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Board Meeting March 6, 2007

Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order: Vice Chair Kim Abel called the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Board to order at 9:11 a.m. (*Attendance noted at end*)
2. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes from January 9, 2007
Motion: (Huntington) and second (Knobloch) to approve the January 9, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Minutes from February 6, 2007
Motion: (Abel) and second (Huntington) to approve the February 6, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion failed.
Voting for: Abel, Brown, Bozeman, Arends, Maupin, Kordonowy, Knobloch, K. Quade, Forsman, D. Quade, Huntington
Abstained: Angel
3. Chair Comments: None
4. Executive Director's Report:
Transportation Brief: Puget Sound Regional Council's Rural Corridors Program

A memo was sent on March 5, 2007 to the Transportation Policy (TransPol) Committee, the Transportation Technical Advisory (TransTAC) Committee and the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) Chairs regarding the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) next round of funding from their Rural Corridors Program. As in the last cycle in 2005, the funds available to the 4-county region will be \$2 million. Eligible projects are located in federally defined rural areas; thus Kitsap County, Kitsap Transit, the Tribes, and the Port of Bremerton can apply for these funds. Both motorized and non-motorized projects are eligible.

It is anticipated that \$150,000 - \$250,000 of the \$2 million will be awarded to Kitsap County (Kitsap has 7% of the population in the 4-county region). Two projects from each county can be submitted to the PSRC for consideration.

It is open for discussion what role the Board wants to take in this process. It can be deferred until the April 10 Board Meeting, when the eligible projects have been submitted.

The full applications are due to the PSRC at 1:00 p.m. on May 25, 2007.

a. Budget Amendment:

The proposed 2007 budget amendment reflects the synchronization of Kitsap County's and the Regional Council's budgets.

Points of change in the proposed amendment:

1. \$75,000 new revenue and \$65,000 reflected in expense for the WA Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) grant received for Infrastructure Analysis.
2. Deletion of \$817.00, which reflects Kitsap County's agreement to waive indirect cost allocation fees.
3. An addition of \$8,000 in revenue to reflect a more accurate estimate in the 2060 and 2163 Grant Programs' administrative revenue, per the 2006 agreement with the Kitsap County Auditor's office. In the 2006 budget, \$32,000 was estimated as revenue from this source, whereas the actual amount collected was approximately \$52,000. Because the budget reconciliation for this line item was done annually, the additional \$20,000 is unable to be allocated to the Regional Council budget. In 2007, the administrative revenue for the 2060 and 2163 Grant Programs will be transferred quarterly to avoid this situation in the future.

Additionally, several expenses incurred in 2006 will be paid in 2007: \$1,660 for Kit~Net related legal services; and \$7,200 for consulting services in economic development.

Note: The unallocated expense category reflects the \$10,000 administrative fee from the CTED grant and about \$4,000 from unexpended economic development funds. These funds are not earmarked for a specific purpose during 2007.

Motion: (Huntington) and second (Arends) to approve the proposed 2007 budget amendment.
Motion carried unanimously.

b. Revisions to the Countywide Planning Policies:

The proposed revisions to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP's) were adopted by Kitsap County on February 12, 2007 and are in the process of being reviewed for ratification by the 4 Cities and the 2 Tribes. Per Appendix A of the CPP's, the Cities and Tribes have 90 days from the date of the County's ordinance adoption to ratify or not ratify/abstain from ratifying. If 2+ Cities do not ratify, the proposed revisions return to the Regional Council Board for further discussion. It takes 3 Cities ratification for the revisions to the CPP's to go into effect.

Points of discussion:

- Bremerton City Council had a Study Session last week regarding the CPP's; the City Council vote is tomorrow. There is a strong concern with ratification, due to Element B: Urban Growth Areas, with the belief that revisions in the language ("shall" to "should" and "will" to "may") is a "step backwards" in planning for annexation and incorporation in the 20-year planning horizon.
- Point: Some residents in unincorporated areas in Kitsap County, Silverdale for example, prefer incorporation over annexation. Citizens should have a voice in whether they are annexed or not.

- Counter-point: Not annexing and incorporating areas into Cities is fundamentally in opposition to the Growth Management Act.

c. Kitsap 20/20: Sustainable Economic Prosperity:

The Kitsap Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) welcomes Mark Gulbranson of the Puget Sound Regional Council to join the Project Staff Team for transition planning. In addition to his service on the Kitsap Economic Development Council Board, Mark provides a link to the Puget Sound Regional Council's Prosperity Partnership.

