

Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC)
July 8, 2008
Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY

The Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the Greater Hansville Community Center. Judy Foritano, Council Chair, presided. 20 members (of 46) and 4 proxies representing 32 groups attended along with 1 Kitsap County liaison person and 22 guests. Judy announced that Jim Bolger, Kitsap County Community Development staff liaison with GHAAC is resigning his County job to take a new position in Vancouver, BC.

The June 20th Planning Committee meeting focused on the following Futures elements: Land Use, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, and Environment. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, July 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community Center; the public is invited to attend.

Following lengthy discussion regarding July 4th week-end disturbances at Point-No-Point County Park, it was voted to send a letter to County leaders requesting action to address nearby residents' concerns. It was also voted that a Point-No-Point property owners working group be formed to address common concerns regarding Park usage.

It was voted to send a letter commending the County grant application to Washington State for improvements at Norwegian Point Park.

Those desiring to seek information, raise issues, or make comments to GHAAC members are invited to use the GHAAC e-mail box at ghaadvisorycouncil@hansville.org.

Road safety issues were raised by residents of the South Hood Canal Drive neighborhood and also the Buck Lake neighborhood.

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

The next GHAAC meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center. There will be no August GHAAC meeting.

- Gerry Porter, Secretary pro tem

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Special Announcement

Judy announced that Jim Bolger, Kitsap County Community Development staff liaison with GHAAC is resigning his County job to take a new position in Vancouver, BC as executive director of the Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking Project (POST). Appreciation and thanks were expressed to Jim for his GHAAC support.

Pete Sullivan will succeed Jim as the County's primary GHAAC staff liaison, assisted by Larry Keeton.

Welcome and Introductions

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

Initial Public Comment Period

Barb Fox spoke to three matters:

1. Regarding the draft letter of support for the Norwegian Point Park grant application, Barb asked if this matter had been discussed with Greater Hansville constituents prior to GHAAC taking action. She reiterated that GHAAC members have an obligation to reach out to their respective constituents.
2. Stated that the Greater Hansville Planning committee is having difficulty recruiting members; some object to how GHAAC operates.

Jim Wesson, a Driftwood Key resident, stated that it is important for GHAAC to consider constituents' interests, particularly regarding GHAAC advocacy for expending tax dollars. He doesn't see value to Driftwood Key residents of actions benefiting other neighborhoods.

John Wigenstein raised two matters:

1. Asked Sid Knutson, John's GHAAC representative for his neighborhood, what was done to canvass neighborhood residents regarding support for the proposed Norwegian Point Park grant application.
2. Stated that GHAAC has an obligation to publish members' names and contact information so that Greater Hansville residents know who is serving on GHAAC and how to contact them.

June 10th Meeting Minutes

Fred Nelson moved to approve the June 10th minutes as previously distributed. The June 10th minutes were **approved** unanimously.

“Welcome to Greater Hansville” Sign

Groups desiring to post an event notice on the new sign are asked to be in touch with Linda Redling, GHAAC Operations Manager, who coordinates the sign posting schedule.

Planning Committee

Linda Redling reported on the June 20th Planning Committee meeting. The agenda focused on the following Futures elements: Land Use, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, and Environment.

Jim Bolger and Pete Sullivan are drafting the next Vision statements. All the Planning Committee’s documents can be found on both websites: www.hansville.org and the County website: www.kitsapgov.com.

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Point-No-Point County Park

Judy Roupe read a statement detailing problems occurring the weekend before and that of the July 4th week-end at Point-No-Point County Park and in the immediate neighborhood thereof. These included: late night parties, illegal beach fires, litter/garbage left on beach, vandalism of park property, theft of driftwood and sand, trespassing on private properties and beaches, public intoxication, public urination & defecation, public nudity, parking problems, sanitation issues, unleashed dogs and horses on private beaches, drug dealing and drug use activity, gun fire, fire works, sex on the beach, and overnight camping. Several other Point-No-Point/Hillview neighborhood property owners also spoke to these issues and concerns.

Residents were assured when the Park was established that the County would maintain the Park and take responsibility for the providing of adequate parking, security, and public safety. There is strong opinion that the County has been remiss in these responsibilities, and that better enforcement is needed. Better signage is also needed regarding parking and Park rules.

Senior Parks Maintenance Supervisor Dori Leckner expressed empathy with residents’ concerns and her frustration with the lack of coordination and response by County officials to this situation

Following lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded that a letter be sent from GHAAC to County leaders including Commissioner Steve Bauer, Sheriff Steve Boyer, Parks and Recreation director Chip Faver, Kitsap Humane Society CEO Don McBurney, Fire Chief Dan Smith, Traffic Operations supervisor Dusty Wiley, and others. The motion was **approved**, with one abstention. Judy Roupe and Judy Foritano will draft the letter.

Judy Foritano encouraged neighborhood residents and property owners to form a working group to represent their concerns to the County and for prevention of future problems. It was moved and seconded that such a group be formed, with Judy Roupe providing leadership for this. Following discussion, the motion was **approved**.

Norwegian Point Park

Ken Shawcroft reported that the County has applied for a Washington State grant to develop restrooms, the parking area, plantings, and other restoration projects aside from the buildings themselves at Norwegian Point Park. The County will be making a formal presentation in late July/early August to the grant evaluation committee. It is very important that community support be demonstrated for the grant.

