

Present:

Ryan Wixson, *Chair*
Kristen Fabry, *Secretary*
Caleb Reese
Paula Wildes
Donna Hart
David Fergus
Kane Fenner

Absent:

Sarah Philley Obert, *Vice Chair*
Jay Christian
David Emmons
Neal Gaulden
Brandon Myers
Wendy Kyle
Gretchen Ritter-Lapatowski
Kate Lawrence
Lauren Heidt

County Representatives

Christine Rolfes, County Commissioner
James Bunn, *Policy Analyst*

Meeting Called to Order

- Ryan Wixson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02pm via ZOOM. James Bunn facilitated the meeting via ZOOM adding CKCC members and Commissioner Rolfes as Panelists with full unmuting/muting capability. James allowed ample opportunity for community members to speak or comment when they pushed their “raised hand” button. In all, there were 34 people online for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes:

- Paula Wildes moved to approve the June 4th Council agenda and May 7th Minutes and David Fergus seconded it. The Council voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Recognition

New Business

Year of the Rural: James Bunn presented the Year of Rural slide that can be found at: kcowa.us/year-of-the-rural. There are three upcoming presentations and workshops. The Kitsap Council workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 25th at Kitsap Fairgrounds Eagle’s Nest from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP): Presented by **Melissa Mohr** and **David Forte**. The TIP is a 6-year plan for transportation “Capital” improvement projects, and each line item must have funding source tied to it. It is a biannual cycle for grants. Funding sources come from property tax, fuel, and misc. Transportation Impact Fees come from new subdivisions and new grocery stores, etc.... Grants may also be sought. Kitsap County Public Works is always seeking new project identification, especially ones related to public safety improvement. There are 20 or so categories including congestion, safety, improvement, fish

passage and culverts. Projects are scored and ranked. Ongoing projects include Silverdale sidewalk repaving, Ridgetop 3 phases, and traffic signal software optimization. CK McWilliams Roundabout failed to get a grant as did Newberry/Dicky/Eldorado. Another grant application is in progress. Anderson Hill will undergo a traffic study and future conditions (thru 2044) report from CKHS to Apex Airport Rd. David Forte announced that these reports will be available to the public in 2-3 weeks via www.kitsap.gov/pw and TIPS may be submitted via <http://kcowa.us/tip>

The council and public were allowed time to ask questions after the briefing.

-Paula Wildes asked about what can be done in the interim for the Newberry Hill traffic situation given the grant failure and what the timeline would be. Next opportunity for notification is late November. Project Pages will be updated. Once approved, any improvement would be at least 3 years out until construction once preliminary engineering, permitting, etc... are complete.

-Carlos Jara echoed similar concerns and challenges with Eldorado/Dicky/Newberry Hill and requested if a stop sign could be installed in the interim to protect new drivers, teens.

-Beth Anderson was concerned with Biking safety in the interim while all these studies are taking place particularly with the high speeds of some vehicles on these roads.

-Dave Jones asked what legislative districts are doing in regard to these grant failures in our community.

-Commissioner Rolfes suggested reaching out to District 23 and 35 to voice concerns. She also explained how the funding is competed. She said it is a long shot to compete and get funding approved but offered to help coach if the community wanted to submit.

Old Business

Committee Reports / Announcements

- Donna Hart provided an update on the Community Center Council. They meet monthly online and have a 9-member council. The goal is to convene as a community center in a physical location by July 4th, 2026. The 501c3 paperwork will be filed in June and a board has been established. Their first meeting as a Board will be June 10th. They are still seeking future meeting sites and are starting a business plan. The subcommittee meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 4pm via Zoom.
- Keep an eye out for Port-to-Port Pop-Up Ferry opportunities to/from Silverdale and Bremerton.
- Paula Wildes, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, provided a debrief on the Engagement Plan for the upcoming year to potentially include increased waterfront holiday lighting. The Engagement Committee met earlier this evening and discussed future events and most importantly the PURPOSE of engagement within our community. Current District

3 events include: 2nd Annual Old Town Daffodil Festival (proposed date March 21st 2026, 1-4pm), Whaling Days (July), Silverdale Concert Series (CKCC/Commissioner Walters will host one Wednesday again!), Crosby Days (August 9th), Kitsap County Fair (August), Silverdale Tree Lighting (December), Tracyton Tree lighting (December). There was also discussion regarding CKCC presence at future Summertime Farmer's Markets (Seabeck, Silverdale)

- Go to Kitsap.gov to sign up for newsletters and digests!

Commissioner Rolfes update

Commissioner Rolfes had nothing additional to add beyond her much-appreciated engagement during the meeting

Public Comment

- It was noted early in the meeting that many community members had not received the notification regarding the short notice shift to virtual tonight so our Chair, Ryan Wixson drove out to the CKFR site to talk to those individuals in person and explain the reason the meeting had to be shifted on short notice to virtual due to safety concerns.
- Irene Overath announced free tire recycling opportunities. It is an annual event at the Kitsap Fairgrounds on June 9th and 10th with a limit of 15 tires per household.
- Michael Korsnes – expressed concern with safe walkways to schools specifically requesting help with funding for Anderson Hill Road where he has witnessed excessive speeding and is concerned about mitigation given traffic increase and growth.
- Dave Forte-mentioned that "Safe Routes to School" is the most competitive grant process and counties are usually considered a lower priority. The burden is to show high levels of walkers on the route.
- Tabitha – announced the 76th annual Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by the Silverdale Rotary and the Dandelions. They are seeking to raise \$10k to get the live tree back into shape.

Council Announcements

- Our next meeting will be August 6th.
- Sunset Concerts on Old Town Waterfront begin July 30th through the end of August from 6:30-8pm. Commissioner Walters and CKCC will sponsor one.

Meeting Adjourned

- Ryan Wixson, Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fabry CKCC 2025 Secretary