

Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC)
April 8, 2008
Minutes

MEETING SUMMARY

The Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council (GHAAC) met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at the Greater Hansville Community Center. Judy Foritano, Council chair, presided.

29 members plus 2 proxies representing 32 groups attended along with 1 Kitsap County liaison person and 18 guests.

Two presentations were given. The first, by Phyllis Mann, Director, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management, highlighted disaster preparedness strategies recommended for Kitsap residents. The second, by Richard Dadisman, Design Manager, Kitsap County Department of Public Works, described work to take place this coming summer on Hood Canal Drive north of Hood Canal Place and also on Hansville Road, from just south of the casino to just north of the intersection with Ecology Road.

Other agenda items included a letter from Road Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) chair Patricia Pinkham reporting the disbanding of RSAC; Energy Committee chair Fred Nelson reporting on a proposed Puget Sound Energy (PSE) rate hike; update on proposed installation of a “Welcome to Greater Hansville “ sign at the intersection of Hansville and Eglon Roads; and Greater Hansville Planning Committee updates by chair Linda Redling.

Updates were also given on the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe’s development plans, the Hansville Greenway and Norwegian Point Park, the Eyer nuisance property, and current work of the Kitsap County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

During the Open Public Comment section, several residents expressed concern regarding need for improving communication of GHAAC activities, including the proposed installation of the new Greater Hansville sign.

The next GHAAC meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13th at 7 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center.

GHA Advisory Council meeting Minutes of can be found at www.hansville.org following their approval.

– Gerry Porter, Secretary pro-tem

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Welcome and Introductions

Judy Foritano welcomed all GHAAC members and guests. Council members introduced themselves, followed by the guests.

First Presentation: Phyllis Mann, Director, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management

Phyllis Mann gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the County's K-Prep program [K-Prep = Kitsap Practices Responsible Emergency Preparedness]. She was assisted by Susan May, Program Coordinator. The following points were highlighted:

- Hansville is a pilot project with the establishment of the Greater Hansville Community Center as an emergency shelter.
- "Neighbor helping neighbor" is the core of the County's Emergency Preparedness program.
- Each household is strongly encouraged to maintain a five – seven day food supply on hand in case of disaster.
- Earthquakes are the most likely disaster to befall Kitsap County.
- Each home owner is strongly encouraged to purchase earthquake insurance; this is especially important for those with mortgages and those who are retired on fixed-incomes.
- Authorized shelters must be inspected by County officials prior to opening following a disaster to ensure that damage has not occurred.
- The Puget Sound region is entirely within Seismic Risk Zone 3, with serious potential earthquake danger.

Earthquake history:

1909	6.0	Puget Sound
1918	7.0	Vancouver Island
1946	6.3	Puget Sound
1946	7.3	Vancouver Island
1949	7.1	Olympia
1965	6.5	Seattle/Tacoma
2001	6.8	Nisqually

Potential outside home damage to look for:

- Toppled chimneys
- Broken windows
- Collapsed porches
- Downed trees
- Houses off foundations (houses built after 1976 in Kitsap County are mandated to be bolted to the foundation)

Inside damage to look for:

- Toppled bookcases (tall pieces of furniture should be bolted to a wall)
- Toppled water heaters (water heaters should be strapped to the wall)
- Spilled cupboards (positive latches may help to keep cupboard doors closed)
- Broken glass
- Pictures off walls

Tsunamis:

- Moving to a position 25' above the waterline will provide safety from a tsunami
- "Go high to stay dry"

Drop, cover and hold

- Practice the "drop, cover and hold" maneuver in every room, getting under a table or other substantial piece of furniture if possible

Choose an out-of-state contact for you to call with information about your situation so that other members can call that person. This protects from the overloading of phone circuits in our local area.

Water and food supply

- Store one gallon water per person, per day in a dark place; rotate every 6 months
- Store food adequate for three meals per person per day for five-seven days

Basics to have on hand:

- First aid supplies
- Tools
- Prescription drugs and medications
- Eye glasses, hearing aids, denture adhesive
- Valuables inventory, insurance information, and copies of other important documents

Know how to turn off utilities: propane, electricity, & water

On April 22nd at 9:45 am, a County-wide Disaster Preparedness Drill will be held to practice "drop, cover and hold." A full disaster preparedness drill is planned for the 3rd or 4th Saturday in September.

