

**Present:**

Ryan Wixson, *Chair*  
Kristen Fabry, *Secretary*  
David Emmons  
Brandon Meyers  
Caleb Reese  
Paula Wildes  
Donna Hart  
Gretchen Ritter-Lopatowski  
David Fergus  
Kane Fenner  
Garth Steadman  
Kyle Bardwell

**County Representatives:**

Katie Walters, *County Commissioner*  
James Bunn, *Policy Analyst*

**Absent:**

Sarah Philley Obert, *Vice Chair*  
Neal Gaulden  
Jay Christian

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- Ryan Wixson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. 42 people were in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes:**

- Caleb Reese moved to adopt, and Brandon Meyers seconded the November 5th Agenda and October 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes. The Council voted and the motion passed unanimously.

**Community Recognition:**

- Commissioner Walters recognized Lisa Stirrett, owner of the Creative Warrior Studio, for her generosity and artistic contributions to the Strawberry Creek Mosaic Project. It was a two-part event where the community came out and helped make glass mosaic fish for the fish ladder in Old Town Silverdale at her workshop weeks prior and then participated in a community dedication event at Strawberry Creek on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Participants could watch salmon working their way up the ladder and as well as make their own mosaic glass keepsake.
- Commissioner Walters also recognized Michael Talpai for his efforts organizing the Kitsap Halloween Bash Fundraiser for the US Submarine Veterans Inc. Roy Wildes shared a summary of the event held at the Fairgrounds.
- Commissioner Walters also recognized 2 recently elected members on the council – Caleb Reese re-elect for Port of Silverdale Commissioner and Dave Fergus for Fire Commissioner.

**New Business:**

- **Silverdale Subarea Plan.** Jim Rogers provided an update of the Silverdale subarea plan. This plan was updated as part of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update. Recommend reviewing slides entitled, “Silverdale Center Plan and Design Standards” Board of County

Commissioners Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, that were provided to attendees and are available online for further review. The Plan's intent is to update the vision (last iteration 2006), provide greater detail on land use, public investment, transportation, design standards, and development code while providing clear strategies for accommodating growth and infrastructure.

- Questions during the Subarea Plan Q&A addressed such topics as: What has come to fruition since the last plan in 2006? Jim answered the Ridgetop transit station and the growth in the hospital area. It was noted that Silverdale has still not achieved its downtown housing growth to accommodate a 24 x 7 community. Discussion took place on what a "Complete Street" entailed and if there was money in place to access state grants. The population projections were questioned, someone mentioning an older study mentioned the population would double in 20 years in Kitsap County, but that projection was overinflated. The number is more likely around 70-80,000. There was a discussion regarding Storm Water Codes, Infill and ensuring set-back requirements are met particularly around Dyes Inlet and the Creek. There was a desire to create spectator viewing for hosting sailing or rowing regattas. Also, a question was raised about the creation of facilities for sports fields, pee wees, etc. At this point, none are planned but Jim said that can be looked at. Several people raised concern about the expansion of Silverdale Way with the "complete streets" and how that would affect existing business and buildings close to the road as well as parking associated with those businesses. Lisa Stirrett raised concern about her historic building, ensuring its preservation as well as access to parking and entry points. Others raised concerns with the new developments such as the 761 new houses by the Human Society and the Newberry Hill expansion and how these outside developments would connect to the center urban area. There was also discussion on the significance of being labeled a "Regional Growth Center" that meets PSRC standards with a plan for growth so our community has "grant eligibility." Silverdale is not the only community applying for these grants however we may be the only center that is NOT incorporated. Links to slides can be found on the Kitsap County Website at [www.kitsap.gov](http://www.kitsap.gov).

**Committee Reports / Announcements:**

- Donna Hart provided an update on the Community Center. A building has been identified to serve as a "community hub" on Bucklin Hill and Levin Road. They are considering a "Rent with the option to buy."
- Caleb Reese announced that the Old Town Silverdale Pub is scheduled to be torn down next week.
- Paula Wildes, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, shared that the Silverdale Tree lighting will take place on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm with tractor rides, Santa, and caroling by the Old Antique Shop on Silverdale Way. The Tracyton Tree lighting will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Old Town Boat and Car Parade will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Holly Craft Fair is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. Paula thanked members of the

Engagement Committee, Mary, Cassie, Kristen, and Gay for their efforts in support of community engagement events. She also reminded everyone to sign up for the Kitsap Digest to keep up on upcoming Community Events.

**Public Comment:**

Susan Young provided 2 minutes of public comment and an info sheet regarding the formation of a Kitsap Public Hospital District (PHD). She and a grass roots group have been exploring the feasibility of forming a countywide PHD for the last 3 years. More information can be found on her website: <https://www.allianceforequitablehealthcare.org/>. Two other retired health care professionals stood up and spoke about their support for a PHD in Kitsap. The group is going to work with CKCC to see if they can get on the agenda to brief at a future council meeting.

**Commissioner's Comments:**

The commissioner thanked Lisa Sterrit and Michael Talpai again for creating opportunities to bring people together. She thanked our Veterans and mentioned the green lights that would be displayed at night on county buildings downtown. She acknowledged the 21,000 federal employees dealing with the extended government shutdown and referred to a QR code on the entry way table with a link to resources and health and human services. She also introduced Kristen Jewel the new Assistant County Administrator who was in attendance tonight.

**Council Announcements:**

- Ryan thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and went over upcoming schedule. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3rd.

**Meeting Adjourned**

- Ryan Wixson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:17pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fabry CKCC 2025 Secretary*