A motion was moved and seconded that GHAAC express support by letter for this grant application. Following lengthy discussion, the motion was **approved** with one abstention.

Emergency Preparedness

In the absence of Nancy Garing, this item was tabled.

GHAAC Member Contact Information

Judy Foritano asked for opinions regarding the posting of GHAAC member contact information on the Hansville.org website or elsewhere. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of listing contact information. It was concluded that GHAAC neighborhoods/organizations and the names of their respective representatives would be posted (without contact information). Attention was called to the availability of the GHAAC mailbox for inquiries/suggestions/concerns:

ghaadvisorycouncil@hansville.org

Becky Ellison mentioned the possibility of providing each GHAAC neighborhood/organization with their own e-mail mailbox for inquiries/suggestions/concerns, as part of the Hansville.org website. Becky offered to ask the website master for availability and or extra cost for these email boxes.

South Hood Canal Drive Neighborhood Concerns

Jean Connolly raised two concerns expressed by residents of this neighborhood. First, repaving and realignment of Cliffside Road – connecting Little Boston Road and Hood Canal Drive – is on the County road construction 2010 calendar. Residents want to be pro-active and involved with specific plans for this project. It was suggested that residents be in touch with Richard Dadisman, Design Manager, Kitsap County Department of Public Works.

Second, residents are concerned about safety of vehicles attempting to enter the intersection of Cliffside Road and Hood Canal Drive. For drivers coming down the Cliffside Road hill attempting to turn left onto south Hood Canal Drive, it is very difficult to see vehicles coming from the north on Hood Canal Drive due to the shrubbery and vegetation on the northeast corner of the intersection. Is there the possibility that a large

mirror might be installed at this intersection? It was suggested that this concern also be raised with Dick Dadisman.

Walking Path Along Buck Lake Road and Maple Tree Farm from Hansville Road

Cindy McDermott expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. When the road was repaved, the road bed was elevated; there is a gravel shoulder, but it is not secure. Cindy asked if a metal barrier could be installed at the 90-degree corner to protect residents from cars traveling too fast and not making the corner, ending up in a resident's yard. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Jim Bolger said that he would follow-up on this matter. He observed that Public Works and the Road Division has responsibilities across the County; County road infrastructure is significantly underfunded right now, so when a six-year improvement plan is developed, it is a rolling list. A project may be currently listed there, but there may be a catastrophic urgent need perhaps bumping other projects in the queue.

County-sponsored Traffic Safety Working Groups

Gary Paulson reported on the forming of three working groups in follow-up to the May and June public meetings regarding speed table alternatives. The three groups are (1) Enhancement of Existing Speed Tables, (2) Cross-Connector Road Study, and (3) Removal of the Tables. It was noted that the process requires each group to make recommendations to the other two groups, and that the three groups need to agree on one or more feasible alternatives to the existing tables honoring the values of all safety issues and concerns earlier expressed. The three groups are then asked to present such a recommendation or recommendations to the wider North End community for information, discussion, and support. When support has been determined, a recommendation is to be made to the County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Eyer Nuisance Property

Jim Bolger reported that results from the soil samples taken from the Eyer property confirmed a high level of pollution. The County Prosecutor's office is preparing to take the matter to the Court for further adjudication, leading to an abatement order.

Central Kitsap Advisory Council

In the interests of time, Becky Ellison offered to delay this report.

County Advisory Council Communications Committee

Judy Foritano reported that this committee has yet to meet.

Olympic Property Group

Elizabeth Wilson representing the Olympic Property Group said that due to the current housing market conditions there is nothing new to report.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Tom Karwaki, Director of Development, reported that the current Hansville Road work will provide better and safer access to the casino and also will accommodate improved

electricity transmission service to the North End. He announced that Doug Quade, Tribe CEO, has resigned.

Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Kinley Deller reported that there are two locations for the disposal of fluorescent bulbs: (1) Home Depot in Poulsbo and the Poulsbo Drop-box Re-Cycling Center; there is no charge. A request was made for a sign change on Ecology Road to make it clear how motorists should proceed to access the Hansville Drop-box Re-Cycling Center.

Great Peninsula Future Festival

Kinley announced the Great Peninsula Future Festival to be held August 2-3 at Port Gamble. This is anticipated to be the largest, liveliest outdoor sustainability festival in Washington State. Details may be found at: www.greatpeninsulafuturefestival.org.

Greater Hansville Community Center Annual Rummage Sale

Judy Foritano called attention to the forthcoming August 9-10 Rummage Sale. The last day for donated items to be received is Saturday, July 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She noted that this is the Community Center's major fund-raiser supporting many community activities and events. Further information is available in the *Log* or at the www.hansville.org website.

Puget Sound to Hood Canal Trail Opening

Fred Nelson announced the opening of the four-mile Puget Sound to Hood Canal Trail on Saturday, August 16th; there will be a short ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

Community Center Events E-mail Notification

Fred Nelson reported that e-mail notification regarding forthcoming Grater Hansville Community Center events is now available. The announcements are sent as a blind copy and are thus privacy protected. Sign-up is available through Fred or by joining the Community Center.

Annual Tribal Canoe Festival

Tom Karwaki called attention to the August 20-21st Tribal Canoe Festival. On Wednesday, August 20th, over 50 canoes will be arriving in Port Gamble Bay. After spending the night, they will depart on Thursday, August 21st.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Porter
Secretary pro-tem