Department of Emergency Management telephone: 360-307-5871. Use this number to report an emergency and/or the conditions in your local area. Website: www.kisapdem.org At the website you may sign up for the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management's "Alert, Warning and Public Information Program."

Second Presentation: Richard Dadisman, Design Manager, Kitsap County Department of Public Works

Richard Dadisman presented an overview of two North Kitsap road improvement projects to take place in coming months.

- (1) Hood Canal Drive, from Hood Canal Place north to Ponderosa
 - Goal is straightening of horizontal and vertical curves
 - Installation of two 11' travel lanes, with 6' of paved shoulders (similar to Little Boston Road from Hansville Road to Cliffside Road)
 - Work to begin the end of May, continuing until the beginning of October
 - Road to be closed for about a month – probably during July-August – for the installation of a new culvert
 - Except for this closure period, two traffic lanes will be maintained
 - A new water line will also be installed during construction

- (2) Hansville Road, from south of the casino entrance to just north of Ecology Road
 - Goal is improved traffic "channelization"
 - Two turn lanes will be installed, one at the casino and one at Ecology Road
 - Two 11' travel lanes will be installed, with an 8' shoulder
 - Work will begin the end of May with an end of September target date for completion
 - Two traffic lanes will be maintained during the commuter hours of 6-9 am and 4-7 pm

A question was raised about re-construction of Cliffside Road from Little Boston Road to Hood Canal Drive. This work is scheduled for 2010.

In response to a question regarding possible road re-construction to take place in the Driftwood Key neighborhood, Richard said that no capital improvements in this neighborhood are currently scheduled for the current six-year planning horizon. Those interested in requesting improvements may be in touch with Jim Rogers at 360-337-3777 to request a Project Evaluation to be added to the Transportation Improvement Plan.

March 11th Minutes

The March 11, 2008 Minutes were **approved** as previously distributed.

New GHAAC Representative Area

Jerry Ulsund, who has been representing the Driftwood Key neighborhood introduced Gene Borgomainerio chosen by the Driftwood Key Board to represent the Driftwood Key neighborhood. Jerry proposed the formation of a new area to be called "Areas North and

South of Driftwood Key” encompassing the area between Driftwood Key and Shorewoods and the area north of Driftwood Key to Twin Spits Road on both sides of Hood Canal Drive.

Laurie Wiegenstein, guest, asked (1) whether or not the people living in the new area had been consulted/advised about the proposed change to their representation, and (2) why Jerry Ulsund would be their representative as he does not live in their neighborhood.

Jerry Ulsund will serve as the GHAAC representative from this area until such time as the residents may choose an official representative.

It was **Moved, Second, and Voted** (with one abstention) to approve the formation of a new GHAAC area for representation. It was noted by Fred Nelson that this action increases the GHAAC membership from 31 to 32 members.

Road Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC)

Patricia Pinkham, RSAC chair, read a letter addressed to the Council from the RSAC. The letter reports that in informal conversations among RSAC members, the majority share the opinion that the current committee be disbanded. [See copy of letter attached to these Minutes]

Patricia expressed appreciation to the RSAC members for their very good work. The Council also expressed appreciation by applause.

Energy Committee

Fred Nelson reported two matters pertaining to Puget Sound Energy (PSE):

- (1) PSE has filed a formal request for residential customers in the amount of 11.66% effective November 1, 2008. The chair of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has stated that the proposed rate hike is unacceptable.

Residential customers can expect to receive notification of this proposed rate hike in a forthcoming utility bill. Public hearings are scheduled for May and June. Visit the PSE website for further details; information is also posted there for how to submit comments on the proposed General Rate Increase: www.pse.com/Pages/default.aspx or www.utc.wa.gov/comment

- (2) PSE expects to receive a \$20 million rebate from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to be credited to residential customers.

Greater Hansville Sign Project

Jerry Ulsund reported that there is an early May target date for installation of the Greater Hansville sign at the intersection of Hansville and Eglon Roads.

In response to a question about how the sign project originated, Judy Foritano responded that this is an outgrowth of the Futures Project which encouraged designation of the area north of Eglon and Little Boston Roads as Greater Hansville.

