



# CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2009

### **I. Call to order**

President Jon Pearson called to order the regular meeting of the Central Kitsap Community Council at 7:06 PM on January 21, 2009 in the Water and Fire District Community Room, 5300 N.W. Newberry Hill Road, Silverdale, Washington.

### **II. Roll call**

Council members introduced themselves. The following members were present: Natalie Bryson, Steven Cook, Mary Earl, Laura Fedorko, Greg Hunt, Gary Lindsey, Tex Lewis, Jon Pearson, Richard Shattuck, Michael Simpkins, Carol Smiley, Jerry Van Fossen and Roger Zabinski. Commissioner Josh Brown attended, also. Sue Fox joined the meeting in session.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting and adoption of agenda**

The Agenda was adopted as presented. Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2008 were adopted as corrected.

### **IV. Correspondence/Announcements**

- A. **Mary Earl** noted that the Council had received a Christmas card from Lynette George of the Blue Star Banner women, which was shared with the Council. She noted that the Council had sponsored two banners last year, which are now flying on Kitsap Mall Boulevard.

### **V. Recognition of Service**

- A. **Jon Pearson** presented plaques to **Carl Johnson** and **David Peterson**, which recognized their years of service on the Council. Both served three terms (nine years) on the Council; Mr. Johnson from 2000-2008 and Mr. Peterson from 1999-2007. **Tex Lewis** noted that Carl has been very active in the community, most recently as President of the Central Kitsap School Board. **Natalie Bryson** noted that Dave was a charter member and first president of the Council, was very active in Kiwanis and serves as the County Clerk.

### **VI. Business Meeting**

- A. **The Doctors Clinic: Dr. Brian Wicks** introduced the clinic by noting that it was a multispecialty medical group, owned and operated by doctors, that was started in 1949 by four doctors from Bremerton. It currently has 75 physicians at eight sites, with a ninth, the Cavalon Center in Silverdale slated to open in March. The new

center will offer oncology, cardiology, facial plastic surgery and dermatology services. Overall, the Doctors Clinic has 345 full-time and 140 part-time employees, with revenues of about \$85 million. It is now implementing electronic health records, which, combined with email and digital imaging, will allow full access to patient records by any doctor at any group location. Future plans include doubling the size of its Bainbridge Island site and eventually adding some type of urgent care facility there, opening an urgent care practice at its Poulsbo site, and expanding its Silverdale Ridgetop site by up to 32,00 square feet.

**Greg Hunt** asked if the clinic would have occupational medicine capability. Dr. Wicks responded that they had just added a doctor for that service. **Roger Zabinski** asked if there were any plans to expand towards the Belfair/Shelton area. Dr. Wicks replied that that was not yet financially viable for the clinic. **Natalie Bryson** asked if there were any plans to provide pediatric services. Dr. Wicks said, “no, not right now.” **Michael Simpkins** wondered if there might be any future alliance with the military. Dr. Wicks replied that Tricare reimbursements were so low that Tricare patients were not viable for the clinic. **Greg Lynch** note that Tricare covered military retirees, too, and that, within Kitsap County, about 40% of the people in primary care and 50% of the people in hospital at any one time were military-related.

- B. **Kitsap Economic Development Alliance: Bill Stewart** began by noting that The Doctors Clinic was the sixth-largest private employer in the County. The unemployment rate in the county at the end of the year was 6.1%, up from 5.8% at the end of 2007. This is about 1 percentage point less than the Washington State rate. Building permits are at 50-60% of the level one year ago. Retail sales in unincorporated Kitsap County were down 16% in November from a year ago. Interestingly, new business license applications are up significantly everywhere. KEDA is a private, non-profit organization with a budget of about \$350K/yr. The Board of Directors numbers 40, equally split between private and non-profit organizations. They are working with KRCC to obtain better statistics for Kitsap (Kitsap vitals), which KEDA intends to use to benchmark against other, similar areas in the U.S. They need more support for the Kitsap 20/20 vision. KEDA is following very carefully how Federal dollars will come down for economic incentives. Washington should get about 2% of the total funds.

**Roger Zabinski** asked about the prospects for a venture capital forum in Kitsap. Mr. Stewart responded by noting that most VC firms are very independent and they specialize in certain narrow areas. West Sound Tech tried to do an “angel” investor event a few years ago – but there were not enough sign-ups to make it happen. **Tex Lewis** asked about the County’s assets and liabilities. Mr. Stewart replied that the work force is a big asset. Our biggest liability is something that we can’t do anything about locally – compared to Oregon, this state taxes materials and construction labor, which is a significant cost handicap for new investment.

- C. **The Illahee Subarea Plan Update: Jim Aho** said that the community had received the final boundaries for its Plan, as decided by the County Commissioners, who voted to adopt the Plan with the boundary changes. The primary change was the removal of the commercial strip along State Route 303. **Jim Sommerhauser** noted that the Illahee community was exceptional in backing up its views with studies and data that they at least partially paid for.

D. **Election of Officers: Carol Smiley** gave the report of the nominating committee. It proposed the following slate: President – Robert Moyer; Vice-President – Gary Lindsey; Secretary – Roger Zabinski; Immediate Past President – Jon Pearson; Members-at-Large – Richard Shattuck and Sue Fox (see attachment). **Jon Pearson** called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Following a motion to elect and a second, the slate was elected by unanimous vote.

## VII. Committee Reports

- A. **Parks: Roger Zabinski** noted that next Wednesday there would be an Echo Summit that would focus on the Puget Sound Partnership objectives. **Gary Lindsey** commented about recent developments on the Markwick property, including a meeting with Commissioner Bauer to discuss certain property issues. **Mary Earl** and **Tex Lewis** noted that there would be Clear Creek Trail work parties on January 23 and 31, “Salmon in the Classroom” in March and Earth Day coming in April. **Laura Fedorko** added information about the Anderson Hill Road overpass project. Painting is tentatively scheduled to begin in April; it’s weather-dependent. A contractor is being considered to apply the upper portion of the mural.
- B. **Economic Development and Land Use: Roger Zabinski** remarked that the Committee was looking for ways to support the Kitsap Regional Library. The next meeting of the Library board will be on Tuesday at 4:30 PM at the Sylvan Way branch.
- C. **Government Relations: Natalie Bryson** reported that she and several other members of the Council had attended a meeting today about the YMCA project on the Community Campus. BCRA has been contracted to do the master site planning and to design the “Y”. They will do specific site planning to locate the major activities planned for the site, including the “Y”, a new KRL branch and other community-oriented activities.

## VIII. By-Laws Amendments

Proposed amendments to Articles V and XVI of the By-Laws were read for the second time (see attachment). Upon a motion made and seconded, the changes were adopted unanimously.

## IX. Council Retreat

After discussion, it was agreed to hold the Council’s annual retreat on February 7 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Clear Creek Trail barn. **Mary Earl** volunteered to coordinate the session.

## X. Public Comment

**Jim Sommerhauser** stated that the Council needed to find a way to stay more closely in touch with what is going on in the County that affects the Central Kitsap area – and to get information earlier in the cycle. For example, regarding walkable communities, the phase 2 requirements have significant changes. Also, concerning the Waaga Way

Extension service roads, a decision is likely from the Commissioners in the next few weeks. Until this is decided, the area is under a development moratorium.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Jon Pearson** adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robert Moyer, Secretary