

KITSAP COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 7
Minutes of Meeting
January 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Dew at 7:02 p.m. Those in attendance were Commissioners Dew and Sarah Lee; Engineer Mike Yuhl; Manager Colleen Yuhl; Commissioners and Staff from the Bainbridge Island Parks District; and members of the Fort Ward Community. Commissioner Roger Tielman was not present, as he was out of the country.

The minutes of the December 12, 2013 were approved.

Vouchers 14-1-1 through 14-1-10 were approved for payment.

President Chris Dew introduced Commissioner Sarah Lee, who gave a brief history of Fort Ward and the community. She explained that the Sewer District had purchased the historic Bakery property in 2007 with the intention to have a District office and a community center. She explained that the Sewer District is in the business of providing sewer service and has no experience in managing other kinds of properties. Therefore, recently there have been preliminary discussions with the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks District for some kind of a cooperative use of the building. She then introduced Perry Barrett, Senior Planner, of the Parks District.

Mr. Barrett indicated that the Parks District was very interested in having some kind of a community center in the south end of the Island, as this area is underserved. He explained that the Parks District has been looking at the structure and condition of the house with the idea of determining what kind of investment would be needed to make it usable as a community center. He explained that the Parks District has other "joint ventures" with other organizations or entities in other areas of the City to maintain and manage their properties.

Members of the public asked questions and provided input to this discussion. Some of the questions asked were how would improvements be paid for and would sewer rates go up; who would manage the facility; was there a financial model for a project like this; would parking be a problem; what about noise during construction?

The Commissioners did iterate that no District service fees would be used for upgrading or managing the building. The idea would be to fund raise; apply for grants; and other means of raising the funds to upgrade the building. It is envisioned that fees for use would be charged to cover the cost of operations, keeping the use cost neutral.

The majority of the public in the audience indicated their support for the project. District Commissioners asked people to provide their email addresses if they wished to be informed of the discussions and if they wanted to be a part of the planning process.

The Public Comment segment was closed at 7:55 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

Financial Report – Colleen Yuhl reported that the year end reports had not been received from the County so the end of the year 2013 financial reports would be available at the next meeting.

Old Business

1. Soundview Sewers – Now that we have information from the attorney on the statute regarding the unbilled service, Colleen Yuhl will draft a resolution for the next meeting regarding a policy for collection of unbilled services.
2. Job Descriptions – Sarah Lee asked that the Job Descriptions for Manager and Engineer be reviewed and input given to her.

New Business

Bakery Building Planning – Chris Dew moved to authorize Sarah Lee to work with the Parks District to gather further information on a possible joint venture for the Bakery Building and report back at the next meeting. Seconded by Sarah Lee and passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the building being empty right now. Mike Yuhl suggested that the treatment plant personnel be asked to stop by and check on it periodically.

Sarah Lee indicated that several of the young people in the neighborhood were working with the Historical Commission on the possibility of getting the building listed on the local register.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on February 13, 2014 at 1948 Parkview Drive N.E.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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