

GREATER HANSVILLE AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007

MINUTES

Judy Foritano, Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) Chair called the organization's sixth meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Twenty four members were present, six members sent proxies, and three were absent. Seven guests attended. Scott Diener, Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD) also attended.

Judy notified the group that Shorewood Community's Neal Kellner had resigned from the GHAAC and the Traffic Safety Committee and that Wayne Styles, President of the Shorewoods Trustees Board would now represent Shorewoods.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 24 meeting were unanimously approved.

Committee Presentations

Traffic Safety - Using a Power-Point presentation and a four-page handout, Kathy Bourassa, Co-Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee, briefed the GHAAC on the results of the May 15 public meeting on the proposed pilot project for traffic attenuation devices in the Hansville and South Hood Canal Drive areas. She summarized the background of the proposal and the Road Safety Advisory Committee's (RSAC) activities, then outlined the pilot program, noting that two changes had resulted in response to input received at the May 15 public meeting. First, the proposed traffic circle at the base of Hansville hill would be replaced by a speed table due to residents' concerns that the circle would be an obstacle for all vehicles during icy conditions, for large vehicles, and for emergency service vehicles potentially leading to delays in responding to the Buck Lake Rd area. There was also concern expressed about the need for new lighting for the circle. Second, the RSAC had revisited the Bridgeview Rd area and agreed with residents' views that a second speed table would be appropriate. Removing the traffic circle and adding two speed

tables likely would result in a lower budget, since the traffic circle and related lighting were both high ticket cost items.

In response to questions, Kathy noted that the pilot program focused on two problem areas, but that others, such as the Hansville Community Center, could be considered in the future. The speed table replacing the traffic circle likely would be placed at the bus stop, where the speed limit drops from 35 to 25mph. The County will not position speed tables on the hill itself. The County's website allowed for comments to the proposal – there were 26 comments sent, about 50/50 pro and con. The County is considering lowering speed limits overall on the Hansville highway. The speed tables potentially could delay emergency response from the Twin Spits Rd station to areas north if Hansville Hill not served by the Miller Bay station. But Dan Smith, Chief of the North Kitsap Fire Service, supports the proposal and believes that it will have minimal impact in exchange for reducing potentially dangerous speeding patterns.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the RSAC's proposal to install traffic calming devices. The motion carried with one abstention.

Suggesting that the GHAAC should convey its recommendation to the County prior to Commissioner Endresen's late June departure, she circulated and read a draft letter requesting the County to formally adopt, fund and construct the improvements "this construction season."

A motion made and seconded to approve and send the letter was adopted unanimously. Kitsap County's Scott Diener suggested the letter be cc'd to Randy Casteel, Director of the County Public Works Department.

Salt Water Parks – Ken Shawcroft reported that at its May 3 meeting, the Saltwater Parks Committee drafted a mission statement and reviewed its vision statement. The Mission Statement is "Under the auspices of the Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council, partner with county and state agencies to insure that the development and operation of the Point No Point Lighthouse Park, Point No Point Resort boat ramp and the Norwegian Point Park are consistent with the community's interest and values." After a review, the Committee decided to formally adopt its Vision Statement. Ken reported that the general consensus was that this Vision Statement

represents the committee's best effort to reflect the community's desires for waterfront park development and should not be changed when those desires are not able to be met in the short term. Revisions or addendums may be made to the document after longer periods when it is clear that circumstances or community interests have changed. Ken said that in an e-mail, Commissioner Endresen said she would try to find the funds to support the master plan for Norwegian Point Park. Vic Nelson reported that funds are expected in July to support the design of the boat ramp and upland areas at the Point No Point Park boat ramp. He said the sub-committee is meeting frequently to discuss design of the facility, including whether to retain the house or provide security. A meeting with a wider community was planned for June 14 at 8:00pm.

Steve Bauer reported that Olympic Resource Management's Jon Rose had expressed support for retaining the boat house and cabins at Norwegian Point park, calling them "historical identifiers" for the Hansville community. Rose offered staff support and the committee will meet with his staff on June 1 to discuss their participation. Steve said a recent meeting with representatives of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) indicated that report that funds for Norwegian Point Park would expire on June 30 were not accurate. Rather, the IAC only needs to receive from the County a written request that the grant be extended by June 30.

