

## Central Kitsap Community Council

April 7, 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

#### Present:

##### **Council Members:**

Jim Aho, Mark Hughes, Dave Montoure, Pete Wimmer, Amy Lawrence, Rick Soper, Brandon Myers, Steve Fabry, Monica Downen, Jeremy Stitt, Levi Holmes, Elizabeth Garrett, Renee Overath

##### **Commissioner(s):**

Commissioner Wolfe was absent from meeting

**Presenters:** Kym Pleger, K.C. Public Works Stormwater Division Education & Outreach Coordinator, Nate Daniel, Great Peninsula Conservancy Executive Director, Tom Coleman, Newberry Hill Heritage Park Stewardship Group Chair, Michelle He, Sunrise Movement Chair

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

Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM PST

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented.

Motioned by Monica Downen

Seconded: Jeremey Stitt

Motion carried

#### **Council Announcements:**

**Monica Downen:** Attended the All-CAC meeting. Would like to see more diversity on the council.

**Dave Montoure:** Old Town businesses are open during construction including a new restaurant called Breaking Waves. Monica's restaurant has an anniversary coming up. Looking forward to next meeting with the legislatures to ask about a Phase 4 of the Healthy Washington Plan. Kettle Fish is celebrating its second anniversary – open to 50% capacity.

**Renee Overath:** Looking for pickle ball players. May be open at the YMCA?

**Harold Shea:** YMCA opened its locker rooms and courts for limited time. Excited to come back.

**Mark Hughes:** Randy Hunt resigned as Silverdale Port Commissioner. Anyone interested please contact Theresa at the port office.

#### **Commissioner Wolfe's Update – Katharine Shaffer provided in his absence.**

The Kitsap Board of Health met yesterday with Dr. Morrow the Kitsap County Public Health Officer. He provided an update COVID19 activity in Kitsap County.

Since the pandemic began, we have had 6,536 cases, around 300 hospitalizations, and unfortunately, 96 tragic deaths.

Recently, Kitsap and the rest of the state, have seen an increased number of cases. Rates per 100,000 residents has doubled in the last month. In the beginning of March, we were at 60 cases per 100,000 – as of today we are at 134 cases per 100,000 people. Our 7 days hospitalization rate per 100,000 is 3.3 but it was 4.8 at one point. This isn't the direction we want to go.

As you may have heard, the UK variant has been found in Kitsap and Mr. Morrow suspects is responsible for 1/3 of all recent cases. Let's remain cautious following the health guidelines – we all know what they are.

What does this mean for re-opening? Since March 22nd Kitsap County has been in Phase 3 of the Health Washington Plan. This means we have enjoyed more capacity at restaurants, stores, and gatherings. Unfortunately, a roll back from the state is possible.

In this plan, set by the state, Counties are individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations will occur on Mondays with any possible changes taking effect Friday, with the next evaluation scheduled for April 12.

To remain in Phase 3, we must keep a 14-day average of new COVID cases below 200 per 100,000 residents, and a seven-day average of new hospitalizations per 100,000 below five.

Our numbers are still below the thresholds to go back to Phase 2 but we are in an upward trend.

Good news – We're leading the vaccination effort in Western Washington. 140,000 people in the county have received at least 1 dose of the COVID19 vaccine and 53,000 are fully vaccinated. This ranks 2nd in Western Washington. On April 15th, everyone over 16 years old will be eligible to be vaccinated.

In addition to our stellar vaccination efforts, the volunteer effort has been extraordinary. Between the testing sites, quarantine/isolation centers, and vaccinate sites, Kitsap County had around 700 volunteers. We have a very incredible community response to this crisis.

**Presentation from Kym Pleger, K.C. Public Works Stormwater Division Education & Outreach:** Program decorates stormwater drains to show the importance of keeping them clear of debris. Pictures from 2019 pilot project were shown. New competitions for designs will be opening up soon. Would love to have someone from the CKCC or Commissioner Wolfe as a judge.

**Question, Amy Lawrence:** Is there a call for artists?

**Answer from Kym Pleger:** Yes, it will open on May 1<sup>st</sup> with selections made in June.

**Question, Steve Fabry:** How many projects are anticipated?

**Answer from Kym Pleger:** 3-5 most likely.

**Question, Ron Gillespie (Public):** Are there traps on the drains? How often are they cleaned?

**Answer from Kym Pleger:** The Public Works crews have a rotation.

**Presentation from Nate Daniel, Great Peninsula Conservancy Executive Director:** Great Peninsula Conservancy's conservation initiatives are intended to provide a framework for preservation of the most significant and threatened landscapes of the Great Peninsula. GPC has already protected over 10,500 acres of ecologically important lands and waters. Please sign up for the newsletter and/or become an annual member.

**Question/comment, Steve Fabry:** GPC is a big-time player in the Clear Creek Trail. It is important to the community.

**Presentation from Tom Coleman, Newberry Hill Heritage Park Stewardship Group Chair:** Shared very preliminary plans for a bridge to connect DNR property to Green Mountain. In addition, the NHHP has management plan improves the ecological diversity of the park.

**Question, Amy Lawrence:** Will you be leading guided walks?

**Answer Tom Coleman:** Yes, keep a look out for dates.

**Comment: Renee Overath:** Tom has always supported students. Thank you.

**Comment, Mary Earl (Public):** Send Silverdale company for pedestrian bridge.

**Michelle He, Sunrise Movement Chair:** Presented about the youth movement, Sunrise Movement about slowing down climate change. Upcoming trainings in April. Please join to learn more.

**Comment Amy Lawrence:** Impressed with enthusiasm of this group. Please attend training if interested.

**General Public Comments:**

**Mary Earl:** Clear Creek Trail in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of monitoring water quality. It is improving.

**Jeremy Stitt:** Please remember the Kitsap Great Give is April 20<sup>th</sup>. Shout out to Illahee Forest Preserve and Music Discovery Center.

**Carla Larson:** Whaling Days are on! Parade canceled but the Duck Race is scheduled.

Meeting concluded at 6:16