

Central Kitsap Community Council
November 4, 2020 Virtual Meeting- Zoom Platform
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members:

Hughes (Chairman), Aho, Colliker, Downen, Eagleson- Mentor, Fabry, Holmes, Lawrence, Myers, Newell, Overath, Sell, Shea, Stitt, Wimmer

Commissioner(s)

Ed Wolfe

Guest Presenters:

Caleb Reese – Port of Silverdale

Erik Baker – Kitsap County

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM PST

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented.

Motion – Stitt

Second - Downen

Motion carried

Council Comments-

Wimmer- Kudos to the County on the work done on Chico Creek Salmon project. He was able to enjoy with his family recently.

"Commissioner Wolfe returned thanks to Amy Lawrence and her group for all their hard work on making the project a success."

Downen – Commented that the noise in Old Town is bearable considering the ongoing Bayshore improvement projects. She and others are in for the long haul.

Overath- Kudos to Commissioner Wolf on his most recent BKAT presentation. Suggested watching the replay.

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Wolfe commented on the following:

He is looking for new advisory council members. Please provide him with any suggestions.

He welcomed Phil Best and Mary Earle to the meeting as former members of the council.

St Michael update- It seems that the issue between Kitsap Transit and the Sid Uhinck area is being worked out and the opening seems to be on track for December 2020.

Update on CARES funding. The county has allocated approximately three million to small business, local chambers and schools.

There is a free tutoring program available, online or drop in, to help with the impact of e-learning. 386 have signed up thus far and of these 144 are in person.

Bayshore Project- Pile drive portion has concluded and is now moving to intersection of Bayshore and Washington.

Greaves and Old Frontier roundabout is scheduled to start in 2023.

KEDA will be the guest on the Commissioner's Corner on BKAT this week.

Guest Presenters Comments:

Erik Baker -Kitsap County Policy Manager

Topic of presentation- CARES Funding

Power Point Presentation was presented.

All information provided is also on the county website and open to the public to review.

1. COVID Update- cases are increasing currently in Kitsap County. We are seeing outbreaks in our most vulnerable communities. The complete report card is located on the county website and it is possible to sign up for a daily update by email.

2. CARES funding update

Kitsap County received 21 Million dollars under the program.

15 Million was received in May to use by August 31, 2020.

5.4 Million was received in September to be used by October 31,2020.

The program is set up to use all the money or forfeit what is not used.

The rules are very specific as to how to use so it is a bit difficult to meet the deadlines.

The County is working with our Federal Delegation in hopes to extend the deadline.

The concern is how to address issues going forward as the virus continues to spread into the new year.

3. Description of how the money was used by the Public Response Team

PPE

Contact Tracing

Testing

A new testing center has been established at Pendegast Park. See website for times and process.

A new testing center will be opened in Poulsbo soon.

Please see a complete list of all agencies receiving money on the County Website.

The County is working very hard to get the money out as quickly as possible and within the guidelines.

Questions and Answers for Mr. Baker:

Q: Community Member Mary Earle- Could you please follow up on the homeless situation with the colder weather arriving.

A: Mr. Baker- There is not a specific COVID shelter, current shelters are practicing CDC guidelines with social distancing and masks being required, we have capacity till the end of the year but with funding ending it will become a pinch.

Q: Community Member Karla Larsen- Is it possible to provide funds to nonprofits such as Rotary who are unable to raise funds through Whaling Days or Tree Lighting?

A: Mr. Baker- Due to the CARES restriction it is very hard to justify distributions to nonprofits.

Q: Community Member Mary Earle-What are the plans for the Red Barn currently owned by the county?

A: Mr. Baker- This is better addressed under the auspices of the Clear Creek Task Force. Currently they are just trying to keep it upright.

A: Commissioner Wolfe commented as well that a new Parks and Recreation director will be hired soon and this could be addressed by this position.

Guest Presenters Comments:

Caleb Reese- Port of Silverdale Commissioner

Topic of presentation- Waterfront Center and general activities of the Port

1. The waterfront pier has been closed to non-boaters and rowing activities for most of the year and is now closed for the winter.
2. The Port is working on grants for a non-motorized ramp and dock. They are feeling good about the grants and will keep all advised on the process.
3. The Port has been working on the Waterfront Center design plans for the past year and the cost for the design will be presented to the Port next week.
4. Mr. Reese went over the designs of the plans and what will be included with this phase of the plan.

Questions and Answers for Mr. Reese:

Q: Council Member Overath- Is there any specific space designated for public meetings.

A: Mr. Reese- At this time that has not been discussed or confirmed.

Q: Council Chair Hughes- What is the ETA of the project.

A: Mr. Reese- The plan is really controlled by the pump station so we are moving quickly so that they can be completed at the same time.

A: Andy Nelson commented as a follow up that when the pump station is updated, the public will not even know there is a pump station there anymore. The county will be using state of the art technology.

Q: Council Member Fabry – Does the Port have money to complete this portion.

A: Mr. Reese- The Port has enough for the project to start but will be applying for grants to finish.

Q: Council Member Downen- Are there any plans to address the area across from the parking lot.

A: Mr. Reese – Currently the pump station is the focus and finances limit other projects currently.

Q: Council Member Fabry - It is nice to have the Port providing regular updates to the council.

A: Mr. Reese- Thank you.

Public Comments:

Community Member Debra Best- wanted to bring to the attention of the council the project scheduled behind Maynard's. A 160-unit apartment project. She is concerned with the environmental impact. She simply wants to bring to the attention of the council that there is an appeal hearing. This is open to the public.

Council Member Overath- Yes, this would be very interesting to the public.

Community Member Mary Earle expressed her concern as well and would like the design to preserve the view for everyone.

Catherine from the county will get the link to the appeal hearing out to all members of the council.

Ms. Best thanked the community for their time.

Council Chair Hughes thanked Ms. Best for bringing this to the community.

No further comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM PST

Respectfully Submitted

Angela Sell, Committee Secretary,

NOTE: All comments are paraphrased and are representative to the best of the secretary's ability.