

Central Kitsap Community Council

2011 Annual Retreat Minutes

Feb. 5, 2011

Annual Retreat was called to order by CKCC President Bob Moyer at 9:21 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Red Barn Clubhouse at Country Meadows in Silverdale.

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

Absent: Kericho Corry, Hank Mann-Sykes, Jon Pearson

Discussion of CKCC Mission:

Bob Moyer reminded council members that the mission of the council is to promote a sense of community in Central Kitsap by identifying and conveying community concerns to the Board of County Commissioners and by advising CK citizens of the county's plans, policies and actions.

Report from Commissioner Brown:

Josh Brown told the council that he expects a transition between his first term, which focused on initiating projects in Central Kitsap, to a second term which focuses more on stressing good management of the county. Part of that focus includes comparing county salaries and benefits with the regular employment market in Kitsap rather than to county employees in other counties; and part includes getting ahead in thinking about how the county will evolve in providing general county services, urban services and rural services to residents. He suggested that over time the county will provide fewer urban services and expects that cities will expand or incorporate in their urban growth areas (UGAs) to meet the urban needs of residents who are now in unincorporated areas.

The commissioner suggested the CKCC consider the following issues:

1. How the redistricting of the three commissioner districts will affect communities, especially the need to avoid splitting communities between two districts.
2. The county may be given a very condensed time frame to respond to possible changes in the County's 2006 comprehensive land use plan, which could be requested by the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, based on its response to a state appeals court ruling that the Hearings Board had not correctly followed a State Supreme Court ruling regarding how density should be determined. The key issue is the required density in UGAs and how that will affect the size of the UGAs in the County. Both the Silverdale and Central Kitsap UGAs could be affected.
3. The council should continue to work with County Public Works on updates of the Transportation Improvement Plan.

4. The council should look at issues relating to the County's water resource policy, including the Silverdale LID retrofit plan (sewage treatment and stormwater runoff) and the raingarden program.
5. The council should continue its work in creating a master plan for the Silverdale Community Campus, where the Y is expected to open in June and the county continues to seek different options for management or redevelopment of the Poplars site and its tie-in with the Campus.
6. The council should consider how it might help the county explain the future of unincorporated areas within UGAs associated with existing cities. There remain pockets of unincorporated land within the Bremerton and Port Orchard city UGAs where the county finds increasingly expensive to provide the current levels of service. The commissioner said that deputies have to be pulled off of regular patrol patterns in CK and North Kitsap to respond to emergency calls in areas like Rocky Point and West Hills. That can affect service that CK residents expect to receive. In the long run, it makes much more sense for those areas to be part of a city. He said he expects the county to mount an education initiative to inform residents in those areas that they will be increasingly low on the county's priority list and are likely to receive a lower level of service in the future.

Discussion of Council Committees:

Richard Shattuck led a discussion of the council's committee structure, which currently has standing committees on Transportation Improvement, Government/Community Relations and the Community Campus, and established an ad hoc committee in 2010 on the Newberry Hill Heritage Park Master Plan.

The basic question he raised was whether the council should focus more on ad hoc "tiger teams" to take on specific issues in a specific time frame or keep more standing committees. Rich argued that the ad hoc committees have been most productive because they are goal-focused and short-lived.

A final decision on the structure of the committees was tabled until the council could move through its scheduled discussion of goals for 2011.

Review of 2010 goals:

Mary Earl led a discussion of the council's 2010 goals. She listed highlights of the year as the groundbreaking for the Y on the Community Campus, the beginning of work on the Community Campus Master Plan, the adoption of the Newberry Hill Heritage Park Master Plan and the opening of the Silverdale Dog Park.

Rich Shattuck added that he believed the council's involvement in the county's Transportation Improvement Plan process through the TIP committee was very successful.

Another success cited was the work underway on the community's welcome sign at the north end of Silverdale Way.

Council Goals for 2011:

The following were listed as goals for 2011 as the discussion continued:

1. Work to partner with the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce and with neighborhood associations throughout Central Kitsap as a way for the council to reach more CK residents

2. Continue to support the idea of building a new Silverdale branch of Kitsap Regional Library
3. Increase efforts to get council information published in the local newspapers
4. Find out what's happening with the long-awaited Kitsap Transit Silverdale park 'n' ride
5. Help promote an appropriate bus transfer point in Silverdale to replace the transfer point at the Kitsap Mall.
6. Advise the County Commissioners on Commissioner District boundary changes that affect Central Kitsap.
7. Offer advice, especially regarding the Silverdale and Central Kitsap UGAs, as the county reworks the 2006 comprehensive land use plan.

