

# **Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC)**

## **January 8, 2008**

### **Minutes**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at the Hansville Community Center. 22 members attended, as well as 2 proxies and 6 guests. A Power-Point presentation was made by Dr. Linda Paralez from the Washington State Ferry (WSF) Kingston Advisory Committee regarding challenges facing the WSF system. Updates were received on matters pertaining to the North End speed tables, saltwater parks, Puget Sound Energy installations to improve availability of electrical power, and forthcoming installation of the Greater Hansville sign. Other agenda items included reports on the Hansville “Village” and Greater Hansville Area Planning Committees and discussion of storm water management. A presentation was also made concerning the North Kitsap Climate Change Strategy. – Gerry Porter, Secretary

#### **DETAILS**

The Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at the Hansville Community Center. Judy Foritano, Council Chair, presided, calling the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Attending were 22 members, 2 proxy members, and 6 guests. Also present were Dr. Linda Paralez and Dennis Cziske representing the Washington State Ferry (WSF) Kingston Advisory Committee and Doug Quade, CEO, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe.

#### **Guest Presentation: WSF Kingston Advisory Committee**

Linda Paralez gave a short PowerPoint presentation regarding funding issues and other challenges facing the WSF, with resulting impact upon our local community. Dennis Cziske also provided very helpful supporting information on this subject. [A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.]

Concerned citizens are urged to become knowledgeable about bills coming before legislative committees pertaining to ferry issues. For example, perhaps the best action to be taken is to get WSF out from under the WDOT. Citizens can sign up on the Legislature website to receive notification of forthcoming hearings and pending bills. It is important to contact legislative leaders and committee members by e-mail, regular mail, or in person in Olympia. [See attached list of Washington State Legislators.]

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of the December 11, 2007 were approved with one amendment. On page 2, second paragraph, first line – in the matter of sending the Road Safety Advisory

Committee (RSAC) letter to the County with a cover letter from the GHAAC endorsing the speed tables – it was noted that “with one abstention” be changed to “with one negative vote.”

### **Road Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC)**

Kathy Bourassa, RSAC co-chair, reported that the Committee had not met since early December, and does not plan to meet again until March, 2008.

Judy Foritano read a letter from Commissioner Steve Bauer acknowledging his receipt of the December 14, 2007 letter from GHAAC accompanying comments from the RSAC. First, Commissioner Bauer noted that upon recent inspection, the speed tables almost exactly meet the standards set out. Second, the first speed table ramp coming into downtown Hansville does seem a bit more abrupt than the others, but still meets the general standards. Third, Jeff Shea is aware of the deteriorating asphalt on some of the Hood Canal Drive speed tables; he believes there was faulty asphalt and plans to make repairs as soon as the weather permits. Fourth, additional marking of the tables can be installed as needed.

Commissioner Bauer asks that RSAC convene a working group to review the current design of the speed tables to see if modifications can be made to respond to citizens' concerns. Removal of the tables should not be an objective of this working group.

Commissioner Bauer asks that RSAC convene a separate working group to explore alternatives to the speed tables that might be just as effective with less disruptive impact on drivers. Due to limited availability of County funding, in addition to being functionally effective, any alternative solutions must be financially feasible for the County to implement.

Those persons who have concerns about the current speed tables should be invited to participate in both of these working groups. County staff will be available to work with both groups. Other than repair of the deteriorating ramps, no significant changes can be made to the current speed tables until the weather improves. It is expected that these two working groups complete their work by early June to make recommendations to GHAAC.

During discussion, it was suggested that an article be prepared for the next LOG asking for participants in the two working groups, and that the two working groups might convene in February. Appreciation was also expressed for Commissioner Bauer's excellent article regarding the speed tables in the recent issue of the Community News.

### **Saltwater Parks Committee**

Ken Shawcroft reported the first of three public meetings will be held Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Greater Hansville Community Center to gather community input for improvements to be made to the Norwegian Point Park. The second, approximately a month later, will be for the planners to present alternative designs and receive feedback

from the community. At the third meeting the planners will present a preferred alternative and receive community feedback. They will then develop a final master plan.

Further information may be obtain from Ken or by visiting Hansville.org website.

### **Energy Committee**

Fred Nelson reported on the status of the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) transmission station located near Albertson's on Hansville Road. It is essentially completed, except for landscaping. There is now a new transmission system so that power can be switched from two locations; one on Little Boston Road and the other near the Twin Spits Fire and Rescue Station. There are now two distribution sources; Salisbury Point (under water to North Kitsap) and the new Hansville Road facility. In the event of a power shortage, switches can be activated to balance the electrical load over the whole North End.