Energy – Fred Nelson reported that a May 2 meeting between committee members, Puget Sound Energy representatives, and Commissioner Endresen had produced results. Permits are now in process for a new power sub-station near Three Berry Lane. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review is complete and PSE met with the County's Community Development Department to officially apply for the permit. The new sub-station should be operational November 1. The Greater Hansville area (GHA) uses about 13-18 Megawatts of energy. The underground cable supplying the area from Salisbury Point has a capacity of 25 MW. The new transformer will provide an additional 25MW, with an expansion capability for another 25 MW. This means we will no longer have to rely on the trailer/temporary generator during high consumption periods, and during outages, PSE can shunt our

power over to a second branch, meaning that outages, when they occur, will be shorter in duration.

Greater Hansville Sign – Steve Bauer distributed a number of draft designs created by Driftwood Keys graphic designer Bob Bach. Bach suggested keeping the concept simple, using a design that could also double as a logo for the GHAAC and its committees. Most of his suggested design included a representational profile of the peninsula, along with identifiers such as the Point No Point Lighthouse, mountains, sea, seagulls, etc. Some members commented that any depiction of the peninsula on the sign should be accurate, to include, for example all of the Cliffside area and the Eglon community. Other said timing and placement of the sign should be handled sensitively. Steve asked that these and other comments be forwarded to him by the end of the week, since he wanted to get the proposal into the County well before Commissioner Endresen’s late-June departure.

Elder-Friendly Housing – Ray Rohay stated that the committee believes residents should not have to leave Hansville when they age. She summarized the three approaches the committee is pursuing (Hansville Church housing, Kingston Village Green, and a network of single residences where up to six elder can live together with skilled support). Gary Hanson, representative of the Hansville Church, reported that he recently met with representatives of the County to discuss the Church’s desire to construct a Church and elderly housing on its site south of Hansville. He said the Church will request the permit for its Church facility in June, and that it hopes the County might consider ways to allow the future construction of the assisted living units and 45 single units on the same site, perhaps using a technique such as “overlay” zoning that have been used elsewhere to make it possible to locate senior centers in areas not zoned for larger communities or higher densities.

New Issues

Hansville Farmers’ Market – Sue Claeys introduced Kelly Hagood, Skunk Bay resident and Board member of the Kingston Farmers’ Market. She explained that the Kingston Farmers’ Market had been sponsoring the Hansville Farmers’ Market but that it isn’t doing so well. She suggested that more direct involvement by Hansville

residents and a broadening of the event to become a social meeting place could turn things around. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to form an exploratory committee to look into the interest and location for a Hansville Farmers' Market. The motion carried unanimously.

GH Community Center Development – Tom Ritley reviewed the history of the Hansville Community Club/Center and said the current facility could be expanded to meet new needs, such as emergency shelter, additional storage, etc. He said the capital development committee has compiled its “wish list” but seeks someone with an architectural background to assist in coming up with a conceptual design so the committee can begin estimating costs.

Olympic Resources Community Update – Kent Berryman explained that Olympic Resources Management (ORM) manages 2000 acres in the Hansville area. He said the firm is currently doing “selective timber harvesting” in the Chatham development near 360th. He offered to assist various GHAAC initiatives and could provide the mailing for the Point No Point Resort Boat Ramp survey, expertise in the planning of retirement communities (Arborwood), and, as an architect, he would be willing to help the GHC compile a conceptual design for its expansion.

Eyer Junkyard – Kitsap County's Scott Diener said work is progressing satisfactorily “right now.” He said the work is about half finished but that he will ask Steve Mount, head of the County's Noise Abatement program to present noise abatement program's work program at the next meeting. Members urged the County to keep a close watch on progress at the site and to use abatement proceedings whenever action stopped.

Procedural Issues

By-laws and County Affiliation – Judy said that all Hansville Future action items are part of the planning process, and that work on affiliation with the County will dictate how we will incorporate the action items. The planning process for the GHA will provide the context for progress on all the action items. She said we have “one more round” with the by-laws, and that they will be submitted to Scott soon so that

the County Commissioners can endorse them prior to Commissioner Endresen's late June departure.

Website – Trevor Evans reported that he and Judy had met in early May with Art Ellison to discuss how to stand the GHAAC link on the Hansville.org website. The process is fairly straightforward. The by-laws and addenda to them will be posted once they are endorsed by the County. Agendas and summaries of GHAAC and committees meetings will be posted. A roster of GHAAC, Executive Board, and Committee meetings will be posted to encourage greater openness and participation.

Announcements/Next Meeting

After thanking Sue Claeys and Allan Otto for their service as interim executive board members, Judy announced that future GHAAC meetings would be held at the GHC on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with June 12. She and other also reminded members of the July 9 GHC antiques and collectibles sale, and the June 1 Taste of Hops event.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm