

Central Kitsap Community Council Minutes

Meeting of January 19, 2011

Location: Water and Fire District Community Room

Called to order by President Robert Moyer at 7:08 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Brody, Natalie Bryson, Mary Earl, Lucy Johnson, Tex Lewis, Robert Moyer, Jon Pearson, Richard Shattuck, Dennis Sheeran, Carol Smiley, Jerry Van Fossen, Kay W. Wilson

Absent: Sue Fox, Kericho Corry, Hank Mann-Sykes, Commissioner Josh Brown

Agenda for the meeting was adopted as presented

Minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting were adopted as presented

Correspondence/Announcements:

1. Carol Smiley announced that the Kitsap County Department of Public Works would conduct a meeting January 25 about the proposed roundabout for the intersection of Newberry Hill/Chico/Silverdale Way. She also noted that her brother had written an opinion piece in the CK Reporter promoting the idea of a third Highway 3 off-ramp to serve Silverdale that would tie in with an extension of Bucklin Hill Road.
2. Natalie Bryson announced that she had presented a cookie jar in the form of a fire hydrant to the staff of the Silverdale Water District to thank them for their support of the CKCC and for allowing us to use the community room for meetings.
3. Natalie Bryson announced that work on the new Trader Joe's store was scheduled to start the week of January 24 and that the store was expected to open by mid-April.

Public Comment:

Monica Phillips asked for CKCC support for the April 21 Family Fun Night.
The Council voted to reaffirm its support for the event.

Committee Reports:

Community/Government Relations Committee: Natalie Bryson said there was nothing new to report from that committee

Transportation Committee: Richard Shattuck also announced the January 25 public meeting on the Newberry/Chico/Silverdale Way proposed roundabout

Community Campus Committee: Carol Smiley said the committee had met Jan. 13 and would meet again on Jan. 27 and that discussions preliminary to creating design standards were continuing. The focus of the Jan. 27 meeting is to be on parking and pedestrian/bicycle/transit facilities on the campus. She noted that the committee still must discuss ideas for the village commons.

Presentations:

Dan Hannafious of the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group addressed the CKCC with a slide presentation that focused on three programs being pursued by the HCSEG.

- The first is a steelhead reintroduction effort that is attempting to restore the steelhead populations in a number of rivers and streams in the Hood Canal watershed, including Big Beef Creek. He noted that some steelhead will stay in fresh water streams while others will migrate into the canal and out into the ocean. Steelhead return to streams to spawn, like salmon, but unlike salmon they do not die upon spawning. Rainbow trout and steelhead are genetically identical.
- The second program Hannafious discussed is an ongoing hydraulic analysis of Big Beef Creek and planning underway to restore some of the original stream meanders in the lower part of the flood plain, just south of the estuary. The channelized creek is now more prone to flooding and damaging erosion because the force of high water flows is not dampened by the meanders that originally existed in the stream.
- Hood Canal Dissolved Oxygen was the third focus of his presentation. HCSEG has partnered with a number of agencies to help study, monitor and analyze the problem of low dissolved oxygen in Hood Canal, especially in the lower arm of the Canal, which has a much slower exchange of water than the northern part of Hood Canal. Variations in the amount of nitrogen in the water result in events where the amount of dissolved oxygen drops to the point where fish and other marine life are killed. About 90 percent of the nitrogen variation is due to a natural cycle, studies have concluded, but 10 percent is attributable to septic system effluent and nitrogen fixing by alder tree roots, which have taken over some areas in the watershed after fir and hemlock were logged or cleared for development. That extra 10 percent has pushed oxygen levels into the danger zone for marine life more frequently than it would have been under the purely natural nitrogen cycle, which has led researchers to conclude that there should be intensive efforts to educate the public about ways to reduce human contribution to the nitrogen load in Hood Canal.

Richard Hayes of Kitsap Transit had been scheduled to present information but did not attend the meeting.

Election of Officers:

The nominating committee of Natalie Bryson and Carol Smiley presented the following slate of officers to the CKCC for consideration:

President, Robert Moyer

Vice President, Richard Shattuck

Secretary, Jeff Brody

Members at large, Lucy Johnson and Dennis Sheeran

The nominating committee's recommendation was approved unanimously.
Jon Pearson also serves on the Council's Executive Committee as a past president of the council.

Discussion about Annual CKCC Retreat:

The council discussed three possible dates and four possible locations for the annual retreat. It was decided that the preferred date is February 5, 2011. The council was going to check on the availability of a meeting room at the Clearbook Inn. If that venue is not available, the preferred alternative site is the Island Lake Park meeting room.

Public Comment:

Linda Terry and Robin Jensen both said they were attending the meeting because they had seen that applications to fill a vacancy on the council were being solicited and they wanted to see more about what the council does.

Roger Zabinski, former CKCC member and now a Bremerton Port Commissioner, asked the CKCC to inquire of the county commissioners and the Kitsap Transit board about the status of a proposed park-and-ride lot for Kitsap Transit in Silverdale. He noted that there had been no action to establish such a facility, which is needed in the community, and wondered what had happened to plans to do so. He also asked the CKCC to consider how to help win support for a Kitsap Regional Library levy proposal or some alternative way to fund a new Silverdale library branch. He suggested the possibility of a county-wide levy plus supplemental regional levies in areas where new libraries would be built.

Adjournment:

The council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.