

Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC)
December 9, 2008
Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY

The Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the Greater Hansville Community Center. Judy Foritano, Council Chair, presided. 18 members and proxies representing 32 groups attended along with 1 Kitsap County liaison person and 4 guests.

Commissioner Steve Bauer attended the meeting and expressed appreciation for the volunteer service of the GHAAC members and the important role of advisory councils in Kitsap County.

Dennis Cziske, member of the Kingston Washington State Ferry Advisory Committee, provided an update on WSF financing; he urged attendance at a public hearing to be held January 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club [see detailed Minutes for ferry fare increase proposals].

Concern was expressed for the restoration of the walking path from the Hansville store to the intersection of Twin Spits Road with Hood Canal Drive.

Judy Roupe summarized a letter to be sent from residents of the Point-No-Point/Hillview Lane neighborhood to Penny Warren of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife expressing concerns about the proposed self-launch boat ramp.

Pete Sullivan, Kitsap County Associate Planner for Community Planning in the Department of Community Development, led a review of the GHAAC 2008 accomplishments and 2009 goals.

Upon the Nominating Committee's recommendation, Gene Borgomainerio of the Driftwood Key Club was elected to serve as GHAAC vice-chair, succeeding Fred Nelson.

Other reports and updates were received and several announcements were made regarding forthcoming events. The next GHAAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community Center.

Gerry Porter, Secretary pro tem

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Welcome and Introductions

Judy Foritano welcomed all GHAAC members and guests, giving special welcome to Commissioner Steve Bauer. Council members introduced themselves, followed by guests.

Comments from Commissioner Bauer

Steve Bauer expressed appreciation to the GHAAC members for their volunteer time and dedication, stating that the County's advisory councils have a very important role in partnering with County leaders to strengthen programs and services. The advisory councils provide forums for community representatives to come together to share concerns and carry out important work. Each neighborhood and organization can keep its own identity, yet be a part of something larger.

Initial Public Comment Period

Dennis Cziske of the Washington State Ferries (WSF) Kingston Advisory Committee called attention to critical financing issues faced by the ferry system. Final long-term financing plans are to be released December 19th. A local hearing is scheduled for January 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club; the public is urged to attend. Proposed increases are large: 9% per year for seven years for a total increase of 83%. Also, there may be removal of frequent user discounts, plus disabled/senior discounts. Soon it may cost as much as \$45 or more to cross Puget Sound.

Carol Wood expressed concern for the restoration of the walking path from the Hansville store to the intersection of Twin Spits Road with Hood Canal Drive. The walking path has experienced encroachment from private developments intruding into the County road right-of-way. She requested that the GHAAC urge the County to restore and provide maintenance for the path.

Point-No-Point Proposed Boat Launch Ramp

Judy Roupe summarized a letter to be sent from residents of the Point-No-Point/Hillview Lane neighborhood to Penny Warren of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife expressing concerns about the proposed self-launch boat ramp. A public meeting to discuss the proposed boat launch and related development is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community

Center (GHCC). Copies of the letter will be sent to State Senator Phil Rockefeller, State Representatives Appleton and Rolfes, County Commissioner Steve Bauer and GHAAC president Judy Foritano.

Concerns expressed include the following:

- Impact of increased traffic on the narrow one-mile long Point-No-Point Road with lack of space for overflow parking.
- The community is no longer a summer fishing village but rather is a full-time residential community; enforcement of parking rules and prohibition of overnight camping as well as potential dumping of refuse must be addressed.
- Beach ecology: structures such as bulkheads, launch ramps, and docks can greatly impact erosion of the beach, especially during winter storms.
- Respecting of private property: members of the public frequently ignore signage stating that the beach in front of residences is privately owned.
- In the past there has been a resident superintendent; what plans are projected for supervision and management of the Fish and Wildlife property?

Commissioner Steve Bauer commented on the concerns regarding traffic, litter, law enforcement, and supervision. A County permit will be required for the proposed boat launch construction and related park improvements. He expressed his view that an attractive nuisance will not be tolerated.

Local residents and members of the public are urged to attend the December 13th hearing.

Hansville Post Office Light

Judy Roupe and Nancy Rummel described concerns about lack of success in getting the Hansville Postmaster to replace a burned-out light bulb in front of the Post Office, creating a dangerous situation; the light bulb has been burned out for over a year.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a letter urged replacement of the light bulb by the end of January 2009, stressing safety concerns, be sent to the Hansville Postmaster from the GHAAC; a motion was moved, seconded, and **approved** (with three abstentions).

Hansville Community Path Maintenance

Gary Paulson reported that he had called Jeff Shea, Engineer in the Kitsap County Department of Public Works, to request attention be given to the restoration and maintenance of the Hansville Community Path [referred to above by Carol Wood].

Medical Equipment Exchange

Nancy Garing reported progress on the establishment of a database for the exchanging of medical equipment by local residents. She has already been able to fulfill requests, and asks that owners of medical equipment willing to share currently unneeded equipment call her (360-638-2780) so that items may be added to the database.

Central Kitsap Community Council Meeting

Becky Ellison called attention to the December 10th meeting of the Central Kitsap Community Council (CKCC) to be held in Silverdale; she invited others to attend.

November 11th Meeting Minutes

The November 11th Minutes were **approved** as previously distributed. Judy Foritano noted that Gerry Porter who has been serving as secretary pro tem since January 2008 is resigning at the end of December and that a volunteer is needed to assume secretary responsibilities beginning in January.

