

**CITY OF SEQUIM
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEQUIM TRANSIT CENTER
190 WEST CEDAR STREET
SEQUIM, WA**

MARCH 25, 2013

5:00 P.M. STUDY SESSION

Downtown Streetscape Standards Proposal

Barbara Hanna thanked the committee she worked with on this project – Dianne Drake from Sunshine Café, Vickie Oen from Purple Haze and Liz Beth Harper from Blue Whole Gallery. She stated the objectives are to establish a color palate and visual standard for the downtown core of the City letting visitors know they are in a special area, enhance the visitor experience by creating more comfortable “hospitality areas” and make it easier for visitors to find their way to essential amenities and features of downtown.

\$50,000 is in the budget for the project. She anticipate \$30,000 for furniture and \$20,000 for signage. Priorities were identified as street furniture, downtown entrance signage and way-finding signage. The current color scheme uses dark green throughout the city.

This project would include benches, garbage cans, and bike racks. She presented samples of benches and garbage cans that were chosen by the committee. She showed where these items currently exist and where to add a few more garbage receptacles.

Signage would be added to indicate that people are entering the downtown on Washington at Sunnyside, on Washington between 2nd and 3rd and between Maple and Bell on Sequim Avenue.

Pedestrian way-finding signage is the next priority. She is proposing using kiosk style signage and showed examples and potential locations for a total of 7 kiosks.

Future projects include additional hospitality areas at the Gull Station property and new police station/city hall, landscaping at the entrance and public art/clock. It was suggested that the old garbage cans could be painted and used as planters.

Council consensus was to go with the “eggplant” color.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Hays called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Clerk Kuznek-Reese called roll. Council members present: Laura Dubois, Erik Erichsen, Ken Hays, Ted Miller, Candace Pratt, Dennis Smith and Genaveve Starr.

INTRODUCTIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

CEREMONIAL

REPORTS

COMMITTEE, BOARD AND LIAISON SUMMARY

Miller attended the Sequim Senior Center briefing on their new floor plan. They have begun fundraising.

Dubois met with the superintendent of schools and invited him to come to our town hall meeting.

Pratt attended homeless task force. Low cost and no cost healthcare is very important. Dentists are being set up to do restorative work.

Clallam Transit met here last week. She attended the North Olympic Land Trust conservation breakfasts.

Smith attended the Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the sewer and water master plans. He also attended the CTS board meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT

Hays attended the chamber board meeting. He gave an update on the Centennial events and vinyl wrap project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Burkett stated the Senior Center proposal will come to City Council as a special use permit. That is a quasi-judicial decision. Council should not make any commitments or announcements about the project. Council will make their decision based on information provided during the public hearing presentation.

1. Financial and Implementation Plan for Police Station/City Hall

Financial advisers are recommending the formation of a consolidated water works utility. The pros and cons on the issue will be brought to Council. We hope to break ground around January 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve/Acknowledge
 - a. City Council Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2013
 - b. Claim Voucher recap dated March 25, 2013 total payments \$469,985.13

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as read made by Dubois; second by Miller. **Carried Unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Grant Applications Update

Burkett stated the Council has previously reviewed these 4 applications. We have requested 4 grants from the state capital budget process which includes \$500,000 for the Guy Cole Center renovation, \$1.3 million for street work for the Burrowes property development, \$600,000 for realignment of Bell Creek for infrastructure support of the Burrowes development, and \$1.2 million for the West Sequim Bay economic development infrastructure support related to Battelle and other properties on West Sequim Bay. This would allow for the extension of water and sewer to Battelle when they are ready to annex and develop their property. We will also pursue grant funding from the Clallam County Opportunity Fund.

4. Approval of Amended OPSCAN Agreement

MOTION to approve the amended interlocal agreement (MOU) and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement made by Dubois; second by Pratt. **Carried Unanimously.**

TOWN HALL MEETING

Cherie Kidd congratulated Sequim on celebrating its Centennial. Our history is important to all of us. Her aunt and uncle owned a farm on the property behind the Red Ranch which is now a subdivision. Last year she was co-chair of the Port Angeles Sesquicentennial. She presented a pin to each Council member.

Susan Bauer, Peninsula Development District, which is a two-county economic development district representing Clallam and Jefferson counties. PDD is one of 9 in the state. They receive funding from the Federal Department of Commerce. Washington, DC is in financial turmoil so their funding is always unknown. They are making contingency plans and asking each partner agency to provide in-kind support.

Danielle Patterson represents Youth Lacrosse. She applauds the City for the partnership that created the playfields. The lacrosse team is not being allowed to play on those fields. They originally had their games scheduled to play at the fields. Representatives of the lacrosse team met with representatives from Sequim Family Advocates (SFA) and City parks. As a result they

were told they could not use the fields. There have been many rumors. She participated with SFA in getting the fields developed with the understanding they would be for multiple sports teams.

Burkett responded that SFA has a priority for a certain number of days. We will be working with both groups on a compromise. There is concern about damage to the field. He thinks we can work out a compromise. Jeff Edwards will work with the groups to find a resolution. He stated perhaps the school district and City could work together on developing turf fields.

Kelly Shea stated the school district recently entered into a contract to assess fields and facilities. They cannot host a state tournament because they do not have a synthetic turf. There is a great opportunity for the school and City to do what they can do to bring the tournaments.

Shea and the Chief have been working on reestablishing the SRO program. The school will do its part to reestablish the program.

Shelli Robb-Kahler stated the school district is working with the merchants group and has partnered with the April 5 Birdfest. Jake Reichner's class is providing different birds in different businesses. There is also an opportunity to vote on favorite artwork.

EXECUTIVE SESSION City Attorney Ritchie announced an executive session to discuss pending litigation. It should last approximately 10 minutes and action is anticipated. Meeting recessed at 7:25 and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION to approve the settlement agreement and mutual release of claims made by Dubois; second by Pratt. Aye by Starr, Smith, Pratt, Dubois, Hays. Nay by Erichsen; Miller abstains. **Motion Carries.**

NEXT MEETING DATE

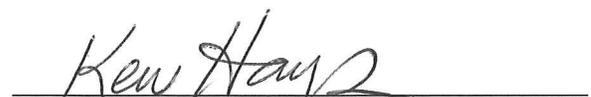
Mayor Hays announced the next meeting dates of April 8, 2013 (6:00 p.m.) and April 22, 2013 (5:00 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 7:37 made by Pratt; second by Miller. **Carried Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC
City Clerk


Ken Hays
Mayor

Minutes approved at a regular Council meeting held on April 8, 2013.