

Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC)
May 13, 2008
Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY

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Two presentations were given. Mike Bookey, Port Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the status of plans for establishment of Kingston-Seattle foot ferry service. Walt Elliott, chair of the Washington State Ferry Kingston Advisory Committee, updated GHAAC on the status of WSF planning and development, strongly urging citizen advocacy on behalf of potential strategies to improve WSF service.

Minutes of the April 8, 2008 GHAAC meeting were as previously distributed. A status report was given regarding proposed installation of the new "Welcome to Greater Hansville" sign on the NE corner of the Hansville Road-Eglon Road intersection. Following discussion regarding opposition to the initial proposed sign location from Eglon residents, it was voted to install the sign on the SW corner of the Hansville Road-Little Boston Road intersection.

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A report was given on the April 29th Norwegian Point Park planning meeting led by the Berger Partnership and Kitsap County Parks staff members. Kinley Deller reported on concerns expressed by Eglon residents at a recent monthly community meeting, registering opposition to any consideration of one Zipcode to include Eglon within Greater Hansville and a request for more proportional GHAAC representation.

Linda Redling presented the Nominating Committee report for the election of GHAAC officers and trustees for the 2008-2009 year; the election of the proposed slate was unanimous. A lengthy discussion was held on ways by which GHAAC communications to and from residents might be strengthened.

The next GHAAC meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10th, at 7:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center.

- Gerry Porter, Secretary pro tem

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Welcome and Introductions

Fred Nelson welcomed all GHAAC members and guests. Council members introduced themselves, followed by the guests.

First Presentation: Kingston - Seattle Foot Ferry

Mike Bookey, Port Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the status of plans for establishment of Kingston-Seattle foot ferry service. Highlights of his talk included:

The former Aqua Express foot ferry had sought a minimum of 144 route trip passengers. The vessel held 300 persons, requiring 250 gallons of fuel per hour. Three people were required to operate the vessel. Operation was ceased due to lack of profitability.

Port of Kingston Facts

- 4 square miles, 1,500 residences
- 310 slip marina
- 330 parking spaces
- Passenger Only Ferry terminal facilities
- Fuel and sewer pump-out facilities
- WSF leases ferry terminal land
- Mike Wallace Park/North Beach

2007 Passenger Only Ferry Election Results: North Kitsap

<u>Sub Area</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% No</u>
• Hansville	55.1	37.5
• Kingston	67.4	32.6
• Indianola	62.1	37.9
• Suquamish	53.6	46.4
• Bainbridge	56.7	42.4
• Southworth	54.9	45.0

2007 Passenger Only Ferry Election results: South Kitsap

<u>Sub Area</u>	<u>% Yes</u>	<u>% No</u>
• Poulsbo	40.7	59.3
• Silverdale	35.8	64.2
• Bremerton	44.8	55.1
• Port Orchard	44.4	55.5
• West Kitsap	30.3	54.8
• South Kitsap	45.1	69.7

Kingston to Seattle: Regional Passenger Only Ferry (POF) Service

- Connects Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson and King Counties
- Route from Kingston to Pier 50 in Seattle
- Commuter service only
- 35-minutes @ 30-knots travel time
- Port of Kingston owned and operated
- 100% fare box recovery

Target Passenger Vessel

- 80-100 passenger vessel
- 60 gallons per hour fuel consumption
- Single deck
- Operated by a 2-person crew
- Due to Homeland Security issues, maximum passenger limit is 149 persons

Mitigation of environmental issues for POF terminal

- \$300,000 required to convert creosote pilings to steel

Daily Projected Passenger Count (from WSF's Central Sound Plan)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Roundtrip	100	3,104	4,150

Projected Passenger Fares

<u>Fare Type</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>% of Riders</u>
Full adult walk-on	\$15.00	48%
Ticket book	\$13.50	40%
Quarterly pass	\$12.50	10%

Senior/Disabled	\$ 7.50	1%
Average Fare Realization:		\$13.88
Kingston Auto Ferty/Sounder Train Combined Fare:		\$13.70

Milestones

- Awarded \$3.5 million FTA grant
- Submission business plan to Governor
- State legislation gives public port authorities permission to operate POF Service in Puget Sound
- State grants Port \$750,000 in toll credits
- \$900,000 state grant from Ferry Boat Account over 4-years
- Congestion pricing 520 bridge
- Completion POF Terminal mitigation

Questions/answers

- It will take approximately a year for a boat to be built
- \$7 million grant is tied to the implementation of tolls on the 520 bridge between Seattle and Bellevue; tolls must be implemented by September 30, 2009
- Service operated during commuting hours, approximately 6:45 a.m. departing Kingston, arriving Seattle at 7:15 a.m. Return departs Seattle at 4:45 p.m., arriving Kingston at 5:15 p.m.
- The providing of POF service is “all about money.” The route must be profitable to operate.
- Parking is not free at Port of Kingston, but shuttle service is provided to George’s Corner park-and-ride.
- Break-even goal is 300 passengers per day.
- It is possible that mid-day/week-end service could be arranged, as long as income would cover expenses.