Planning Committee

Linda Redling reported that the Greater Hansville Planning Committee will meet Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community Center; all are invited to attend. The revised Vision Statements will be reviewed, as well as plans for the Open Houses to be held January 24th and January 27th. Regular meetings of the Planning Committee are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month; beginning in January the meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.

Log Deadline

Fred Nelson noted that the submission deadline for the next issue of the Hansville Log is Monday, December 15th.

GHAAC 2008 Accomplishments and 2009 Goals

Pete Sullivan, Kitsap County Associate Planner for Community Planning in the Department of Community Development, led a review of the GHAAC 2008 accomplishments and 2009 goals. He distributed the 2008 GHAAC Work Plan, asking for written notes of GHAAC members regarding progress (or lack thereof). Judy Foritano also invited the sharing of 2008 accomplishments; the following were noted:

- Installation of the “Welcome to Greater Hansville” sign
- Action taken on Point-No-Point Park concerns
- Establishment of the medical equipment sharing program
- Special Presentations:
 - . WSF Kingston Advisory Committee by Linda Paralez
 - . Olympic Property Group (OPG) “String of Pearls” by Jon Rose & Sue Schroader
 - . Kitsap County P.U.D. #1 by John Armstrong, Bob Hunter, & Mike Flaherty
 - . Kitsap County Dept. of Public Works: North Kitsap road improvements projects by Richard Dadisman
 - . Kitsap County Dept. of Emergency Management by Phyllis Mann
 - . Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe: Casino Deveopment Plans by Doug Quade
 - . Kingston-Seattle Foot Ferry Proposal by Mike Bookey
 - . Washington State Ferries Update by Walt Elliott
 - . Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife on Point-No-Point Park by Penney Warren
- Norwegian Point Park Updates
- Regular reports from the Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) by Kinley Deller

- Monitoring of County's Eyer nuisance property clean-up

Gerry Porter suggested the following 2009 goals:

- Establish a Parks Committee to coordinate efforts pertaining to Norwegian Point Park, Point-No-Point Park, Pilot Point Park, and Buck Lake Park.
- Establish a Communications Committee to coordinate GHAAC communications.
- Appoint a task force to assist in developing neighborhood constituencies.
- Revise By-laws as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Pete reminded GHAAC members that each member is asked to provide an approximate number of volunteer hours contribution from 1/1/08 through 12/31/08. Volunteer time includes meetings, workshops, sub-committee activity, and any other time devoted to GHAAC projects (including work done individually). Photos are also requested. Pete may be contacted at: psulliva@co.kitsap.wa.us or 360-337-7181.

“Welcome to Greater Hansville” Sign

Linda Redling noted that community events have precedence for posting on the “Welcome to Greater Hansville” sign. To schedule use of the sign to post an event, send an e-mail message to: planning@Hansville.org

Road Safety

Gary Paulson called attention to the e-mail message sent by Gerry Porter to all GHAAC members providing an update on the status of the three “working groups” identified last summer to address possible alternatives/improvements to the existing speed tables. The three working group chairs met December 3rd with Commissioner Bauer. As two of the three groups have not finished their research, the next meeting with Commissioner Bauer will be held in early 2009.

Eyer Nuisance Property

Pete Sullivan said that there is no new information on the status of the County's clean-up of the Robert Eyer nuisance property at 35079 Little Boston Road. Steve Bauer suggested that consideration is being to the appointment of a Hearings Officer to whom such situations might be given for resolution as opposed to using the court system. It is not uncommon for a situation such as the Eyer nuisance property to be repeatedly taken to court; each time a different judge adjudicates the case, frequently starting over each time without prior case reference.

Nominating Committee

Judy Foritano reported the nomination of Gene Borgomainerio of the Driftwood Key Club to serve as GHAAC vice-chair, succeeding Fred Nelson. It was moved, seconded, and **approved** unanimously to elect Gene to serve as GHAAC vice-chair.

Judy invited names as potential candidates for the position of GHAAC secretary. The name of Art Ellison was suggested.

Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Report

Kinley Deller noted the following matters:

- A burn ban on land-clearing debris will be enacted soon.
- A program to re-cycle construction demolition material is under discussion.
- Plans are underway to replace the attendant booth at the Hansville Drop-Off and Recycling Center.
- Recycling is down as the price for recycled material has dropped.
- A survey is planned to identify need for a north Kitsap hazardous waste drop-off facility.

Announcements

Judy Foritano called attention to the following forthcoming events:

- Annual Children's Christmas Party, Thursday, December 18th, 7:00 p.m.
- Home Town Band Concert, Sunday, December 21st, 2:00 p.m.
- Verde String Quartet and Chocolate Sampling, Wednesday, December 31st, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.; tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

Lyn Hix called attention to the Community Center decorations provided by the Hansville Arts Guild and the Flotsam-and-Jetsam Garden Club.

Fred Nelson announced that the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe has made a \$1,000 grant to the Greater Hansville Community Center for the Center to serve as a warming shelter during emergency situations.

Chris McClellan called attention to the Holiday Home Tour, Friday, December 12th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Becky Ellison congratulated Lyn Hix on being named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Greater Hansville Community Center.

Fred Nelson announced that Art Ellison has been elected president of the Hansville Greenway, and expressed appreciation to Ken Shawcroft who has served as Hansville Greenway president for a number of years.

Nancy Garing called attention to the Flotsam and Jetsam Garden Club's annual application process for at least one \$1,000 scholarship for the 2009 school year. The application deadline is April 1, 2009. For further information contact Chris McClellan at 360-638-2681 or by e-mail at jcmac90@gmail.com.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next GHAAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Porter
Secretary pro-tem