next GHAAC meeting on May 22, 2007. Neal seconded the motion.

During discussion, Sue and Judy remarked that referring the issue back to the committee was appropriate, since it involved reaching agreement on the committee's mission statement of why it was formed.

Mike agreed it was a good time to review and come up with a mission statement that was acceptable to the GHAAC. He noted that the committee also needed to clarify its procedures, and would try to involve everyone interested. The motion carried unanimously.

Fred Nelson reported that the Energy Committee has been in contact with Commissioner Endresen and two representatives of Puget Sound Electric (PSE) and would meet on May 2 at the GHCC to discuss the status of the new substation and what's planned for the Hansville area.

The Greater Hansville Sign Committee did not report due to illness of its representative.

Ray Rohay reported that the newly-formed committee calls itself the "Greater Hansville Elder Friendly Solution," and its first meeting was characterized by

“intense discussion.” Committee members include County Planning Commissioner Lou Foritano, Gary Hansen, Bobby Moore (chair of the Kingston Action Committee), Don Talcott (Hansville Church Elder), and Ray acting as Chair. She said the committee does not have a long mission statement but will strive to form concrete strategies and alternatives to provide elder friendly housing within the GHA. Three main approaches have been identified so far:

- 1) Hansville Church property, 20 acres, combination of small cottages and an apartment style building; the County has turned this proposal down;
- 2) Kingston Village Green – the County sponsored planning for this development near Kola Kola Park and has approved 45 units;
- 3) Adult Boarding home – this idea is the least developed, but the thought is to generate appropriate housing locations for 4-6 residents where their daily needs can be addressed.

Don Talcott noted that the committee’s first meeting was well-run and hopes that in the future the committee can bring to the GHAAC proposals which meet the needs of this housing population and for assistance in working through the County approval process.

#### **New Issues/Updates on Prior**

Judy called for a discussion of this item due to the presence of John Rose and Kent Berryman, two guests representing Olympic Resources Management (ORM). John explained that ORM is the real estate arm of Pope Resources, and that Port Gamble is one of its larger projects. Another is Arborwood in Kingston, just north of the golf course, where Kent Berryman is Manager. John said ORM regards engagement with communities “on the move” as part of its business, and that it would be willing to provide advice and even technical assistance in areas in which it has extensive experience, such as traffic mitigation (speed circles in Port Gamble), historic preservation (also Port Gamble) and senior housing (Port Ludlow).

John said that illegal shooting on ORM lands is symptomatic of a community in transition. While residents of the GHA regard themselves as living in rural communities, a look at the map of North Kitsap looks more like tree farms with interspersed residences. While ORM does allow hunting on some of its holdings, Hansville is not one of them. ORM has 75,000 acres in its Hood Canal tree farm with five people to patrol them, so he

said the best approach is to call ORM and the Police to report illegal shooting incidents. He encouraged GHA residents to use the areas for hiking and horseback riding to act as “eyes and ears” in those areas where ORM can’t always have a presence. He also mentioned that ORM has been active with Ken Shawcroft on the Hansville Greenway system. He noted that ORM is also developing a cluster subdivision project (first platted in 1913) just north of 360<sup>th</sup> called “Chatham,” involving 152 acres with 19 properties in a gated community.

### **Procedural Issues**

Judy read the following from an April 9 memo from the County, “Handling money or becoming a non-profit organization are not intended functions of the Commissioners Advisory Groups. None of the Commissioner appointed advisory groups are 501c 3 or handle or make monetary decisions.

If advisory groups want to seek grants for projects, they can do so by writing the grant with the county as a partner; the money would go through the county to assure government regulations are met. Funding should not be part of the GHAAC by-laws.”

In light of this, Judy explained the GHAAC’s by-laws had been changed to drop sections concerning funding, dues, and Treasurer’s duties. Any activity the GHAAC wished to fund could be done in partnership with the County or the GHCC. With those changes, the by-laws should be acceptable for approval by the Board of County Commissioners in the near future. Scott concurred.

Trevor Evans asked for any further thoughts on what should be included in the GHAAC link of the Hansville.org website. During the March meeting, the GHAAC decided that the site should include notification of meetings, agendas, minutes, sub-committee meetings and their reports and charts, by-laws and rosters. Emma Jean Hemingway asked that the site highlight the locations of upcoming GHAAC meetings.

Sue presented the Nominating Committee’s report, noting that the following roster would be presented for election, and asked for further nominations from the floor:

Chair	Judy Foritano
Secretary	Trevor Evans
Vice Chair	Fred Nelson
Operations Officer	Linda Redling
Trustees	Becky Ellison
	Lynn Hix

## Gary Paulson

Jerry Ulsund moved that the nominations be closed, Ray seconded. After Judy asked for further discussion or nominations, the motion carried unanimously.

Jerry moved that the GHAAC vote on the entire slate, and his motion was seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

Emma Jean moved that the new board take office effective April 24, in accordance with the bylaws, and her motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Fred reminded members that the initial trustees would serve staggered 1, 2, and 3 year terms, determined by drawing straws, in accordance with the by-laws.

Judy noted that the new leadership team would put how to integrate action items from the Hansville Futures Committee into the GHAAC right at the top of its agenda, and that the action items would remain an addendum to the by-laws.

Trevor asked if there were any further suggested changes to the GHAAC neighborhood boundaries map. A couple of further changes were proposed, it was decided to postpone approval of the map until the May 22 meeting, prior to which a revised map will be circulated.

Regarding scheduling of future GHAAC meetings, Judy explained that finding a date in the second week of the month was preferable, so that the GHAAC minutes and press releases could be prepared in time to meet the Hansville Log deadline on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Tuesday evening seemed to be the best solution, although the GHAAC would have to leave the room set up for the Hansville Garden Club which occurs the following morning.

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Gerry Porter provided an update on the County's effort to abate the junk and toxic waste at the Eyer's junkyard site. Neal moved that the GHAAC urge the County to move forward as expeditiously as possible with the abatement process. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Scott said he report the GHAAC's continued concerns on this matter back to the responsible officials in County government.

Kinnely Pearson remarked that at the last Eglon community meeting, the issue of mail theft was raised and hoped that this matter could be discussed at a future GHAAC meeting.

The next GHAAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, at the Greater Hansville Community Center, 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm