



**Central Kitsap Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Semi-Annual Town Meeting, June 22, 2011**  
Location: Island Lake County Park Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Moyer at 7:12 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff Brody, Mary Earl, Sue Fox, Robin Jensen, Lucy Johnson, Tex Lewis, Robert Moyer, Richard Shattuck, Dennis Sheeran, Carol Smiley, Commissioner Josh Brown

Absent: Natalie Bryson, Kericho Corry, Hank Mann-Sykes, Jon Pearson, Jim Thomas, Jerry Van Fossen, Kay W. Wilson,

Agenda was adopted as presented

Minutes of the May 18 meeting were adopted as presented

**Correspondence/Announcements:**

Tex Lewis reported a very successful United Way Day of Caring for volunteers on the Clear Creek Trail. Mary Earl reported that publicist Patty Graf-Hoke had succeeded in convincing a Seattle Times journalist to visit Kitsap and write stories featuring the Clear Creek Trail, Monica's Bakery and Elanden Gardens. Mary Earl also reported that the Clear Creek Task Force will be hosting a beach seining at the mouth of the creek on June 24.

Josh Brown reported that everyone on the council should be getting his e-mail newsletter and also that he is happy to include any community announcements we may wish to send him for the newsletter.

Carol Smiley reported that the Kitsap County Planning Commission would be having a public hearing on revisions to Title 16, the county's land division and development code on July 13.

Council members were also reminded that the CK Community Campus Design Committee would be meeting June 23 to further discuss the draft design standards for the campus site.

**Town Meeting:**

About four people attended the town meeting to hear from state legislators.

State Rep. Christine Rolfes, D-Bainbridge Island, was the only member of Kitsap's legislative delegation to appear for the Town Meeting. Rep. Rolfes reported that the Legislature had approved a state operating budget of roughly \$32 billion for the coming two-year period (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013). She said that had lawmakers done nothing to reduce spending, the state would have needed \$5 billion more than projected revenues to maintain the previous level of spending and services. After making those \$5 billion in reductions, she said, the budget represents a consolidation of the priorities of the whole state. It's balanced, and the state is not assuming more revenue will be available later to add back to what's been cut. She estimated that the budget would result in the loss of about 5,000 jobs in state and local governments and with non-profits that provide many of the social services the state supports.

She said the budget is "heart breaking" if you care about local schools, and "what we have today is what we'll have for several years."

In other areas of the budget, state parks will remain open only if the estimated number of people purchase the new Parks Pass (\$30 per year plus fees). If not, the state will close 8 parks next year and 12 the following year. She said the parks system and the Department of Natural Resources have to make a cultural shift and change the way they work to allow more of the needed work in parks and natural areas to be done by volunteers.

The state capital budget includes grants that helped fund the Silverdale Y and the Kingston Village Green Community Center.

A bill Rep. Rolfes sponsored to assure that there is adequate response to any oil spill in Puget Sound was passed and signed into law.

She admitted that the state is not any closer today than it has been for many years to a permanent solution to funding the ferry system. She did say that system reforms, especially the reworking of the ferry labor contract, resulted in between \$20 million and \$30 million in savings for the system, easing the immediate crisis for operating cash. But the system has only enough capital funds to build about one and one-quarter of the five new ferries it needs.

She said that Bremerton was incredibly lucky to be the fund for the Manette Bridge before all funding dried up. All new projects now are being funded by tolling.

Finally, she said the state economic forecasting has been woefully inaccurate four years in a row. The forecasting council has consistently overestimated revenues since the recession began.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.