

Central Kitsap Community Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 18, 2011

Location: Water and Fire District Community Room

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Moyer at 7:06 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Brody, Kericho Corry, Robin Jensen, Lucy Johnson, Tex Lewis, Robert Moyer, Richard Shattuck, Dennis Sheeran, Jerry Van Fossen, Kay W. Wilson, Commissioner Josh Brown

Absent: Natalie Bryson, Mary Earl, Sue Fox, Hank Mann-Sykes, Jon Pearson, Carol Smiley, Jim Thomas

Agenda was adopted as presented

Minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting were adopted as presented

Correspondence/Announcements:

Jessie Palmer of the YMCA announced the donor celebration for May 26 and the grand opening of the Y on June 1.

Ron Ross addressed the council about the county Department of Community Development issuing a letter to the Clear Creek Task Force warning that it had created a “dangerous structure” (repairing a bridge) on the Markwick property. Ross said the letter indicated the task force would have to obtain two permits that would cost at least \$7,000 and would have to un-do work that was done to replace an existing bridge that was dangerous in the first place. Tex Lewis said he was hesitant to criticize the county because they are “hamstrung by their own system.” Josh Brown indicated that the commissioners are not happy with the way the matter was handled and that he expected something to be done to improve the situation soon.

Josh Brown announced that the county had just signed an agreement to bring the Babe Ruth World Series to Kitsap County in 2012.

Josh Brown also said that the Kitsap Transit Board would be seeking a Puget Sound Regional Council grant to build a park and ride lot near the transit transfer station at Greaves Way.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Presentations:

Lori Raymaker the volunteer coordinator for Kitsap County Parks reported on the status of the Newberry Hill Heritage Park. The county is still awaiting the actual transfer of the last 350 acres of the park from the state Department of Natural Resources. That is expected to take place by the end of the year. But the county now has permission from the state to build and maintain trails even in the part of the park still owned by the state. She said the park stewardship group has worked to create a trail plan, with all trails being built to US Forest Service standards. The group has sought exemptions from the state to allow some trails in the southern part of the park to be open to horses and bicycles. Raymaker said she expects that exemption to be granted. She also reported that some Klahowya Secondary School students have been working many hours on signs for the trails, trail work and wetland surveying and delineation.

The Community Council then received presentations from representatives of three of the Central Kitsap port districts, Brownsville, Illahee and Silverdale, about their activities and plans for the future.

Brownsville — Jack Bailey, a port commissioner, and Jerry Rowland, the marina director, talked about the Port of Brownsville, which centers its activities on a 345-slip marina and boat launch. The port plans to expand its marina by about 40 more slips in the near future and has been experimenting with some new materials for docks. The port levies a 24 cent tax.

Illahee — Dennis Sheeran and Mike Mansky presented information about the Port of Illahee, which has a public dock at Illahee and owns some upland property. The port’s main aim is to promote interaction with the community, Mansky said. The Port received a grant to pay for a study of runoff problems affecting Illahee Creek. The port supports an Illahee work day in which volunteers work in the Illahee Preserve and clean up the roadsides in the community. The port levies a 10-cent tax.

Silverdale — The Port of Silverdale, represented by commissioner Lawrence Greaves, owns waterfront property in Silverdale including the dock and transient moorage as well as the boat ramp. The port just recently purchased another waterfront parcel to the west of the boat ramp that will eventually be used for human-powered boat access. The port is also preparing to install a new float where the boats used by the CK Sailing Club will be stored. The Port also owns several properties in Old Town Silverdale that it rents to tenants. The Port of Silverdale levies a 20-cent tax.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.