

GREATER HANSVILLE AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, June 12, 2007

MINUTES

Judy Foritano, Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) Chair called the organization's seventh meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Twenty five members were present, two members sent proxies, and three were absent. Ten guests attended. Phillip Fletcher, Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD) also attended as the County representative. County Commissioner Chris Endresen briefly attended to accept the GHAAC's thanks for her service and support of community initiatives in Hansville.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May 22 meeting were unanimously approved.

Committee Presentations

Traffic Safety – Patricia Pinkham reported that the proposed pilot project for traffic speed mitigation devices (“speed tables”) approved by the GHAAC at its May 22 meeting had been sent to Commissioner Endresen on May 23rd and was scheduled for consideration at the June 18 Board of County Commissioners’ meeting. She urged members to attend the meeting. She noted that the County, through its Cosmos program, had provided a radar reader board trailer that would allow monitoring and education of speeding levels throughout the Greater Hansville Area (GHA). The next meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 7.

Salt Water Parks – Ken Shawcroft reported that the Committee had discussed initiating the master planning process for Norwegian Point Parks with Chip Faver, new Kitsap County Parks Director, and would pursue those discussions with him and the Parks Advisory Board. Faver indicated he would explore the idea of a public/private partnership with Olympic Properties Group to encourage its participation in the project. The County appraisal has been completed for the

privately-held 1.8 acres at the site, and there should be nothing preventing the County's negotiated purchase of this parcel. In response to a question, Ken confirmed the master planning process for the Norwegian Point Park would be very public, including at least three community meetings.

Commissioner Endresen Tribute - Noting her arrival, Judy thanked Commissioner Endresen on behalf of the GHAAC, the GHCC, and all the other community and neighborhood groups in the GHA for her service and support of community initiatives. Several other members added their thanks.

Olympic Properties Group – Kent Berryman announced that on June 27, the Olympic Properties Group (OPG) would hold a public meeting to discuss the long-term planning effort for its 8,000 acres in North Kitsap. OPG's vision is to link the extensive logging road and trail systems throughout its holdings, cluster higher density development in selected areas, and dedicate large tracts of undeveloped land for open space in perpetuity. The alternative to this approach is to subdivide the properties into 20 acre lots for single family development. OPG wants to gauge public support for its vision before engaging the press and decision makers. He noted that OPG was willing to lend a hand, expertise or consultants to explore options for the development of Norwegian Point Park

Energy – Fred Nelson reported that the work to install a new power substation serving the GHA was proceeding, evidenced by the extensive site development work and pole installation near Albertson's and Gunderson Rd. The construction period should last from 4-5 months, with the new substation operational in November.

Greater Hansville Sign – Steve Bauer presented the proposed sign design created by Driftwood Keys graphic designer Bob Bach. The estimated cost for the sign is \$3,000 not including installation. He said Commissioner Endresen hoped to set the funds aside, and that County DCD official Scott Diener might be able to get the sign installed at no cost. One member noted that some residents of Eglon voiced serious

concerns about the sign's location at the Eglon/Hansville Rd intersection. He urged the GHAAC to be sensitive to these concerns, and perhaps to meet with Eglon residents in the near future to discuss the history and details of the proposal.

Elder-Friendly Housing – Ray Rohay presented the Mission statement for the Committee, and asked for members' support in identifying seniors in need. She noted that the Hansville Community Church's effort to obtain County approval for a proposed senior citizen facility is not part of the Committee's Mission statement, but represents an opportunity for a pilot project. A Church representative noted that a private sector professional had been retained to develop the senior housing on the Church's site. The Church would receive income from the development to support construction of a multi-purpose building to serve the community. He added that the housing would not be subsidized, but would be priced for moderate to upper-moderate income levels. The committee is planning to schedule a public meeting in August for Church members and non-Church members to discuss the housing proposal.

Procedural Issues

By-laws and County Affiliation – Judy reported the by-laws and County Affiliation issues would be discussed at the County Commissioners' meeting on June 18.

New Issues

Community Planning Process – Phillip Fletcher noted that the first seven meetings of the GHAAC had focused on projects. While notable progress had been made in several key areas (traffic, parks, organization, etc.), the time had come to address longer term planning issues. He suggested establishing a sub-group that would systematically go through the Hansville Futures document to work on action statements and move forward on land use planning. The group could present a game plan to the GHAAC at its September meeting. Several members agreed, but noted that the Hansville Futures action items were the result of a lengthy process of community

collaboration, and that any modification to them would need a similarly thorough public review.

Olympic Resources Community Update – Kent Berryman gave a brief update of the selective timber harvesting in the Chatham development near 360th.

Eyer Junkyard – Phillip Fletcher said Steve Mount, head of the County’s Nuisance Abatement program was unable to attend the June meeting, but would be available to discuss the status of this matter at the July meeting.

Announcements/Next Meeting

Members reminded the GHAAC of upcoming community events: July 4 pancake breakfast at the GHCC (volunteers still needed), July 28th Concert in the Park (bring dessert). Judy announced that the next GHAAC on July 10, 7:00pm at the GHCC.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm