

GREATER HANSVILLE AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007
MINUTES

Chairperson Judy Foritano opened the meeting at 7:05PM. Twenty-four members, five proxy members, and twelve guests attended. Also attending were Kitsap County Commissioner Steve Bauer, County representative Phillip Fletcher, Senior Planner; and Doug Quade, CEO of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

Current Events with Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Doug Quade, CEO of the S'Klallam Tribe, went over the Tribe's economic development scheme for a new casino, hotel, retail/commercial uses, and Tribal Offices on an eighty-acre site between the existing Point No Point Casino and the Gliding Eagle Market. Using a series of diagrams, he described a facility that would incorporate a community feeling and a Northwest Modern design, with construction scheduled for completion by the end of 2008. The new casino would include 30,000 sq ft of gaming area, supported by a new restaurant, buffet facility, offices, cabaret lounge, and 60-120 room boutique hotel. Responding to members' questions, Quade said there would be a new entrance for the casino off Hansville Highway, but congestion would be mitigated by the County's planned third turning lane running from the Gliding Eagle to the casino. Service access to the development would be off Little Boston Road. Quade said the Tribe also is exploring economic development in the areas of high-tech, partnerships with the Federal government and other private businesses.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the September 11 meeting were unanimously approved.

Committee Presentations

Road Safety Advisory – The previous day, the first of the speed tables was installed on Bridgeview Rd, but a design flaw likely will need correcting. These are the first tables the County has installed, and the dimensions may need adjusting. Two tables are scheduled to be built each day.

Saltwater Parks – The County will prepare the master plan for Norwegian Point Park. There will be a planning meeting in December, with three community meetings to follow 1) community input (January), 2) discussion of alternatives; 3) presentation of preferred alternative. The goal is to have the finished Master Plan in June. Olympic Properties Group has offered to work on that part of the plan concerning alternative uses for the boat house.

Energy – work on the substation is proceeding on schedule.

Greater Hansville Sign – the County's legal papers are ready to sign, and the Greater Hansville Community Council (GHCC) has agreed to assume the insurance and liability provisions of the agreement.

Elder Friendly Housing – On September 16, 45 residents and interested parties attended a meeting hosted by the Committee to better define the need of elderly residents in the GHA. Attendees expressed three basic groups of need or concerns: 1) minor home repairs; 2) effective advocacy with the County government for elderly housing in North

Kitsap County; 3) disengagement – care-givers who are becoming burned out, residents who are withdrawing from the community due to failing health. Based on the meeting, the Committee submitted an “Endorsement Rationale” for consideration by GHAAC members. The Committee suggested the GHAAC advocate with the County to endorse the need for communal housing for the elderly. After a comprehensive discussion, the GHAAC acknowledged the difficulty of identifying and addressing the needs of the GHA’s elderly residents, and pledged to give the matter special attention in the work of the GHA planning committee.

Procedural Issues – Members agreed that their names and groups they represent could be posted on the County and Hansville.org websites, but not telephone numbers or e-mail addresses. Nominees for the GHAAC Secretary position will be considered at the November meeting.

Planning and Priorities - Members of the new Hansville “downtown” and GHA planning committees were announced, along with a solicitation for more members for each committee. Linda Redling will chair the GHA planning committee; Becky Ellison will chair the Hansville “downtown” planning committee. Both committees will hold their first meetings, open to all, on October 30 in the GHCC.

New Issues - Chairperson Judy Foritano read a letter that had been presented to the Board of County Commissioners the previous day urging them to accelerate the process of cleaning up the Eyer junkyard site and to make it a priority to obtain a warrant to abate the site. Those who attended the dedication ceremony for the Chatham Development learned that Olympic Properties Group will provide rebates to developers who incorporate solar power and techniques to reduce impervious surfaces.

The next meeting of the GHAAC will be November 13, 7:00pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center.