Second Presentation: Washington State Ferries (WSF) Update

Walt Elliott made a short presentation on behalf of the Kingston WSF Advisory Committee. Main points included:

- The Kingston Advisory Committee is moving from “advisory” to “advocacy”
- A new environment is present with the current WSF Assistant Secretary David Moseley
- For change to happen, a broad-based coalition is required; the public needs to get involved and be heard
- WSF strategies currently being studied include off-peak fare re-calculation, attempt to reduce number of vehicles, and encouraging the use of different terminals
- Kingston-Edmonds service demand is driven by recreational drivers rather than commuters
- The Kingston-Edmonds route provides surplus funding to offset costs of some other less than profitable routes

Walt distributed two handouts: [See attachments to these Minutes]

- (1) Schedule of Ferry Financing Work: Pricing and Operational Strategy Development
- (2) “Be heard on WSF’s strategy proposals”

Questions/Answers

- A meeting summary of the Kingston Ferry Advisory Committee Public Meeting held Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Kingston Yacht Club is available at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/ESHB2358.htm#PublicMeetings
- June 24th is the deadline for receiving input on WSF current planning; for further information contact Walt Moore at elliottmoore@comcast.net

Minutes: April 8, 2008

Minutes of the April 8, 20089 GHAAC meeting were **approved** as previously distributed.

Sign Installation: “Welcome to Greater Hansville”

Jerry Ulsund reported on the status of installing the new “Welcome to Greater Hansville” sign. The sign installation has been delayed due to previously unknown complications with the proposed site on the NE corner of the Hansville Road-Eglon Road intersection.

Kinley Deller reported on recent discussions among Eglon residents regarding the proposed sign. There is opposition to the sign installation at the proposed location, as some Eglon residents do not want it to be perceived that Eglon is part of Hansville. Kinley offered the following motion:

That the “Welcome to Greater Hansville” sign installation be moved north to the intersection of Hansville Road and 360th street.

The motion was seconded; discussion ensued.

Kinley reported that when the proposed sign was first discussed by a small number of Eglon residents some time ago it was determined that the proposed sign was not a big issue. However, in recent weeks considerable opposition has been expressed centering on two concerns:

- (1) Placement of the sign
- (2) Name on the sign

There is concern by some Eglon residents that Hansville is attempting to “take over” Eglon. Monthly meetings of the Eglon community are held; the meetings are often poorly attended. It is difficult to ascertain the opinion of majority of Eglon residents on this matter.

Gary Paulson asked (1) how many Eglon residents attended the recent monthly meeting when the sign was discussed; Kinley replied that about 20 people had attended. (2) Does Eglon want to be part of GHAAC? Kinley replied that the recent Eglon monthly meeting had re-affirmed him as a GHAAC Eglon representative.

Jean Connolly stated that if the sign is moved further north it defeats the purpose of calling attention to the Greater Hansville Area, as many people would not see it as they turn west from Hansville Road onto Little Boston Road.

Tony Atkinson asked how the GHAAC can better communicate with Eglon residents.

Question for the motion was called; the motion to cease discussion was **defeated**.

Tony Atkinson said that moving the sign to 360th Street would defeat the sign's purpose.

Jerry Ulsund said that the current proposed location for the sign installation is on the SW corner of the Hansville Road – Little Boston Road intersection. It is a 5' x 7' sign, with 2' x 4' signs on the side.

Linda Redling said that the 360th street location would not be good.

Gary Paulson said that the sign needed to be further from Hansville to be effective.

Question for the motion was called; the motion to cease discussion was **approved**.

Kinley repeated his motion that the sign be moved to 360th street. The motion was **defeated**.

Jerry Ulsund moved that the sign be installed on the SW corner of the Hansville Road – Little Boston Road intersection. The motion was seconded.

Tony Atkinson said that the sign's location is key to identify the Greater Hansville Area; would its visibility on the SW corner be sufficient? Jerry Ulsund replied that the sign would in fact be more visible on the SW corner than on the NW corner.