The Kitsap Economic Development Alliance Executive Board's first meeting is this Friday, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at the KEDA office. Future meeting dates will be determined at this first meeting along with a discussion of location. Other Board issues, such as whether meeting minutes will be posted on the Alliance's website and how to accommodate Board meetings being open to the public, should also be discussed.

The full Kitsap Economic Development Alliance Board will have its first meeting on March 13, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the Kitsap Conference Center. The Board will receive a list of all identified sectors and initiatives, a report on the progress of each, and the involved participants. The Board Chairperson has asked that each Board member adopt an opportunity sector or initiative strategy and be the liaison with the Board for monitoring progress over time. More information regarding these strategies can be found on the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance website.

d. Legislative Update:

The Regional Council's 2007 Legislative agenda was annotated with the Governor's 2007-2009 Budget and with action taken on bills at the State Legislature. All Kitsap Lobbyists were invited to participate in this review and update; however, many responded that they are too busy with the "real work of the session", with no time to talk about it.

Mark Gulbranson, Deputy Director of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), briefed:

House Bill 2004: Providing comprehensive membership of significant jurisdictions on the Executive Board of regional transportation planning organizations:

- The Bill would change how the PSRC accounts for its Executive Board make-up. As it relates to transit, 50% of the new Board make-up would be from transit authorities.
- The City of Bainbridge Island would have its own seat on the Executive Board.
- The Executive Board would change from 32 members to 36 members.

Substitute Senate Bill 5803: Creating regional transportation commissions:

- The Bill is different from the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) final report: it includes only the three counties across Puget Sound -- King, Pierce and Snohomish; but it gives Kitsap County and the Gig Harbor Peninsula the ability to opt in later.
- The challenge for the PSRC is that the bill separates the federal funding: the Metro Planning Organization (MPO) money (about \$10.6 million) would stay at the PSRC, while the Regional Transportation Planning Organization money (about \$1.3 million) would go to the new RTC.
- Kitsap County receives their federal funding from the MPO funding pot.

Board Comment: Kitsap needs to study what is "in it for us" before we decide to opt in or not.

Other comments on the 2007 Legislative Agenda items with State Legislature Bill Tracking:

Protect and Enhance Kitsap's Passenger-only Ferry Legislation:

Concern that the Legislation is not looking at Kitsap commuters of the future:

- We need to be talking about a cap on ferry fares.
- We should be slowing down decisions about the Washington State Ferries (WSF) until House Bill (HB) 2358 and Senate Bill (SB) 6127 go through the Legislature.
- There needs to be transparency – the jurisdictions need to know what is coming out of the RTC and the Legislature.

A 2-week commuter book is \$180.00 – this is predatory financing! We need to look at how this affects economic development in Kitsap County in the long term.

If 100% of the funding for the ferries comes from the people/areas that use it, then roads should be tolled too, so that the people who use them, pay for them.

Dicks Hayes, Executive Director of Kitsap Transit and Mary McClure will be working to pull together the needed information prior to the Transportation Committee meetings in April.

It was recommended that Mary McClure draft a letter from the Kitsap Regional Council Chair to the Kitsap Legislative Caucus to ask that Kitsap County not be left out of the transportation “system”.

Kitsap SEED Project from Ken Attebery, CEO of the Port of Bremerton

The Port of Bremerton is working with the State House Capital Budget Chair on a capital budget request for the SEED Project. An e-mail from our elected officials to the Chair and Kitsap's caucus would be helpful.

Other Port agenda items

The Port's tourism bill is currently in the Rules Committee in both Houses for a second reading.

There is \$500,000 in the Governor's 2007-2009 budget for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Corridor Study of SR 3 and SR 16 for future development of the South Kitsap Industrial Area (SKIA). The members of the Kitsap legislative caucus all support this funding, which was formulated and requested long before the NASCAR possibility in SKIA; however it is a continuous fight in the Legislature to keep the money for that project in our County.

Further discussion points

- Kitsap Baccalaureate Task Force update: The bill has left the House and Senate floors and is currently in Appropriations Committee and Ways & Means Committee respectively.
- Council Member Bill Knobloch relates his Olympia experience: He has testified twice for the Transportation and Energy Committees; when a Senate aide found out he was an elected official, he was placed in a special seat and given preferential treatment.
- This overview is appreciated.
- This is a great matrix, with Kitsap's Legislative agenda tied into the Governor's budget and the corresponding State Legislative bills. The Regional Council is doing a good job

building this program. Letters to the Legislators help too – with bullets and contact information.

e. Kit~Net Update:

Work continues on finalizing the Kit~Net Inter-Local Agreement (ILA). Mary McClure and the Executive Committee met recently with Kitsap County's Prosecuting Attorney to discuss her concerns that the Regional Council Inter-Local Agreement needs to be strengthened in order to support the Kit~Net ILA as described at the November 7, 2006 Regional Council Board Meeting. Provisions that need to be added include mutual indemnification and the framework to hire employees. The Prosecuting Attorney has agreed to revise the Kit~Net and the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council ILA and by-laws for Board review in April. In the meantime, the Kit~Net Policy Advisory Group is moving forward to resolve technical issues, assuming that the ILA will be ready for signature shortly. There is concern that we are losing momentum with partner agencies.

