

## **Central Kitsap Community Council**

**6/3/22 – In Person Meeting at new Silverdale Library & attendees via Zoom**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Present:**

**Council Members:** Jim Aho, David Emmons, Mark Hughes, Amy Lawrence, Pete Wimmer, Jeremy Stitt

**On Zoom:** Renee Overath, Doug Newell, Annika Collier, Steve Fabry

**Commissioner(s):** Ed Wolfe

**County Staff:** Katharine Shaffer, Policy Analyst (in attendance, non-presenter)

Meeting called to order at 14:02 PM PST by Mark Hughes

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented

Motioned by Pete Wimmer

Seconded by Jim Aho

All in favor, no opposed, no abstained, motion carried

#### **Council Member Comments -**

**David Emmons:** Upcoming Chamber announcement about the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Chamber of Commerce on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Commissioner Wolfe's Update:** Thank you to Katherine Shaffer for putting together this in person event

Recognized Bob for spending so many years of the CKCC

Touched base on the encampment issue, Veterans park had a large number of encampments, County moved those who wanted help to housing and services.

Talked about the encampment in front of the YMCA in silverdale, there are several supreme court cases that limit the things the county can do about RVs. Current case law in 9<sup>th</sup> circuit, City of Lacey towing an RV led to the decision that towing an RV as someone's home needs to be a last resort. The County is looking at how they can help those who need services, but also follow the legal rules concerning RV encampments and make sure we are following the applicable laws.

Elizabeth Buskirk & Callier, student reps have moved on to college, CKCC is looking for 2 student reps to stand in this role

Onto CKCC Introductions

**Presenter #1: Derek Kilmer, (US Representative, Washington's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) –**

**Rearview Perspective:** Pretty dire time at end of 2020, no vacations, business on heels, taxing on hospitals

ARP law – vaccinated, kids in school, economic growth, PPP

Beginning of this year, passage of infrastructure law, cant compete in 21<sup>st</sup> century with 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century infrastructure. Largest investment in roads & bridges since interstate transportation system. Provisions to internet access – rural broadband is being treated how we treated rural electricity in the past. Includes \$1B for culvert removal and replacement for fish passage here in Kitsap

Spring bipartisan spending bill – veterans, SIOp, increase in affordable housing units, Quincy Square project in downtown Bremerton, Washington State science technology engineering & math funding to expand its work,

**Now Perspective** – reducing costs due to inflation, other stuff – bipartisan innovation bill for fighting inflation – addressing shortages and making stuff here locally in the US, specifically chips for use in various technologies (cars, etc.), shore up domestic supply chain issues, hope to get something passed by August. Gas prices – pinching all of us, supply side moves – free up special reserves, increase domestic production, hold accountable gas companies that can be taking advantage of consumers, assistance to purchase low emission vehicles,

Half of our team is dealing with casework – If someone in our region is struggling with government programs, our team is there helping with getting through the system. Large amount is through the VA and we have a large constituent who are veterans. If you know someone who needs help, send them our way.

If you have a question that you didn't get to ask today, reach out to me or my team through our website or email. We get back to you guys because we work for you.

#### **Council Comments/Questions:**

**Jeremy Stitt:** Recently listened to a congressional session where the SIOp costs have increase, do you see those funds passing through congress?

**Pete Wimmer:** 9 month waiting period after you leave the Navy before joining a civilian industry job – Any action on that front?

**Ed Wolfe:** Is there progress in Congress with bipartisanship?

#### **Public Comments/Questions:**

Rick Huse: Public safety – Legislation limiting law enforcement officers, what can citizens and local leaders do to help public safety while the legislation is still in place?

Art Felder: Concern about solvency of social security & medicare plans. Any insights or information you can provide about where this might be going?

: With many people coming over the southern border, what is the plan for this issue and what is congress doing about it?

: I came as a recent immigrant and the process to come as a legal immigrant was very hard, hearing painful comments from some Americans about being an immigrant, but I pulled through and obtained it after 10 months, sometimes it takes a year or two until you can come to the States. What type of federal support is there for small minority businesses or immigrants who are looking to start a business?

: With a lack of judges and personnel concerning immigrants and the process, is there funding for that?

: In my area near lake Tahuya, I only get two channels for information, is there something that can expand that? Also, the music on the VA line is horrible, can they have a selection where you can listen to history or the VA or something different?

: Related to a lack of mental health providers, there are long waitlists, lack of providers, what is congress doing about this?

**Open Public Comments:**

Ron Gillespie – recommendation to Wolfe to hire an artist that can show citizens the changes they are voting on in terms of the Comprehensive plan. Also, we don't have the infrastructure to handle the housing development that is going on in the County, specifically traffic flow in Silverdale and surrounding area.