

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

**MEETING SUMMARY**

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The establishment of a GHAAC Governance Committee was called for by Judy Foritano, chair. The purpose of the Committee will be review GHAAC By-laws, particularly pertaining to organization, representation, and member succession.

The August 16<sup>th</sup> dedication of the Sid Knutson Greenway Trail was noted; the expanded trail was made possible by a grant to the County to purchase approximately 90-acres to add to the existing Greenway. Also, approximately 1.8-acres located across Hansville Road from the Hansville Auto Repair have been purchased by Kitsap County to be added to Norwegian Point Park.

Other reports and updates were received and several announcements were made regarding forthcoming events.

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Gerry Porter, Secretary pro tem

## **MINUTES**

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### **Welcome and Introductions**

Judy Foritano welcomed all GHAAC members and guests. Council members introduced themselves, followed by the guests.

### **Special Presentation: Washington State Ferries (WSF) Kingston Advisory Committee**

Dennis Cziske and Walt Elliott representing the WSF Kingston Advisory Committee presented information regarding current financial issues and proposed funding changes under consideration by WSF. A copy of the presentation was sent separately by e-mail to each GHAAC member following the meeting.

GHAAC members and the public are urged to attend one of both of the following hearings:

#### **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Edmonds Senior Center**

Walk-on ferry passengers turn right at the Edmonds dock and walk half-a-block to the Senior Center on Railroad Avenue.

#### **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Kingston Yacht Club/Kingston Community Center (location to be determined)**

### **Initial Public Comment Period**

Frank Fox complained that at the July 8<sup>th</sup> GHAAC meeting during the discussion of publishing member contact information a GHAAC member referred to “rural rednecks” in his constituency; Frank suggested that this is bigotry, and asked how GHAAC members can represent constituencies if there is fear of communication.

### **Point-No-Point Park**

Judy Rouse provided an update on good response to the July letter sent by GHAAC to County leaders following the July 8<sup>th</sup> GHAAC discussion of various problems faced by Point-No-Point residents during the July 4<sup>th</sup> week-end. There has since been regular enforcement provided by the Sheriff’s Office addressing parking, beach fires, and animal control issues. Judy suggested that this was an example of GHAAC’s effectiveness in supporting the concerns of a local neighborhood and speaking on their behalf to County leaders.

### **Planning Committee**

The Planning Committee will next meet Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The communications team will meet at 6:15 prior to the Planning Committee meeting. A public Open House is planned for October 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **GHAAC Evaluation**

Gerry Porter reported that several GHAAC completed Evaluation Forms have been received and are being compiled. He encouraged those who had not yet done so to complete an Evaluation Form to assist in GHAAC's future planning. The forms may be returned to him via e-mail or by regular postal service mail. Copies of the form were made available to GHAAC members at the meeting and will again be sent electronically to members.

### **July 8th Meeting Minutes**

The July 8th minutes were **approved** unanimously as previously distributed.

### **Political Sign Vandalism**

Judy Foritano reported that many of Commission Steve Bauer's campaign signs were vandalized on election night. The Sheriff's Office has asked for any information by calling **911** regarding the perpetrators as this is considered criminal behavior.

### **Pilot Point Park**

Fred Nelson reported that the Trust for Public Land purchased approximately 30+ acres for a public park on Pilot Point, subsequently deeding the property to Kitsap County. Due to limited funds, there is not likely to be any development of this park in the near future as funding priority will be given to Norwegian Point Park and the new park off of Miller Bay road in Kingston. Fred suggested that Chip Faver be invited to a future meeting to report on the status of various County parks in the area.

### **Medical Equipment Sharing**

Nancy Garing proposed that a program be considered for the sharing of medical equipment by north Kitsap residents. Many people have costly medical equipment not currently being used; borrowing of such equipment could be of help to others. She volunteered to develop a list of available equipment and contact information. There is no central storage available, so residents would continue to keep such equipment at their homes until being contacted by those who may wish to borrow it. It was suggested that this program might be posted on the [www.hansville.org](http://www.hansville.org) website.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Ray Rohay spoke about the need for an Emergency Preparedness Committee to assist people in need in the event of a major emergency. Several north end communities have Emergency Preparedness Programs; it would be useful for this information to be coordinated. Residents who may be isolated need to be identified so that they could be contacted in a major emergency.

Jerry Ulsund said that the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management has designated the month of September as “Drop, Cover, and Hold” month to remind residents of action to be taken in an earthquake. Further information is available at the Department’s website: [www.kitsapdem.org/](http://www.kitsapdem.org/)

### **Hood Canal Drive Re-construction Project**

Wayne Stiles reported that the summer Hood Canal Drive re-construction project in the Shorewood area is largely complete, finishing about two weeks ahead of schedule.

### **Kitsap County Hansville Road Safety Working Groups**

Gary Paulson said the Road Safety Working Groups are continuing to meet.