### **Greater Hansville Sign**

Jerry Ulsund reported that the Sign Committee now has thirteen members. Eleven poles have been peeled, and Kingston Lumber has donated sealer and brushes. Corey Sign has completed the fabrication of the 5' x 7' sign on 4" thick cedar. Installation is expected in late February or early March. Thanks were expressed to the Committee members.

### **Planning Committees**

Linda Redling reported that the second meeting of the Greater Hansville /Village Planning Committee will be held Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Hansville Community Center. The agenda of the meeting will include discussion of a proposed emergency evacuation plan for the North End. Interested parties are invited to attend.

A chairperson is still being sought for the Hansville Village Planning Committee. Nominees may be forwarded to Judy Foritano.

### **Kitsap County Transportation Planning Advisory Committee**

Judy Foritano reported that Commissioner Bauer is seeking a North End resident to serve as a member of the Kitsap County Transportation Planning Advisory Committee. Volunteers should be in touch with Judy.

### **Storm Water Management**

Judy Foritano invited comments regarding flood situations from recent rain storms. The wetlands are not draining as they should. Gary Paulson reported that Dave Tucker, Senior Program Manager of the County's Surface and Storm Water Management Program, has been very helping in providing storm water drains access drain keys to local residents to assist in monitoring the storm drains.

Kitsap County residents may apply for FEMA assistance to recover from storm damage. Further information may be obtained FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 or online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

### **Sharing Information with Constituents**

Judy Foritano urged that all GHAAC members develop means of communication about current North End issues and activities to the constituencies represented. Some neighborhoods have regular newsletters. Others may depend upon The Log or online information at [www.Hansville.org](http://www.Hansville.org).

### **Eyer Nuisance Property**

Judy Foritano reported in the absence of Jim Bolger that the County nuisance abatement process is continuing. The County Prosecutor's Office is in a several month process of "discovery" regarding the best means to move forward on abatement of the Eyer nuisance property at 35079 Little Boston Road.

### **North Kitsap Climate Change Strategy Program**

Kinley Deller reported on the work of the North Kitsap Climate Change Strategy Program developed by Yelnik Environmental of Kingston to be implemented as a program of the Stillwaters Environmental Learning Center. This is a 6-10-15 year program consisting of the following phases:

- Seed Phase (month 1 – month 3)
- Bulb Phase (month 3 – month 12)
- Bicycle Phase (year 2)
- Appliance Phase (year 3)
- Solar Hot Water Phase (years 4 and 5)
- Big Wind Phase (year 6 and beyond)

Program component examples include bike-n-rides, business energy audits, carbon tax offset program, carpool program, car reduction program, car share program, climate change education program for schools/kids, flex bike program, community chipper program, fluorescent bulb cost reduction program, mobility education classes, and micro-credit loans.

Goal of the program is to get community involvement through climate change discussion groups and other forums. One specific goal is to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. Residents can get involved by purchasing carbon offsets, donating money, services and equipment, and by volunteering time.

Further information may be obtained from Kinley Deller and Patti Pearson at Yelnik Environmental, 360-981-6594 or [yelnik@centurytel.net](mailto:yelnik@centurytel.net).

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

Kinley Deller reported that there is to be a ban on burning land-clearing debris in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties beginning July 1, 2008. Kitsap County is not subject to this ban. Also, a Solid Waste Management Plan is currently under development.

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

Doug Quade reported on the status of the Tribe's development plan for the Point-No-Point Casino. The project remains in the design phase to include modifications in

satisfaction of Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) requirements. It is hoped that ground breaking for the project can take place in early spring of 2008, with a “soft” opening planned for early 2009.

The Tribe is continuing in dialogue with Olympic Property Group regarding plans for construction of a pier in Port Gamble.

**Announcements**

It was announced that the United States Light House Society is indeed establishing its headquarters in one of the buildings at Point-No-Point as described in a previous meeting; this is perceived as a very positive development.

Ken Shawcroft announced that an anonymous donor has funded busses for three years to bring 5<sup>th</sup> graders from area schools to the Hansville Greenway for work projects. He also reported that the Lower Fox Creek Project includes 92 acres donated by Olympic Property Group. This will provide 2 1/2 miles of additional trails to the Greenway. The last piece of the Norwegian Point land acquisition is not yet under agreement due to price negotiations. A detail survey of the Norwegian Point project is underway.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Porter, Secretary