How to Accomplish the 2011 Goals:

Rich Shattuck commented that he believes the council has been most successful in the portion of its mission that deals with offering community advice to the county commissioners but has been least successful in fulfilling its mission to advise CK residents of county plans, policies and actions.

Mary Earl suggested that the council should use social networking tools to reach our more successfully to the community. A discussion ensued about how to do that, with members expressing a range of understanding about Facebook and other social networking tools. There was concern expressed about how flexible the council could be as a county agency in actively using social networking tools like Facebook. A tiger team was created to explore options. The team includes Mary Earl, Lucy Johnson and Dennis Sheeran.

It was agreed that the council should find a way to make more consistent use of the contact list prepared by the Government/Community Relations Committee.

Rich Shattuck proposed that the council should set a goal of meeting at least twice in 2011 at the home of a neighborhood association instead of at our normal meeting place. That idea was supported by consensus.

Tex Lewis proposed that each committee created should have a goal of recruiting at least one non-member of the council as its first action. That also was agreed to by consensus.

Rich Shattuck also proposed that each council member should pledge to present information about the CKCC or one of our projects to a community group at least twice in 2011. That also was met with consensus support.

Kay Wilson suggested that the council should start planning ahead about how it plans to structure the outreach at the Kitsap County Fair.

Further Discussion on Committee Structure:

The council by consensus agreed that the Transportation Improvement Plan Advisory Committee should also take on other transportation issues, like the question of the park 'n' ride lot in Silverdale and the bus transfer point.

It was agreed that the council should establish a team to focus on legislative issues facing the county, including the nuisance ordinance, redistricting and the county budget and bring ripe issues back to the full council, so that the council can carry out its county advisory role.

The group agreed that all members of the council should be briefed as soon as there is some direction given by the Growth Hearings Board on the 2006 Comp Plan case. Tex was assigned to

identify both council members and non-members who may wish to be involved in a citizen advisory committee on the comp plan changes.

Bob Moyer and Sue Fox volunteered to form a team on water issues.

The council decided to seek a briefing on UGA issues so members can help explain the issues to other people.

The council by consensus supported the idea of continuing the ongoing effort to improve welcome signage at entrances to Silverdale.

The council agreed that the tasks of working with the local newspapers and on communication with the public should remain a responsibility of the council president.

A discussion followed on what the council's role should be in the Silverdale incorporation debate. It was understood that incorporation may come to a vote as early as February 2012. Bob Moyer suggested that the CKCC executive committee be tasked with deciding how the council will proceed. Mary Earl suggested that the council ask for a briefing from the committee preparing the case for incorporation about March or April of 2011. Tex Lewis asserted that the council should be working to make sure that there is a real dialog on the incorporation issue, not just arguing the yes or no, but also exploring some of the integral issues, such as what form of city government a new city should adopt. Bob Moyer said the council needs to recognize that CK residents may expect CKCC to fill a role with incorporation that council members may not be anxious to take on ... but that we may have to anyway because of those expectations. It was agreed that CKCC should approach the Kitsap League of Women Voters to determine whether the LWV would be willing to partner with the community council to sponsor a forum or forums to assure that a good community discussion about the incorporation issue takes place. Bob agreed to reach out to the LWV and said that ultimately it's up to the parties interested in incorporation to decide if they are willing to engage in a public forum on the issue.

Discussion of the Structure of the CKCC Monthly Meetings:

Kay Wilson raised a question about how we structure the regular monthly meetings. She said she'd like to see more time set aside for the council to discuss issues and debate things like what role the council should play in informing the community about Silverdale incorporation. She said that time should be set aside for the council Tiger Teams to present their ideas and to get feedback. Bob said the CKCC Executive Committee would take up the issue of meeting structure and reallocating time at the regular meetings to allow more in-depth presentations and more council discussion of issues.

The retreat adjourned at 1:40 p.m.