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# Resolution <u>233-</u>/998

# **Establishing the Central Kitsap Community Council and Appointing Members**

WHEREAS, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners advocates public participation and supports and encourages citizen involvement in all matters of County government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce, the Silverdale Growth Management Advisory Committee and others see a need to enhance citizen-to-County communication; and

WHEREAS, an unincorporated community council can augment communication because it provides a formally defined representative body with which a County can discuss items of mutual concern and explore mutually agreeable solutions.

WHEREAS, the Silverdale Growth Management Advisory Committee was charged to facilitate town meetings for residents of the Central Kitsap area to discuss the role and composition of an advisory committee and procedures that the committee should follow to fulfill that role, and based on the results of said meetings, to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding the membership, terms, organization and procedures for the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee has submitted to the Board of Commissioners its recommendations regarding the creation of a Central Kitsap Community Council, including purpose, geographic boundaries, representation, terms and duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners are empowered to create advisory boards such as unincorporated area community councils by their general governmental powers with which county legislative bodies are vested

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seeks the advice and assistance of its citizens to develop a dynamic comprehensive plan to guide the physical, economic and community development of Kitsap County for the next 20 years, to establish goals and policies to use in evaluating future land use and growth management decisions, and to ensure it is consistent with the provisions of the Washington State's Growth Management Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that a Central Kitsap Community Council is established to enhance communication between Kitsap County government and the citizens of the area. The Council is established under the provisions set forth in Attachment #1, Central Kitsap Community Council. In addition, the Board appoints the following individuals, listed on

Attachment #2, CKCC membership roster, to serve on the Council..

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# CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### Introduction

The Central Kitsap Community Council will be an advisory body created by the Board of County Commissioners. It will be an appointed body that will represent the citizens of Central Kitsap County. Its mission will be to review and make recommendations on growth management issues such as: land use and zoning, public utility service delivery, transportation improvements, parks and recreation, design standards, public safety, taxes and fees, environmental protection and other related matters. The Council will function like a planning commission in that it is asked to take the big picture, long range view. It will not be asked to take on hearing examiner type responsibilities, review and approval of land use application or project level approvals. The BOCC recognizes the importance of existing community groups. The creation of this Community Council is not intended in any way to diminish their participation and recognition by Kitsap County.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Central Kitsap Community Council will promote a sense of community by identifying and conveying concerns and issues related to the community to the Board of County Commissioners, and advise the citizens of the County's plans, policies and actions.

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### **Purpose**

To provide enhanced citizen to County communication to the Central Kitsap area by providing a formally defined representative body with which the county can discuss items of mutual concern and explore mutually- agreeable solutions. The Central Kitsap Community Council is to:

- Facilitate and improve communication among the Central Kitsap community and the County Commissioners.
- Promote a sense of community.
- Advise the Board of County Commissioners and government agencies of the desires and concerns of the community.
- Bring to the Central Kitsap community issues and projects of the County and convey the community response as requested by the Board of Commissioners.
- Promote representation for Central Kitsap citizens on the Kitsap Regional
   Coordinating Council.

#### **Boundaries**

The proposed Community Council boundaries are all the territory in the Central Kitsap School District minus the land within the City of Bremerton. It is expected that these boundaries may change over time based on community discussion and comment,

## Representation

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The Council will be composed of fifteen members. In appointing the Council,

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consideration will be given to areas of interest, geographic mix and gender balance. The following list of areas of interest is meant to be examples and not inclusive: Schools, Youth, Business, Home Owners, Service Clubs, Senior Citizens, Military, Environmental, Recreation.

Members will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, just as other boards and commissions are appointed. Members should be residents of the Central Kitsap area and registered voters. The intent is to have representation from a diverse cross-section of the community and a geographic mix. Members would be expected to bring issues of interest to the Council, and relay discussions and positions back to the community and the County.

As part of the appointment process, residents interested in serving on the council will apply to the BOCC. Potential members will be interviewed to assess their general familiarity with local government structure and issues, and to express their personal interest in gaining such an appointment.

The initial terms of service will be one year for 5 members and three years for 10 members. Once revolving terms have been established, all terms will be for three years.

The Board will have the option to re-appoint members. The Council members will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

#### Status

The Community Council will serve as a citizen advisory body to the BOCC.

They will be empowered to recommend but not to make ultimate decisions regarding any matter of public policy, procedure, or regulation

#### **Duties**

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The Council will have three key functional duties 1) to serve as an official communication body between the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Central Kitsap. 2) to assist with area wide planning and land use matters, and 3) to advise the BOCC on the expenditure of capital improvement funds within the boundaries of the Council's area. 4) and other tasks as assigned by the Board.

### **Meeting Location and Times**

Meetings of the Council should be held at a time, place and manner to facilitate public participation. The Council shall establish a process and procedures to conduct its meetings.

# **Annual Meeting with Board of County Commissioners**

The BOCC and the Council should have an annual meeting to review topics of common concern and discuss ways to refine the process. The Council should sponsor at least 2 community meetings annually.

# **Staff Support**

The County will provide staff support to the Council.

# ROSTER OF APPOINTEES TO THE CENTRAL KITSAP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- 1. ERIN BIERTZER
- 2. NATALIE E. BRYSON
- 3. HELEN V. DALY
- 4. MARY E. HARRIS-TUCKER
- 5. L. BLAINE HIGHFIELD
- 6. HANK MANN-SYKES
- 7. SEWART (SKIP) NORDAL
- 8. DAVID W. PETERSON
- 9. NAOMI K. PURSEL
- IO. DARYL R. SCHRUHL
- 11. KEN SLEASMAN
- 12. MARK P. SWEENEY
- 13. CARL J. TONGE
- 14. KAY W. WILSON
- 15. JOHN C. SLEDD