

Central Kitsap Community Council

April 6, 2022 @ 1702– Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members:

Doug Newell, Jim Aho, Mark Hughes, Steve Fabry, Monica Downen, Harold Shea, Angie Sell, Renee Overath, Elizabeth Buskirk, David Emmons, Jeremy Stitt, Brandon Myers

Council Comments:

Steve: Commenting on the great new Silverdale Public Library.

Doug: Reminder to vote for the upcoming school Levy. Ballots should arrive this weekend.

Jim: The Illahee Preserve has acquired enough funding for property and wildlife corridor.

Renee: Expressed excitement about the library. Wondering about the sale of the Poplars and money reinvested into Central Kitsap.

Harold: Thankful for the CKSD allowing activities on fields and New Life Training Center for hosting YMCA staff.

Presenters:

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

Meeting called to order at 1702 hours

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented.

Motioned by: Jim Aho

Seconded: Harold Shea

Motion carried

Commissioner Wolfe's Update –

Hopefully last CKCC meeting VIA Zoom. Asking to contact Katherine and/or Mark about going live in May or June.

There is an event Thursday April 7, 2022 at 8am at McClouds in Bremerton. Commissioner Wolfe will be there along with the Bremerton/ Silverdale rotary for Coffee with the Commissioner.

Silverdale Encampment issues – The county is working to deal with the issue. There are lots of communications to try to work on this. Lots of Case law which puts restrictions on counties and cities on how to deal with such encampments. The county is activating a plan to work on encampments to include Veteran's Park and the lower parking level of the Silverdale Sheriff's Office.

Presentation #1: Ueland Tree Farm Forest Management Mark Mauren - CEO

Boundaries of the Ueland Tree Farm is west up against Green Mountain, East to Kitsap Lake, South of the city of Bremerton and north to the Mountaineer's.

Surrounded 2,100 acres 1700 in Kitsap County and 440 in city limits of Bremerton – main access Leber Lane off Northlake Way. Several years ago the group built a parking lot there.

They operate a sustainable 22-acre property with year round harvest. In 2019/2020 timber markets were down, due to that more this year is being harvested, however they are still sustainable. Additionally, they own Kitsap Quarry. One of the major producers for fresh aggregate.

Just opened new quarry and gravel mine!

New access road established on the south end thru Kitsap Quarry up Warner Rd. That will shift a lot of traffic from Lebers/Northlake Way and more to Warner. Trying to balance economics with public access.

Harvest units tend to be between 5-12 acres which is optimal for species in the area. Buffers are based on topography. New local resources will reduce the need to import from other counties and reduce pollution with truck transit of minerals.

Presentation #2: Lauren Liming, Program Coordinator Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Division

Since 1992 China has accepted over half of the world's plastic waste and other materials. This in the past worked out well. However, most of the materials were contaminated. This could be dirty, moldy, wet, food residue etc.

China said they didn't want to do that anymore – it became costly they enacted the China National Sword Policy which bans most plastic waste and materials. This went into effect January 2018. As of 2021 the policy became even more strict.

This has been every troublesome – Millions of metric tons of waste are going to be displaced worldwide. Due to this Recycling has turned more locally.

Successful Recycling:

1. Market - Who is actually buying the material.
2. Sorting Technology – Kitsap County Recycling does to a company called JMK Fibers in Tacoma. There it is sorted by actual people. A perfect world a robot would do this, but technology doesn't exist to the level we need it to. The recycling is bailed at JMK and sent off to market.
3. Regional alignment – Kitsap County is working to be in tandem with other local area. (Pierce, Mason, etc) to be similar in recycling needs. For example, caps on plastic bottles have been removed to be in accordance with some of our neighbors.
4. Recycling right – A new guide is being sent out to show what is acceptable in recycling, garbage etc. When in doubt, put it in garbage.

Sort by shape, ignore recycle symbol. Only look at shape. They must be EMPTY, CLEAN and DRY and Recycle what is only on the guide. If a contaminated object is in a bundle, the entire thing will be put into trash, therefore it is important to follow the guide.

Keep recyclables loose, no plastic bags.

In Kitsap we may be different from another jurisdiction or state. So please follow local recommendations.

