

**Present:**

Ryan Wixson, *Vice Chair*

Jay Christian

Monica Downen

David Emmons

Kristen Fabry

Donna Hart

Gretchen Ritter- Lopatowski

Wendy Kile

Caleb Reese

Neal Gaulden

Kate Lawrence

Paula Wildes

Renee Overath

**Absent:** Brandon Myers, Mark Hughes, Pete Wimmer, Sarah Philley Obert

**Meeting Called to Order**

- Roll Call
- *Vice Chair Wixson* called meeting to order 5:00.
- Agenda and August 7 Minutes were approved as presented.

**New Business**

- Richard Becker, Veteran Programs Coordinator with Kitsap County Department of Human Services, provided an overview of the programs and services available to veterans in Kitsap County. Richard went into detail on each of the major activities supported by the Veterans Advisory Board. These Include:
  - Veterans Assistance Fund
  - Unforgotten Run to Tahoma
  - Spring and Fall Stand Downs
  - Veterans Garden
  - Operation Green Light

Richard also provided information on a pilot project to host a Veteran’s Resource Center, which is in partnership with Olympic College and co-located with the college Military and Veteran Programs office. It’s a place for all veterans to receive information about their benefits and apply for access to the Veterans Assistance Fund. Eviction Prevention and Rent assistance continues to dominate VAF expenditures.

**Committee Report**

CKCC Community Center Committee Co-Chairs, Donna Hart and Renee Overath, provided an update on the Committee’s activities over the summer. This included several site visits to other community centers in Kitsap County, as well as looking at several vacant buildings in the Silverdale area. The Council and audience were asked to complete a short survey, and the results will be brought back to the October CKCC meeting.

**Public Comments**

- Community members were given 2 minutes to provide comments to the council and speakers.

**Announcements**

- *Commissioner Walters* noted that she will not be able to attend next month's meeting and Commissioner Rolfes will represent the Commissioner's office in October.

**Meeting Adjourned**

- *Vice Chair Wixson* adjourned the meeting at 6:30. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for October 2.