### **Eyer Nuisance Property**

Scott Diener of the Kitsap County Department of Community Development said there is no news to report on the Robert Eyre nuisance property on Little Boston Road. Several members referenced a North Kitsap Herald article in the September 6<sup>th</sup> edition written by Kelly Joines. Cindy McDermott reported that recent dumping has been observed on the property. The article may be viewed at:

[www.pnwlocalnews.com/kitsap/nkh/news/27928744.html](http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/kitsap/nkh/news/27928744.html)

### **Governance Committee**

Judy Foritano called for the establishment of a GHAAC Governance Committee. The purpose of the Committee will be review GHAAC by-laws, particularly pertaining to organization, representation, and member succession. For example, there is currently no by-law provision for how members who resign from un-organized neighborhoods may be replaced. An e-mail invitation to GHAAC members will be sent to enlist volunteers.

### **Central Kitsap Area Advisory Council**

Becky Ellison attended the June meeting of the Central Kitsap Area Advisory Council held at the Eagles Nest Conference Room at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The Kitsap Regional Library made a presentation. The meeting structure was that of a typical business meeting. Two times were made available for public comment, one following the business meeting and another following committee reports. There were about 15 members representing Central Kitsap interest areas such as parks, roads, technology, etc. Scott Diener said that this Advisory Council does not receive regular staff support from the Kitsap County Department of Community Development.

### **Kitsap County Area Advisory Council Chairs**

Judy Foritano reported that the chairs of the several Kitsap Council Area Advisory Councils will meet again soon to discuss communication strategies.

### **Olympic Property Group (OPG)**

Elizabeth Wilson, OPG Vice President, reported that OPG is in the process of defining 2009 goals and preparing a budget. She offered to provide further information in December or January regarding a planning timetable.

### **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe**

Judy Foritano reported that the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe was one of the sponsors of the recent Great Peninsula Futures Festival. Considerable interest was received there from citizens regarding the Tribe's fisheries, particularly geoduck clams. Judy suggested that Tribe representatives might be invited to make a presentation to the GHAAC regarding fisheries and storm water management.

### **Hansville Greenway**

Fred Nelson reported on the August 16<sup>th</sup> dedication of the Sid Knutson Greenway Trail. The expanded trail was made possible by a grant to the County to purchase approximately 90-acres to add to the existing Greenway. Olympic Property Group also granted the Greenway a right-of-way for the trail to go from Shore Woods to Hansville Road. Soon it will be possible to park near Hood Canal Drive and walk to Norwegian Point Park.

### **Norwegian Point Park Addition**

Fred Nelson reported that approximately 1.8-acres located across Hansville Road from the Hansville Auto Repair have been purchased by Kitsap County to be added to Norwegian Point Park. The purchase price was approximately \$180,000.

### **Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

Kinley Deller reported that a Yard Waste Amnesty Day is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the EMU Topsoil Re-cycling Facility on Ecology Road. Limbs, lumber, stumps, yard waste will be accepted for free disposal.

Biodegradable waste disposal bags are now available from Coast-to-Coast Hardware stores and Central Market.

Kinley noted the following Stillwater Environmental Center upcoming programs:

Wednesdays, September 17<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Exploring Deep Ecology Discussion Class*

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Feeding North Kitsap*

Saturday & Sunday, September 20-21, 9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.

*Native Plant Sale*

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

*Peak Oil Movie*

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-4:00 p.m.

*Used Book Sale: Last Day*

Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. –noon

*Propagate Natives From Cuttings*

Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

### *Conduct Your Energy Audit*

Further information is available at the Stillwaters Environmental Center website:  
[www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org/](http://www.stillwatersenvironmentalcenter.org/)

Kinley also mentioned that Kingston Electric is now selling wind generators. Scott Diener said that the permitting process is similar to that for cellular telephone towers.

### **Meet the Candidates Night**

Fred Nelson announced the forthcoming Meet the Candidates Night to be held at the Greater Hansville Community Center Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Request for Neighborhood/Organization Statistics**

Gene Borgomainerio representing Driftwood Key asked that GHAAC members provide statistical information on the constituencies represented, such as number of members, location of residency, and number of households. For example, Driftwood Key has 599 lot owners, and 450-475 resident households. Without identifying a clear purpose for the request, Gene implied that he is interested in establishing a better understanding of the amount of political clout represented by GHAAC constituencies. This information should be forwarded to Judy Foritano who will compile a report.

Gene also expressed concern that the Sheriff's Office is not always responsive to calls for assistance in Driftwood Key and that he would like to have an open discussion with the Sheriff at a GHAAC meeting.

### **Potential OPG Development near Hansville Road**

Cindy McDermott asked Elizabeth Wilson to respond to a rumor heard about possible OPG housing development near the Dragonfly Farm on Hansville Road. Elizabeth responded that there are no current OPG plans for development there; there has been confusion because of a long-standing easement on one property.

### **E-mail Address Availability**

Daria Nelson, guest, asked about the status of GHAAC e-mail addresses on the Hansville.org website. Judy Foritano responded that it will be possible for each neighborhood/organization to have an e-mail account on the Hansville.org website. This will allow for continuing access without dependency upon a personal e-mail address, as these change with a succession of GHAAC members; this will be forthcoming.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Porter  
Secretary pro-tem