More information can be found at: Recycle.kitsap.gov

Monica: Question about restaurants with larger containers and cups and such?

Plastic cups would NOT be recyclable. However, larger containers (ex: Costco Mayo) would be acceptable if clean.

Doug: From output in Tacoma, how does that facility rate?

This is hard to rate against other areas. Across the board north America contamination is a HUGE problem. When the switch to comingled happened, it caused more problems. The best thing to do to improve would be to ensure the guides are accurate and followed.

Renee: Paper and Cardboard and junk mail we accumulate and put them in a big lawn bag. Should we sort or just put everything together?

Don't put it in a plastic bag, paper would be ok.

Batteries, plastic bags, hazardous waste and scrap metal are special drop off items.

Steve: Pizza boxes with grease that say "recycle me" what should we do?

Do not recycle those, put in trash. Some areas may recycle, Kitsap it would be trash.

Jeremy: What percent would be what is accepted and thrown out at a sorting facility?

General rule is if a barrel has a contamination, the entire thing will be sent to garbage. So if in doubt, throw away.

Online question: Why not go back to sorting?

Great question – the logistics of source separated may be an issue. Not sure the big reason, we can make this work

Online question: Why not make manufactures more responsible?

That would be the goal, it requires all of us (as a community) to get involved with policy.

For more questions and information, you can email Lauren at: liling@kitsap.gov

Presentation #3: Adrian Wolf Stewardship Manager Great Peninsula Conservancy. Forest Management on GPC's Conservation Lands

Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) is a non-profit land trust covers Kitsap parts of Pierce and Mason Counties. They are targeting now on the western side of Hood Canal. Reached out to the tribes to encourage to participate in land management strategies.

GOAL; Improve forest health, facilitate public access

Many preserves have been acquired to help salmon

Primary mission is meet conditions of acquisitions- if they get funds from salmon recovery they have to abide by those restrictions.

Decisions are made by produced Forest Management Plans. They also rely on professional groups to assist with more complicated parcels of land. The process you go through assessments of soils and ground and develop objectives.

The output of research gives a plan for units and management plan.

Once management plans are developed, then they reach out to funding agencies to help with the actual work. Contract with USDA for example to create a verity of conservation practices.

“Dead logs are far more living that live ones” – The Overstory of Richard Powers. Great example of our old growth forests. We go out and create “standing dead snags”. This will help grow and diversify. Also create habitat piles on the ground. 10x10, 6ft high refuge for wildlife.

Maps of developed to eventually show the funders what was done and how their money was spent.

Douglas Fir, Garry Oak, Shore Pine collaboration between Western Washington and GPC. Getting tree seeds from CA and OR and replanting those back. Require permitting and such to ensure pathogens aren't introduced.

Put in about 4,000 plants now will monitor and see if they do better than local genotypes

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Online Question: How are you able to keep your properties secure from trespassers?

We are accredited by “Land Trust Alliance” They visit at least once a year. Look for signs of violation and encroachments and rely on neighbors to tell us. Volunteer land Stewarts also assist.

Public Comments:

Mary Earl (Clear Creek Trail Association) Glad to hear the County is taking steps to make public spaces safer from homeless trash, needles, and waste. Concern is they will leave county property and occupy private property, which they have done and continue to do. Some of that property is clear creek trail, not all is public it's a mix. Last time I tried to get a couple having a campfire to leave. What can be done?

Brandon Myers spoke on his own personal belief about the difference between a trespass and possible squatter. Very complicated due to the legal authority. There are differences between trespass, squatter and public, private and a public private land. It is hard for law enforcement to differentiate

(acting on authority of the city/county/state) to determine which is which. A small stay could be a trespass which could be enacted upon, however long term could be a squatter. Advised to seek legal counsel with regards to asking for government intrusion to assist.

Additionally, speak with local legislative representation as it pertains to trespass/squatters' rights as established by Washington State law.

Commissioner Wolfe added the County is working towards encampments starting with Veteran's Park, which begins next week.

Meeting concluded at 1821. Next Meeting May 4th possibly at the new Silverdale Center at the Central Kitsap School District Community Campus at 1700 hours. If not, it will be on Zoom.