The motion was **approved**, with one abstention.

Jerry stated that preliminary work for installation of the sign would begin within a week to ten days.

Planning Committee Report

Linda Redling reported that the April 15th Planning Committee meeting had 30 attendees. Jim Bolger said that the agenda included work on the boundary map and the community plan for the Greater Hansville Area (GHA).

Tony Atkinson said that the GHA boundaries now include Olympic Property Group (OPG) land plus rural lands not part of other area plans, i.e the Kingston Area Plan. It may be appropriate to refer to our plan as the North Kitsap Peninsula Plan.

Jerry Ulsund asked if the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires every community to be within an area plan. Jim Bolger replied “yes.”

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community Center. Over 50 people have expressed interest in participating in the Committee’s work.

New Issues Action Committee

Tony Atkinson introduced a draft resolution [sent earlier by e-mail to GHAAC members; see Attachment 3] with two stated purposes:

- (1) To establish a regular GHAAC agenda item – community impact issues – to be addressed by a new Community Issues Committee
- (2) To reconstitute from the existing Planning Committee two committees:
 - (a) a Planning Committee to develop the long-range comprehensive plan in coordination with the Department of Community Development (DCD)
 - (b) a Community Issues Committee to address issues identified by GHAAC as community impact issues

Linda Redling said that she would like to table discussion on the potential development of another committee until next month’s GHAAC meeting. Linda offered to send out information for consideration by GHAAC prior to the next meeting, and to work with Tony on revising his recommendation.

Gary Paulson asked for the County’s definition of expectations for the Planning Committee.

Tony said that it would o.k. to delay action for another month, but he is concerned about momentum being lost as well as the support of the wider community for addressing urgent issues facing the community.

Gene Borgomainerio asked what input had been received from Driftwood Key for the defining of critical issues facing the community.

Tony said that he is trying to establish a process for the consideration of such issues, and that input from all sources is welcome.

Gene asked how the proposed process would work.

Tony said that GHAAC would charge the committee with doing research on potential issues facing the community, and that the committee would then report back to GHAAC for any decision-making.

Gary Paulson suggested that the committee might well include non-GHAAC members.

Tony said that he hoped it would be an “open” committee. He believes there is broad expertise available in our area’s residents, and that this expertise needs to be brought into

the work of such a committee. He believes it is very important that GHAAC have a “research arm.” He believes strongly in the need to develop a community position on such issues as any proposed development of Olympic Property Group’s (OPG) land. He urged that GHAAC members e-mail him with questions, comments, and suggestions regarding this proposal for a Community Issues Committee. [atkinsons@centurytel.net]

Eyer Nuisance Property

Jim Bolger reported that the Court had approved the County’s petition for access to be granted for a site inspection of the Eyer property to ascertain if there are water quality and other pollution issues present. The site visit is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th.

Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Kinley Deller said that he had no report at this time.

April 23rd Kitsap County meeting to discuss speed tables

Gary Paulson gave a brief overview of the April 23rd meeting.

Ann Blair, assistant to Commissioner Bauer, reported that the first meeting of those who had sign-up on April 23rd to become part of the ongoing discussion of the speed tables and potential alternatives will be held Wednesday, May 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center. The second meeting will (tentatively) be held Wednesday, May 27th, also from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center. The first meeting will be a general discussion and consideration of the formation of working groups to address issues. Approximately 38 household representatives have signed up. Further participants are welcome. The meetings will be conducted by professional facilitators hired by the County.

Norwegian Point Park

Ken Shawcroft reported on the April 29th planning meeting led by the Berger Partnership and Kitsap County Parks staff members. He encouraged visiting the Kitsap County Parks and Recreation website at www.kitsapgov.com/parks/ to view the preliminary plans and to submit comments regarding the Park’s future. Comments will be received through May 16th. Comments may also be submitted to norpoint@co.kitsap.wa.us where the comments submitted thus far may be viewed.

The proposed plans are also available in binders at the Hansville store, along with comment forms.

Eglon Community Concerns

Kinley Deller reported on concerns expressed by Eglon residents at a recent monthly community meeting. The first issue is opposition to any proposal to create one Zipcode for the Greater Hansville Area eliminating Eglon’s separate Zipcode address.

The second concern is Eglon’s GHAAC representation. Kinley **moved** that Eglon be given more than one GHAAC representative; the motion was **seconded**.

Linda Redling stated that Eglon/Pilot Point area currently has two representatives, Kinley Deller and Tim Holbrook [although they have only one vote].

