

Members:	Absent:
Jay Christian	Jay Christian
David Emmons	
Kristen Fabry, Vice Chair 2026	
David Fergus	
Neal Gaulden	Neal Gaulden
Donna Hart, Secy 2026	
Wendy Kyle	
Sarah Philley Obert, Chair 2026	
Caleb Reese	
Gretchen Ritter-Lopatski	Gretchen Ritter-Lopatski
Deputy Dave Wolner (Not yet sworn in)	
Paula Wildes	
Ryan Wixson	Ryan Wixson
Students:	
Garth Steedman III	Garth Steedman
Kyle Bardwell	

- A. Call to Order:** Sarah Obert-Philley, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.
1. Caleb Reese made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from February 4, 2026. Seconded by Kristen Fabry. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Commissioner Walters spoke about the meeting that was held regarding the Rolling Green Golf Course. An RFP for management of the course is being solicited. Commissioner Walters also spoke about the Gordon Park master plan and the Daffodil Festival to be held March 21st from 1-4 PM at the waterfront park in Old Town Silverdale.
- B. Welcome:** Commissioner Walters introduced the guest speakers from WA DOT to share a brief presentation about the planned project on SR 303/Waaga Way.

There were three presenters: Kyle Kolange, Sarah Ott and Cara Mitchell. Basically the project is to comply with the court order to remove fish barriers. This is being done as a Design/Build project. There are 29 barriers in Kitsap County, and this project is part of the Central Valley 9 bundle with construction to begin in the Spring of 2028 and finish in the Fall of 2029. Right now the project is still in the conceptual stage and changes can still be made to the construction plans. Alternatives were

presented and the chosen alternative was shown as a roundabout on SR 303. They stated the round-about was the best alternative because it requires only 3 crossings, minimizes environmental impacts, is the lowest cost and facilitates the change of highway access. Level of service on 303 at this point was discussed and well as an acceleration lane going East.

There are 337 comments about this project and DOT is working on responses to those comments. WA DOT works with Fish and Wildlife who determines if fish are present or the potential for fish is present. In this case it's the potential for fish being present that is driving the project.

When the construction begins in 2028, detours will be necessary. Those detours were discussed with DOT saying they will have signage for a preferred detour route, however, locals will take the detour route they think serves them best as there are several routes that can be taken.

The following Council Members asked questions: Dave Emmons asked about speed limits, Dave Fergus asked about consultation with the Fire Department and the requirements for their passage. Paula Wildes asked about the homes in the area and how the construction will affect response times for emergency services. Then several members of the audience spoke. Sam Thomas stated he didn't like the round-about concept. Rick Kouns spoke about the timing of traffic into the round-about. Ron Perkowits spoke about the farm he owns by Central Valley, the golf course and beaver dam. Three additional audience members spoke. No one spoke for this project. Most agree that they haven't seen fish in the area in at least 70 years. Didn't see the need for the project, and think the project will make traffic worse, not better. WADOT continues to take public comment and input.

- C. Committee Updates:** Kristen Fabry spoke about the Sub Committee Plan Draft. Three subcommittees are part of the plan: Local Events Committee, Community Engagement Committee and the Silverdale Subarea Regional Plan. The plan shows committee members, goals, expected outcomes, and primary projects. Kristen asked members of the committees to meet briefly with her after the meeting.
- D. Hear Council Members:** Paula Wilders spoke about events in Kitsap this month especially the Daffodil Festival on March 21st. She also spoke of events in Seabeck. Donna Hart, spoke about the Great Give and gave an update on the Community Center. We are not in the legislative budget at this time. If you want a community center, please contact your legislator.
- E. Public Comments:** 7 members spoke. Marsha Masters spoke about the WA DOT project. Stated she'd lived in the area 70 years. There are no fish in Sloots Pond and therefore questioned the need for the project at all. Diane Shropshire asked what

the federal injunction regarding the fish barriers was and where could she find it. She was directed to the WA DOT website.; Frank Leach and Roy Wildes both spoke as a Board members of the Silverdale Community Center Foundation and thanked those who were writing to the legislature about the center asked for continued help. Rose Lynch spoke about the WA DOT project asking how the detours will affect the school bus routes. Ron Perkowits asked if the Keyport project will be completed prior to the start of the 303 project and was told it would be. Kathy Westig asked if there was any representation from Brownsville. She was told the representative was absent.

- F.** Commissioner Walters thanked everyone for attending and she stated next month we would be bringing back the Silverdale Regional Plan.

- G.** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.