Mayor Quade asked for further clarification. *Answer:* The Prosecuting Attorney's concern includes the broader issue of the Regional Council ILA not including the provisions to hire staff and that employees of McClure Consulting LLC, which currently has a management services contract with the Regional Council, should actually be Regional Council employees.

Mayor Abel noted that the contract with McClure Consulting LLC has been an efficient way to control costs. This issue should be easy to remedy, but will need agreement from the Regional Council Board.

Mayor Kordonowy expressed concern that the Regional Council may be perceived by Kit~Net partner agencies as holding up this important project. She suggested that in talking with other jurisdictions Board members stress that this is a small legal issue that needs to be resolved.

Dates to be aware of:

June 7, 2007 Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Board Retreat

April 19, 2007 Local Government Forum – sign up today at: www.kitsapregionalcouncil.org

5. Member Agency Comments: Two

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe CEO Doug Quade: The Regional Council Board meetings are an interesting process.

Mayor Darlene Kordonowy: Welcome, Doug Quade, to the Regional Council Board!

6. Citizen Comments: Two

Vivian Henderson, Executive Director of the Kitsap Alliance of Property Owners:

Good morning, I am sorry that Mayor Cary Bozeman has left the Board Meeting already; I wanted to thank him for calling attention to all the entities working for salmon strategies.

Regarding the Shared Salmon Strategies, I tried to read the materials and attended the meetings. This is not a bottoms-up approach and property owners have not been involved in the meetings.

I looked for a copy of the final report and couldn't find it; it is 5000 pages, 20 inches high, and 55 pounds of federal law. What could we have left out of that document that we need another state agency now?

I like the action that Kitsap County is taking in areas like Gorst, tearing out the dirt.

The Forum and the Puget Sound Strategy are building an empire, not saving salmon.

I will attempt to track down that Shared Salmon Plan; people should be hired to go through it to find what was left out.

Karen Carlson of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and the Kitsap Housing Coalition: The Kitsap Housing Coalition was formed over 10 years ago by Congressman Norm Dicks to address issues of Affordable housing in Kitsap County. They are sending a member to attend the Regional Council Board meeting on a monthly basis. They invite the members of the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council to attend the Kitsap Housing Coalition's monthly meetings and share information about affordable housing in our jurisdiction. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesdays of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Kitsap Home Builders Association office.

7. Adjourn: 10:50 a.m.

Participants:

Kim Abel, City of Port Orchard	Jan Angel, Kitsap County
Carol Arends, City of Bremerton	Cary Bozeman, City of Bremerton
Josh Brown, Kitsap County	Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe
Mary Ann Huntington, Port of Bremerton	Bill Knobloch, City of Bainbridge Island
Darlene Kordonowy, City of Bainbridge Island	Will Maupin, City of Bremerton
Carolyn Powers, City of Port Orchard *	Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe *
Doug Quade, Port Gamble S' Klallam Tribe *	Kathryn Quade, City of Poulsbo
Ed Stern, City of Poulsbo *	Nick Wofford, City of Bremerton *

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Ron Charles, Port Gamble S' Klallam Tribe	Tom Danaher, Naval Base Kitsap *
Chris Endresen, Kitsap County	Cheryl Kincer, Port of Bremerton *
Reid Tanaka, Naval Base Kitsap	Nezam Tooloe, City of Bainbridge Island *

* alternates

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Staff:

Mary McClure, Executive Director	Nicole White Clark, Project Coordinator
Laura Edwards, Project Coordinator	Kirsten Jewell, Project Coordinator

Others Present:

Ken Attebery, Port of Bremerton	Peter Namtvedt Best, City of Bainbridge Island
Karen Carlson, WSHFC/KHC	Jim Bolger, Kitsap DCD
Paul Dorn, Suquamish Tribe	Chris Dunagan, <i>Kitsap Sun</i>
Mark Gulbranson, Puget Sound Reg'l Council	Vivian Henderson, KAPO
Kathleen Peters, Kitsap County	Doris Small, WDFW