Kinley reported that at the recent Eglon community monthly meeting he had been reaffirmed as an Eglon GHAAC representative.

Kinley **withdrew** his motion.

Election of 2008-2009 Officers

Linda Redling gave the Nominating Committee report as follows:

Chairperson:	Judy Foritano
Vice-chairperson pro tem:	Fred Nelson
Secretary pro tem:	Gerry Porter
Operations Manager:	Linda Redling
Trustees:	Nancy Garing, three-year term (replacing Lynn Hix) Gary Paulson, two-year term remaining Becky Ellison, one-year term remaining

Acceptance of the Nominating Committee's report was **moved, seconded, and approved.**

Linda asked each GHAAC member to sign a document stating representation of her/his respective neighborhood/organization.

Communication Discussion

Fred Nelson said that GHAAC needs substantial improvement in the ways by which communication takes place both to and from the community-at-large. He invited an open discussion of this matter.

Gary Paulson said that the Hansville Log is the common medium.

Nancy Garing said that some neighborhoods perhaps need to divide into smaller units for communication purposes, perhaps using blocks or area groupings such as used in emergency preparedness procedures. Smaller groups go a long way to encourage good neighborliness and awareness of common issues.

Linda Redling said that the Kingston Advisory Council uses the Kingston Community News as its primary medium along with "word of mouth."

Nancy Garing suggested that it is incumbent upon residents to keep informed about current issues through the public media. Perhaps there could be an insert in The Log with more information in addition to the meeting summaries already included there.

Fred said that there is a funding issue as GHAAC has no budget and no funds.

Lynn Hix reported that the Hansville Community Center funds publication and distribution of The Log; it is currently sent to every household in the Hansville Zipcode (98340) plus households in Cliffside, Eglon, and the South Hood Canal neighborhood.

Tony Atkinson said that the Planning Committee has a Communication Committee; perhaps GHAAC could also benefit from having a Communications Committee; different communication tools are needed for different events.

Patricia Pinkham asked if there is a standard expectation for how communication is to take place between GHAAC and its respective constituencies.

Jean Connolly said that she has printed flyers at her own expense, delivering them door-to-door in her neighborhood which has no formal organization. She inquired if she has the right to ask for e-mail addresses from her constituents. Linda replied that she can certainly ask, and that it is up to each resident to share an e-mail address, or not.

Patricia Pinkham said that there is no one formula for successful communication.

Tony Atkinson volunteered to assist in drafting a resolution on communications.

Tim Holbrook said that he likes The Log and feels that it is an effective communications means.

Wayne Stiles said that The Log has been around for a long time and that people need to read what is included there to keep informed.

Laurie Wiegenstein said that information needs to be readily accessible and that it needs to be specific about pending action to be taken.

Tony Atkinson said that communications should not focus simply on GHAAC work; a committee is needed to make recommendations on a broad base of concerns.

Judy Roupe suggested that GHAAC Minutes be posted at the Hansville Post Office and the Hansville store.

Barb Fox complained that the Minutes are not complete and do not include all comments.

Laurie Wiegenstein suggested that an insert be included in The Log reporting on GHAAC discussions and proposed actions.

Frank Fox said that GHAAC is not an elected body. Elected representatives have a responsibility to reach out to constituents.

Open Public Comment

Diane Harvey expressed her unhappiness regarding Jerry Ulsund's apparent cavalier attitude towards Eglon's objection to the Welcome to Greater Hansville sign installation.

She would like to hear more of Tony Atkinson's ideas for how communications could be improved.

John Scarpelli said that he is not comfortable being labeled a "hater" of the speed tables.

Frank Fox stated that GHAAC members must complete and sign a G-18 disclosure statement in conformity with public service and must carefully follow rules outlined in the Kitsap County Advisory Board Handbook.

Daria Nelson volunteered to share her communications ideas and possibilities.

Laurie Wiegenstein complained that she cannot hear what is being said and that perhaps the tables could be arranged in a "horse-shoe" formation.

Diane Harvey said she needs to know more about how GHAAC works.

Frank Fox asked if GHAAC needed to satisfy all requirements of a publicly elected body.