Planning Committee

Linda Redling reported that the Greater Hansville Planning Committee will next meet April 15th at 7:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center. The third Tuesday of each month has been determined as the regular meeting date. There are now over 50 members of the Committee.

Jim Bolger said that the agenda for the next meeting includes development of a public participation strategy as well as neighborhood boundaries.

Registration of GHAAC Representatives by Member Organizations

Linda Redling called attention to the GHAAC By-law requirement that member organizations must register their representative each year to have a voting privilege. A letter to each member organization will be forthcoming requesting this action.

Nominating Committee

Linda Redling noted that a Nominating Committee is in process of formation in accordance with GHAAC Article IX, Section 1:

A slate of officer candidates shall be chosen by a Nominating Committee by April, with additional nominations accepted from the floor. Officers shall then be elected by a vote of the GHAAC by May.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Doug Quade reported on the status of the Tribe's development plan for the Point-No-Point Casino. It is anticipated that construction will begin this summer. In response to a question regarding whether or not the proposed plans are available for inspection by the public, Doug replied "No." Later in the meeting, he added that the plan development is currently in a sensitive period regarding the casino expansion, and that there will be opportunities for public review later this spring.

The final plan will also be presented to a GHAAC meeting. In response to a question about the proposed hotel, Doug responded that the hotel is planned for a later phase of development.

Hansville Greenway and Norwegian Point Park

Patrick Leuner and Sid Knutson reported that volunteers are needed to assist in developing Norwegian Park plans. The next planning meeting will be held April 29th at 6:30 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center. Visit the Kitsap County Parks and Recreation website at www.kitsapgov.com/parks/ for more information and to submit comments regarding the future of the Park. You may also send comments to Norpoint@co.kitsap.wa.us and see comments made thus far.

Eyer Nuisance Property

Jim Bolger reported that there is no news regarding progress of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in seeking a Court order for access to the Eyer property.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Kinley Deller reported that the SWAC is continuing to work on updates to the 5-year comprehensive plan, currently focusing on moderate risk waste.

Currently, latex paint disposal accounts for over half the hazardous waste re-cycling budget. For information regarding disposal of Household Hazardous Waste and other material visit the County's Solid Waste Division website at www.kitsapgov.com/sw/

Allen Otto volunteered that the Hansville Auto Repair will take motor oil, antifreeze, and gasoline for recycling.

New Issues

Tony Atkinson expressed frustration with a perceived lack of GHAAC position and comment concerning the proposed Olympic Property Group (OPG) development plans, along with other issues affecting the North End. Judy Foritano and Linda Redling responded that responsibility for this work resides with the Planning Committee. The Committee is relatively new and still getting organized. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Open Public Comment & Announcements

- (1) Appreciation was expressed to DeeAnn Stiles, outgoing editor of *The Log*.
- (2) Barbara Fox expressed frustration for the GHAAC's lack of communication with constituents and the lack of seeking input from local residents before making decisions.
- (3) Jean Connolly expressed concern for how GHAAC members may effectively communicate with constituents. She represents a relatively un-organized neighborhood without formal communication channels in place. She asked that time be given at a GHAAC meeting for discussion of ways by which communication ties may be strengthened.
- (4) Judy Roupe requested suggestions about ways to engage her constituents and to strengthen communications.
- (5) Lynn Hix called attention to the following forthcoming events:
 - a. On April 14th at 7:00 pm, the Board of County Commissioners will recognize the Hansville Community Center for its work over the years in participating in the Adopt-a-Road program coordinated by Esther Wender.
 - b. The Hansville Community Center Semi-annual Book Sale will be held Friday, April 11th, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and on Saturday, April 12th, from 10 am – 3:00 pm.
 - c. The Hansville Arts and Crafts Guild Studio Tour will be held April 25th from 10 am – 4:00 pm.

