

Present:

Ryan Wixson, *Chair*
Kristen Fabry, *Secretary*
Brandon Myers
Caleb Reese
David Emmons
David Fergus
Kane Fenner
Gretchen Ritter-Lapatowski
Jay Christian
Paula Wildes
Lauren Heidt
Wendy Kile

Absent:

Sarah Philley Obert, *Vice Chair*
Neal Gaulden
Kate Lawrence
Donna Hart

County Representatives

Anne Williams, *Policy Analyst*
Katie Walters, *County Commissioner*

Meeting Called to Order

- Ryan Wixson, Chair called the meeting to order at 5pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- *Caleb Reese moved to approve the 2 April Council agenda. The Council voted and the motion passed unanimously.*

Community Recognition

- Commissioner Walters recognized the Daffodil Festival volunteers for their efforts in hosting the first annual Old Town Silverdale Daffodil Festival. Gay and Ken McCray were honored and shared the history of the daffodil festival and the planting of the 12,000 bulbs with the help of community volunteers. Numerous other community volunteers and businesses were personally thanked and acknowledged for their efforts in making the First Annual Silverdale Daffodil Festival with an estimated 400 attendees on Saturday, March 29th a huge success! The CKCC Community Engagement Team, chaired by Paula Wildes, was also acknowledged for their efforts in pulling this event together in 3 ½ weeks.

New Business

- Nathan Daniels, Executive Director of Great Peninsula Conservancy, provided an overview of the conservancy. GPC is a private, independent, non-profit land trust founded in 2000. Their focus is to be the caretaker for our land – with the mission to conserve, steward, and connect the community. GPC works with 6 local tribes and manages 142 properties across 3,679 acres. Amongst numerous other projects, GPC supports the Salmon in the Classroom Program serving 23 schools and 1,134 students releasing 2,046 salmon. GPC recently took over trail management and responsibility of the Clear Creek Trail from the Clear Creek Task force after their 25-year agreement expired. GPC and Kitsap County are currently

negotiating a new Joint Use Agreement. Nate encouraged volunteers to join the new Clear Creek Trail Team and to reach out to “SeeClickFix” if they see anything wrong on the trail. Nate fielded numerous questions on preserving the Barn’s history, hands-on displays, and children’s nature programs, as well as expanding trail parking at Peterson Farms area near Trigger Avenue.

- Becca Bolettieri from Bucklin Tracyton Regional Stormwater Facility provided an introduction of the new \$4.4M (est.) capital project designed to improve water quality and drainage across 72.5 acres of commercial and residential development. Community members were encouraged to attend and share their feedback at the upcoming April 17th meeting at CKFR and Silverdale Water District Offices. Project updates will also be available at: kcowa.us/bucklintracyton. Matthew Oxford fielded a question from the council regarding location selection (which had to be adjacent to the basin and on county land). Bike lanes will be incorporated, and minimal parking will be available on site.

Old Business

- Discussion amongst committee members to move our CKCC meeting night to the 3rd or 4th Wednesday to avoid conflict with Greendrinks. The motion was pulled and will be disregarded as the timing conflict is no longer as relevant.
- Community engagement – council members show up earlier, stay later to engage with community. A recommendation was made to discuss this in more detail next month.
- Roy Wildes and Renee Overath provided an update on the Community Center. The newly created “Silverdale Community Foundation,” is in process of finalizing by laws, nonprofit application, and seeking board members. Ideally it will be central to Silverdale, have adequate parking, access to bus lines, meeting rooms, etc... The plan is still in the development stage with a stated purpose of creating a place to come together (A place for Silverdale Seniors to gather and socialize and for Teens to have meaningful interaction. Also, break out rooms and an event center for the community and service groups to host functions, etc...). The plan is to pursue a dual path: 1. Identify an immediate rental for use (have no funding at this point – seeking funding stream), and 2. Long term seek to buy or build (as participation increases).
- Future Committee Reports: Comprehensive Plan Committee, PROS Plan Committee, CAO Committee

Announcements

- Council Announcements: Paula Wildes, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, will provide a debrief on the Daffodil Festival and Engagement Plan for next year to include a Christmas Event.
- Go to [Kitsap.gov](https://kitsap.gov) to sign up for newsletters and digests!

Commissioner Walters update

The Silverdale Center Plan will kick off in May. The goal is to reduce 9 design districts down to 3. The plan will project what Silverdale will look like, what public buildings are needed, and where are the gaps. Senior planners are working with the Consultant who was hired. Ryan Wexson referenced the 2020 Comprehensive Plan which has some of these details and encouraged community members to provide input.

Public Comment

Mary Earl, Clear Creek Trail and Salmon in the Classroom volunteer, past President of Whaling Days, stood up to promote the importance of volunteering in the community. Not only is it good for the community, our environment, and our neighbors, it also is good for your own mental health and emotional well-being.

Council Announcements

Wendy Kyle announced that the Kitsap Community Library is Celebrating its 80th Anniversary. Passport booklets and stamps are available at each of the 9 branches. The Mug hunt starts Saturday – find a token and turn it in to get a mug. Items are also available for purchase online.

Jay Christian updated the community on Fire Station 51's Open House April 26th 11am to 1pm. Additionally, Fire Station 41 will now be a full replacement vice a remodel. CKFR is saving money by using the same template for all the new fire stations.

Commissioner Announcement - a consultant was hired to support CK school district event Thursday April 17th 6-8pm called "Hidden in Plain Sight." A teen room will be set up to help parents and caregivers be more aware of what can be going on in a youth's life by knowing what to look for.

Our next meeting will be May 7th with an update from St Michael's Medical Center

Meeting Adjourned

- Ryan Wixson, Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fabry CKCC 2025 Secretary