Announcements

Lynn Hix announced the May 21st Hansville Neighbors Luncheon, the July 4th Pancake Breakfast, the July 5th Concert in the Park, and the August 9th & 10th Rummage Sale drop-offs on May 17th, June 21st, and July 19th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Next Meeting

The next GHAAC meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10th, at 7:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Porter, Secretary pro tem

Attachment 1

Be heard on WSF's strategy proposals by Walt Elliott

The legislature has tasked WSF to develop a plan for running ferries over the next 20 years. From June 18th to July 1st the public will have an opportunity to speak out on the strategies that may go into that plan. Here's my unofficial summary of the strategies that may be candidates:

Strategies to reduce demand

During the morning and afternoon traffic peaks, increase auto fares or eliminate frequent user fares. Offer off-peak discounts. Lower fares for high-occupancy and/or smaller cars. Collect passenger fares both ways. Offer incentives for walking or biking on.

Strategies to match demand

Reduce off-peak service. Eliminate or consolidate very low-use runs and/or replace them with passenger only boats. Devise strategies to facilitate freight movement. Develop passenger only ferry service to Seattle. Add ferry capacity for summer overloads. Add a third summer boat at Kingston.

Reservation strategies

A percentage of each sailing would be made available for advance reservations; for a fee or free; reservations open to all or limited to groups such as trucks and car pools; allow reservations for a day at a time or up to a month at a time.

Ticketing strategies

Collect tolls on-board. Use tandem toll booths that ticket two cars simultaneously. Ticket at a remote holding area. Transponders that charge the toll to your account as you drive through. Limit the media you can use to pay for fares to those most efficient to collect. A separate lane for pre-paid –tickets.

Build a remote holding area on SR 104 near the Lindvog interchange. Reduce employee parking and non-rider activities in the holding areas. Have a system where you get your ticket for a sailing at the terminal and then come back at a designated time to board.

Strategies to address congestion

Release vehicles coming off the ferry in groups at set rates. Synchronize the traffic signals for the cars leaving the ferries. Put up signage and traffic controls. Reroute all ferry traffic to north of the Kingston Community Center. Allow all multiple rider cars to use high occupancy lanes

Parking strategies

More park and ride lots near terminals or remote lots with shuttles. On-line parking reservations and purchase. Free parking for ferry commuters. Systems to let you know wait times remotely.

Transit strategies

Better ferry/transit schedule coordination. Communications between transit and ferries to coordinate

when there are delays. A common, ferry/transit fare card. Give transit busses a priority in the traffic lanes to the terminals. More bus routes and shuttles from ferry terminals to employment hubs. Expand vanpools and car share pools.

Bicycle and pedestrian strategies

Improve the shoulders and sidewalks leading to terminals. Secure bike parking at terminals. "Time to next boat" countdown displays in terminals. Boats with a much larger passenger to vehicle ratio. Enclose the upper decks of the Bainbridge-Seattle ferries. The ferry plan will become law next winter so public input now is vital.

WSF Public meeting schedule in Kitsap: Tues., June 17 – Bainbridge (Bainbridge Commons), **Tue., June 24 – Kingston (Yacht Club)**, June 30 – Bremerton (Norm Dicks Center) Tue., July 1 Southworth

Attachment 2

Schedule of Ferry Financing Work

Pricing and Operational Strategy Development

4/29 thru 5/20

WSF works with Legislative and other staff to refine potential strategies. The list I handed out is a summary of their starting point. Expect that this will be greatly reduced in this process. We should get a copy on the 20th.

5/13 Local government representatives get briefed on the short list of strategies.

5/20 FAC Ex Council meeting:

Strategies review

The WSF will go over their short list of potential strategies and discuss their purpose and how

FACs, local government and the public will provide input into in the process.

June Public Meetings

How the meetings will be run in a manner that allows for all who wish to give input.

Strategy impact assessment

Discuss a collaborative plan for the WSF and the FACs to partner in collecting impact information.

FACs meet with the Transportation Commission: Agenda to be determined.

5/22 Transportation Commission reviews strategies

5/23 The House/Senate Joint Transportation Committee for ferry policies meeting go over the proposed strategies and the results of the "market surveys" (in Edmonds)

5/27 to 6/10

Legislative and other staff sessions to work on strategies with the comments.

6/16-6/17

FAC public meetings to go over pricing and operational strategies. Kingston is on Tuesday, June 24th at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club starting at 6:30.

Level of Service (LOS) standard development

3/31

WSF and the Transportation Commission completes draft recommendations on for new level of service (LOS) standards. (Note although we've asked for a copy; neither the FACs, legislators, nor Kitsap County has been a copy of these recommendations.