- (6) Eglon resident Marion Kling read a letter addressed to Commissioner Bauer stating concerns voiced by a significant number of Eglon residents. [See copy of letter attached to these Minutes.]
- (7) Becky Ellison gave a brief history of the Futures Project leading to the Greater Hansville Area concept.
- (8) Gary Paulson stated that the Futures Project information was generated by a community-wide questionnaire, the results then reported back to the community.
- (9) Frank Fox expressed frustration with the lack of an effective GHAAC communications strategy.
- (10) Sid Knutson said that he didn't understand why people don't seem to know what is happening, given reports in The Log, Herald, Kingston Community News, and the Kitsap Sun.
- (11) Max Polin said that it is impossible to represent the wide-ranging opinions of his constituency; he just wants GHAAC to engage in constructive progress without bickering.
- (12) Diane Harvey expressed amazement at the authority given to GHAAC by the County Commissioners. She needs an explanation of GHAAC's rationale and how planning takes place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15th, at 7:00 pm at the Greater Hansville Community Center. Fred Nelson, vice-chair, will preside in the absence of Judy Foritano.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Porter, Secretary pro-tem

Attachments (2)

Attachment #1

To: Greater Hansville Advisory Council

From: Road Safety Advisory Committee

In informal conversations with RSAC members, the majority share the opinion that we disband our current committee. We feel that the importance of current and long range road safety issues as well as education and enforcement in our area has not diminished. However, we also feel that the present climate is not conducive to meeting/working as a committee in our current form.

The GHAAC Planning Committee's purpose encompasses the longer range road issues in our area. Therefore, road safety may best be served by having our interested members join the Planning Committee. For the more immediate issues that arise, the GHAAC, as they deem necessary, may form a committee to address those specific issue-oriented purposes.

We thank the members of the Greater Hansville Advisory Council for their support of the RSAC's activities, programs and proposals that have helped make our neighborhoods safer by implementing the goals and visions of the Futures Planning Committee.

Patricia Pinkham, chair

April 8, 2008

Attachment #2

March 31, 2008

Dear Commissioner Bauer,

The following subjects need to be brought to your attention, addressed, and corrected to prevent another divisive and contentious situation from erupting in the Eglon and Hansville communities.

Various groups in Hansville are making decisions and taking actions that are deeply upsetting to the Eglon community. The majority of Eglon residents were not informed nor, as a fact, were not asked to give their input about these actions.

The actions taken by these Hansville groups causing distress and anger are:

Firstly, calling Eglon the Greater Hansville Area. Eglon does not want to be labeled the Greater Hansville Area. If you and the Hansville groups would refer to the 1990 Community Planning document for the Eglon Community under policies, it is stated, "The Eglon community is to be considered as a separate community". The citizens of Eglon continue to feel this way. Eglon's history began in 1864. Eglon's citizens pride themselves on this long history, the

community's unique qualities, and their determination to remain a distinctive community_

Kindly, do not be condescending, as some in these groups have been, in saying, "You are still Eglon, even with the label saying you are a part of the Greater Hansville Area." Most Eglon residents disagree with this statement.

The second issue causing Eglon residents to be extremely upset and irate is the decision by the Hansville groups to place a sign at the Eglon Corner that states - **Welcome to the Greater Hansville Area**. The majority of Eglon residents were not aware of this plan for a sign and upon hearing of it were, as stated above, deeply upset and angry. The Hansville Sign Committee was urged to put the sign placement on hold until the Eglon community was polled and the results passed on to the proper authorities. It appears the Sign Committee is ignoring this request by Eglon residents.

The third issue of concern is the mapping of "neighborhoods" in Eglon by some group without knowledge of or input from the larger Eglon community.

The northern boundary of Eglon is NE 360th Street - Weaver's Pass. When Eglon residents living north of Eglon Road found themselves being labeled the Hansville Road Neighborhood on the Hansville Planning Area map, they were incensed. These citizens are Eglon residents. They do not want a label arbitrarily decided by a group that apparently does not know the history and geography of the Eglon area.

To review:

Eglon does not want to be designated a part of the Greater Hansville Area, Eglon does not want a sign at the Eglon Corner that says **Welcome to the Greater Hansville Area**, and Eglon does not want to have sections renamed and labeled with names other than Eglon.

A way to resolve these three disruptive issues would be to eliminate/remove Eglon from the Greater Hansville Area label/designation, to place the controversial sign at NE 360th Street or elsewhere, and to remove the "neighborhood" designations - as they appear on the Hansville Planning Area map - from Eglon.

A more intensely determined effort to improve communications in our communities is in order. Citizens need to be fully informed and their input obtained before decisions are made.

Sincerely,

Marion Kling Eglon resident

