



# Central Kitsap Community Council

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Best Western Silverdale

### 5:00 PM 1. Call to Order –Mark Hughes, Chair

**Attendance-** Steven Fabry, Jim Aho, Commissioner Ed Wolfe, Mark Hughes, Amy Lawrence,

Angela Sell, Jeremy Stitt, Brandon Myers, Irene Overath, Phil Havers, Monica Downen, Angie Silva

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes from January Retreat

### 5:05 PM 2. Introductions & Communications

- A. Council Announcements
- B. Commissioner's Comments – Ed Wolfe, District 3 Commission

### 5:15 PM 3. Timber Harvest Code Amendments

- Scott Diener and Steve Heacock from Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD) presented an overview of the proposed state Timber Harvest Code Update: primarily that the county would assume permit management of Class IV forest activities
- These permits have been under jurisdiction of Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), but also fall under county land use permitting, which often triggers double permitting
- There were concerns expressed that the county may not have capacity to review these additional permits; however, the county is already permitting these activities so the additional burden is expected to be minimal

### 5:25 PM 4. Group Residential Facilities, Secured High Risk Interim Emergency Ordinance

- Jim Bolger, DCD, presented an Interim Zoning Ordinance to regulate Group Residential Facilities - Secure High Risk that was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on February 6, 2019.
- The temporary ordinance allows that secure community-based living facilities be located in designated zones, with certain pre-approval and safety requirements
- There will be a public hearing on March 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Commissioners Chambers.

### 5:35 PM 5. Silverdale Recycling and Garbage Facility Redevelopment

- Keli McKay-Means, Kitsap County Solid Waste, presented an overview of the proposed improvements to the Silverdale Recycling and Garbage facility, anticipated to be constructed in 2020

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**5:45 PM 6. Short Term Vacation Rentals**

- Eric Baker, from the Commissioner's office, presented an overview of the current effort to consider new county ordinances regulating short-term vacation rentals
- The county currently has an estimated 600-700 listings for vacation rentals, approximately 330 of which are in unincorporated Kitsap County
- These vacation rentals are currently not specifically regulated for safety nor are taxes collected
- There is currently no specific proposal under consideration, but the county is conducting a survey and engaging with citizen and community groups to determine whether and what regulations might be appropriate for our county. The priority is ensuring safety for any guests that stay in county properties.
- There were a number of audience questions and comments, including:
  - Whether the proposed state bill would be redundant; the county responded that they would repeal if rules found to be redundant.
  - That the primary concern of any rules should be residents, not guests - there should be a limit to the number of guests that can occupy a residence.
  - That pollution (noise, water) associated with high-impact uses of vacation rentals (i.e., weddings) should be considered as well.

**6:20 PM 7. Public Comment**

- Regarding the Ordinance on Group Residential Facilities, one audience member stressed the importance of having appropriate public notification of high-risk sexual predators that live in these facilities; proper training of chaperones for these individuals should also be a priority.
- Regarding short term vacation rentals, there were several additional comments about the public nuisance associated with vacation rentals used to host large events. Two specific instances of high-impact uses in Poulsbo and Lofall were cited.
- Other community members indicated that these incidents were isolated and should not be used to drive strict regulations of vacation rentals. Communication with neighbors and, when needed, use of the existing nuisance laws, could be used to solve individual neighborhood concerns.

**6:33 PM 8. Adjournment**

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