5/15thru 7/15

WSF makes final recommendation on level of service standards to be used

7 -15 thru the end of September

WSF develops a long range plan for the system that includes revised LOS standards, pricing and operational strategies, terminal design standards and a revised terminal and vessel capital projects plan

Long Range Plan Development

October

Public hearings and comment by FACs, governments, etc. on the draft plan

November

Public input is incorporated as WSF and the Transportation Commission considers appropriate. Final Plan is sent to the Legislature in January

Attachment 3

Memorandum from Tony Atkinson

All,

Below is the draft resolution I plan to introduce in the May GHAAC meeting. The agenda will take up this subject early in the meeting to provide ample discussion time for improvements. Thus this is being sent around early in the hope you will bring ideas for formation of this very important committee.

Tony Atkinson

The problem: The Planning Committee charter is too broad. Urgent and important *community impact issues* such as the impending parks meeting, the PNP ramp design, the OPG development, stormwater management, etc. should be before the Planning Committee but are being tabled in lieu of organizing the Comprehensive Plan effort. Further, the relationship of GHAAC to the County is very different as regards issues versus the plan. There is confusion about the role of the county in Planning Committee affairs. The reason stems from the intrinsic differences between the appropriate processes for working with the county on the county Comprehensive Plan versus dealing as a community with *community impact issues*. In response to a conversation after the April GHAAC meeting, Jim Bolger wrote to me, "DCD is not prepared to facilitate through the planning committee the formulation of GHAAC comments, opinion and/or recommendations on current activities, projects or developments in the community. This is completely appropriate for GHAAC to provide the county and for this we are available to provide information, but it shouldn't be mixed in with the plan development process. It will undoubtedly inform the contents of the plan."

I submit that GHAAC needs to originate and formalize separate processes to deal with the Comprehensive Plan and *community impact issues* on a timely basis without sacrificing visibility of either. At the same time GHAAC must maintain independence on *community impact issues* while inviting County leadership on comprehensive planning. I therefore submit that two committees are appropriate, one for comprehensive planning and one for community issues.

I have composed a straw man resolution to that effect for consideration by the Council.

1. The first feature of the below resolution is to formalize the call for and consideration of *community impact issues* in GHAAC monthly meetings.
2. The Planning Committee is retained but with responsibility for Comprehensive planning only.
3. A new committee, the Community Issues Committee is established. Its principal responsibility is to research and inform the Council on issues identified by the Council as potential *community impact issues*. Note that nothing goes into or out of this committee without passing through the whole Council. As envisioned, if a potential *community impact issue* is raised at Council, the next Council meeting will be presented with an informed report from the Community Issues Committee detailing the issue, related opportunities and recommending possible avenues for follow-on action. The proposed committee is going to have to work hard, but I for one could be excited about it.

The Community Issues Committee is also envisioned as the umbrella committee for *ad hoc* issue-unique subcommittees. If follow-on action is approved by the Council, formation of an *ad hoc* issue-unique subcommittee is anticipated either as a subcommittee of the Community Issues Committee or as a standalone. The advantage of forming *ad hoc* committees within an umbrella committee is that they will have in common a need of support functions such as publicity, events planning, community outreach, etc. Standing groups may be organized to provide these functions thus reducing the complexity of the *ad hoc* committee tasks. Perhaps the below resolution may need overt prescription of *ad hoc* committee formation, too.

The resolution:

- *Resolve to include a line item in GHAAC regular meeting agendas to call for new issues for consideration by the Council for identification as community impact issues to be addressed by the Community Issues Committee.*
- *Resolve to reconstitute from the existing Planning Committee two GHAAC committees as described below:*

Planning Committee

Scope: *Work in concert with DCD to formulate the GHAAC position on the long range comprehensive plan as defined by DCD. The comprehensive plan will be developed with DCD's facilitation and will be considered for adoption by the Kitsap County Commissioners. It will be a long-term plan for the area which would be implemented over time (20 years) following adoption.*

Goal: *Notify the entire GHA of the process, obtain feedback and seek community consensus on the DCD plan prior to submission to the County Commissioners for adoption.*

Community Issues Committee

Scope: *Address issues identified by GHAAC as community impact issues. Provide a research report to GHAAC on each issue. Formulate follow-on strategies as appropriate to each issue and submit to GHAAC for approval. Execute such strategies upon approval. Formulate positions on community impact issues taking into account comments, opinion and/or recommendations on current activities, projects or developments in the community for submission to GHAAC for approval. Publicize, obtain feedback and seek community consensus on action items and positions as identified in the strategies or positions and approved by GHAAC.*

Goal: *Provide government and nongovernment entities with a unified representation of GHA goals.*