

GREATER HANSVILLE AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007
MINUTES

Chairperson Judy Foritano opened the meeting at 7:07PM. Twenty-four members, two proxy members, and nine guests attended. Also attending were Jim Bolger, Kitsap County Department of Community Development; Terry Legg, State Fish and Wildlife; and Rick Fackler, Kitsap County Parks and Recreation.

Committee Presentations

Road Safety

Foritano began the meeting by asking the Road Safety Advisory Committee for a brief history and status report on the newly-installed speed tables in Hansville and along Hood Canal Drive. Kathy Bourassa went over the two-and-a-half-year-long process that led to a recommendation to install the speed tables. The process enjoyed broad public participation, which resulted in some modifications to the final recommendation. With installation complete, County officials would be monitoring the tables to see if they are having the desired effect. The Committee continues to work with the County to assure that the tables are installed according to traffic standards. Following the presentation, Foritano asked if GHAAC members or guests present would like to make comments, since the tables had generated some controversy in the media and communities involved. There were no comments.

Salt Water Parks

Terry Legg, State Department of Fish and Wildlife, reported that the State Recreation and Conservation Office allocated \$250,000 for the design of a boat launch at the Point No Point Park. He anticipated that a design contractor would be hired by the end of January, after which public input would be solicited. He hoped the array of federal, state and local permits would be obtained by 2010, and construction (estimated at \$1.7 million) would begin. Members asked that the planning process incorporate public input early and often, since the design would need to consider carefully the potential for parking and traffic impacts.

Rick Fackler, Kitsap County Parks and Recreation, reported on the County's efforts to support and expand the Hansville Greenway system of trails. Olympic Resource Management is willing to dedicate "floating easements" along Hawks Hole Creek and through its Chatham Estates development that would allow a complete trail link between Hood Canal and Point No Point Park. The County also is working hard to be competitive to acquire the Point No Point Lighthouse facility when the Coast Guard declares it excess property. The County owns 60 acres of parkland surrounding the Lighthouse, and currently leases the Lighthouse itself. Working with a local group, Friends of Point No Point, the County is considering leasing the building to the U.S. Lighthouse Society, a private non-profit group now headquartered in San Francisco, but contemplating a move to Hansville. Members again stressed the need for early and frequent public input for the proposal, especially since increased public use of the park facilities, and beach and road

access to remote areas such as Pilot Point could raise the potential for increased trespassing and poorly supervised public access.

Energy

Work on the new substation is nearly complete. Now operating with a temporary transformer, the new transformer is going through its final testing and tune-up. This 24 megawatt facility should be running on its own by Dec.14 (the anniversary of last year's major power outage).

Greater Hansville Sign – the sign is now being made, but help is needed to peel the logs which will compliment the sign.

Elder Friendly Housing – The Committee announced that it would dissolve, since the most viable and immediate prospect for new elderly housing in the Greater Hansville Area (GHA) had been firmly rejected by the County. This private sector proposal at the Hansville Church site had been found contradictory to Growth Management Act policies. During the discussion which followed, members pointed out that the Committee's work had highlighted key issues to be incorporated in the GHA planning committee's work. Members agreed that the area's elderly housing needs will be met, but likely in a location closer to medical, social and commercial services. Members accepted the Committee's recommendation to dissolve, but also noted their gratitude for the Committee's hard work and for planting the seed for future development of the issue.

Procedural Issues – Foritano asked for volunteers to assume the soon-to-be-vacated position of Secretary. Receiving none, she pledged to establish a nominating committee.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the November 13 meeting were unanimously approved.

Planning Committees

On October 30, 27 community members, many of them new to GHAAC activities, met to launch the activities of the new Hansville "downtown" and GHA planning committees. The next meeting will be November 27 at 7:00pm in the Greater Hansville Community Center (GHCC). As always, newcomers are very welcome.

New Issues

Hansville Road Neighbor Concerns

Members pointed out that some residents who live in the least developed parts of the GHA were becoming worried that the development of new parks and trail systems may impact on their privacy and quality of life. Of special note is the County Parks proposal to provide access to park property at Pilot Point, perhaps using a road that is now privately maintained. Residents would like to be notified early on in the planning processes for such proposals. Jim Bolger said he would look into the access plans for Pilot Point.

Emergency Preparation Notification – Phyllis Mann, Department of Emergency Management, would like a contact name in each of the GHAAC communities.

Eye Nuisance Property – Jim Bolger reported that the County has re-initiated the nuisance abatement process, and that it is now in discovery. The County also has notified that State Department of Ecology to go ahead with its process.

The next meeting of the GHAAC will be December 11, 7:00pm at the GHCC.