**MEETING 34 Minutes** – TOWN HALL **Aug 17, 2017, 7:00PM**

Clearview Foursquare Church, Hiway 9, Clearview

**Thanks to Clearview Foursquare for providing the space for tonight’s meeting!** Note that the building is available for other meetings as well.

7:00pm **Call to Order**

**Officials in attendance:**

Terry Ryan, County council member (west of Hiway 9)

Derek Stanford, State Representative position 2, Legislative district #1

Sam Low, County council member (east of Hiway 9)

Sheriff Ty Trenary

Guy Palumbo, State Senator

Shelley Kloba, State Representative position 1, 1st district

**County personnel in attendance** include :

Barbara Mock, Planning and Development Services

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Douglas McCormick, Public Works

Jim Bloodgood, Public Works

County executive staff

Police officers who patrol the Clearview area

**Resident Attendees:**

Jeff Thomas Stefan Grunkemeier Karmel Ackerman

Lori McConnell Jared Adams Gloria Price

Gary Price Shari Crichton Bob Crichton

Leslie Foley Caroline Atwood Olga Farnam

Debra Blodgett Peter Bro Frank Webb

Colleen Webb Wendell Malmberg Bruce Caruthers

Russ Busordler Dirk Douglas Michele Douglas

Rob Starritt Chris Gray David Killingstad

Kyle Veach James Hansen Mike Riley

Nancy Weichard Rob Keasal William Jaques

Daryl Girnos Bill Roth Eric Kunz

Marcus Dill Susy Johnson Scott Robertson

Doug Jeske Randall Johnson Mark Lee

Lori Lee Roy DeSoto Christina Tredick

Kim Thomas Ian Anderson Otis E Whiteside

Kathy Lampert Tony Niolu Jim Bloodgood

7: 05 pm **“4th Annual Clearview Town Hall” -- An opportunity to meet and greet with our Statewide Elected officials**

1. Statements from Elected officials:

**Shelley Kloba**– New State Representative in Olympia for 1st Legislative District. Shelley noted that Clearview has a disadvantage as far as visibility in Olympia due to our non-city status. This makes our efforts at self-determination more difficult.

**Derek Stanford–** State Representative in Olympia, position 2, for 1st Legislative District. Derek noted that Clearview’s Community Association organization is unique as far as being a community instead of a city, and that he appreciates the opportunity to hear a focused voice of the community at this gathering. He reported that it was a long session this year in Olympia and, even though the session is adjourned he and others are still working with other Representatives on a set of compromises to sort out the state’s issues.

**Guy Palumbo**—New State Senator in Olympia for the 1st Legislative District. For Guy, education has been the hot issue this year. Senator Palumbo lives in the Maltby area and was aware of CCA’s founding in 2014 and noted the uniqueness of the Clearview Communication Association. He noted that we have 2 Snohomish County Councilmembers, but no city council. He encouraged the audience to use this opportunity to express ideas and concerns to the elected officials.

**Terry Ryan**--- Snohomish County Council, 4th District, represents 75% of Clearview’s area. Terry noted that Clearview always feels like coming to a simpler, calmer time in life, and commented that it would be great to sustain this feeling in the future. He notes he has been attending CCA meetings off and on since its founding.

**Sam Low**—Snohomish County Council, 5th District, represents 25% of Clearview’s area, with an additional 9 other communities as well including Maltby. Sam has been coming to CCA meetings since his election in Nov 2016.

**Sheriff Ty Trenary**— Snohomish County sheriff. Sheriff Trenary noted that 4 officers were also in attendance with him, 3 on their own time. He noted that the biggest law enforcement issues in Snohomish County right now are heroin addiction, homelessness, and mental illness, and they are presently getting worse due to lack of funding. Sheriff Ty said he would appreciate meeting with Clearview residents more regularly.

Clearview Community Association president clarified that while Clearview is one of the hottest real estate market in the state, with our Clearview Rural Commercial Zone we cannot be annexed to adjacent cities.

Questions from the audience:

1. **Median on Hiway 9 in the Clearview Rural Commercial zone causing issues with access to businesses**. In particular the local towing company is part of Emergency Response when they are contacted to remove vehicles that have been damaged in accidents blocking highways. The median makes it impossible to turn left out of the driveway, so tow trucks are on the residential streets, and then having to tow through the same residential streets on return from an accident. Suggestion is to remove median from Highway 9 between 164th and 180th St SE, and add stripes for emergency vehicles turning, like just east of the bridge on 522 near Monroe.

**Derek Stanford** reported that WSDOT has been consulted since last year on this, and reply has been that the median is a safety feature, but WSDOT acknowledged that it is definitely a barrier to turning left into and out of the businesses.

**Guy Palumbo** notes that this is a state highway issue and he will follow up with WSDOT. Senator Palumbo has been working on getting money at the state level to make road improvements in our area happen, with good success for major work on Highway 522, but not Hiway 9 yet, though $1.5 M is to be spent 2018 in Clearview to add 4th lane in 2018 through remarking only.

1. **Congestion and speeding on local roads (Broadway and Snohomish Ave)**

**Sheriff Ty** introduced Lt. Roberts and other officers that were present as the group patrolling the roads and invited residence to speak directly to them. There is a motorcycle police squad available and it has been effective in Maltby.

A suggestion was made to *add a “Local Traffic Only”* sign at the left hand turn off of Hiway 9 onto 188th St SE. Traffic backs up here during commuting times due to drivers’ efforts to avoid the light at 180th St SE and Hiway 9. County Engineer Jim Bloodgood reported that studies have shown that that sign is not usually effective and relief of congestion on 9 is really the key.

Clearview Community Association president noted that *the recent reprogramming of the lights at Hiway 9 and 176th St SE, 164th St SE, and Cathcart Way is the first step in relieving the pressure* on Broadway and Snohomish Ave. He asked the audience for feedback on how the changes to the lights are working and the audience agreed that the changes have been positive as a first step.

1. **Signage on Broadway:** A resident requested that *the “Compression Brakes Prohibited” and the “School Zone” signs along Broadway Ave* near Valley View Middle School be replaced—they were effective!

**Terry Ryan** reported that the county manages 1500 miles of road and expressed appreciation for residents’ reports. Public Works will address this.

1. **Mass Transit in Clearview**: Can we get ahead of the development congestion and use the railroad line that goes all the way to Seatac?

**Guy Palumbo** stated that there are no plans at the state level for transit to this area. Bus rapid transit is currently a focus but there are not plans for parking at the north end terminals at this time.

**Shelley Kloba** commented that, due to cost, mass transit commonly follows denser housing and Clearview’s R-5 zoning is outside the Urban Growth Boundary and will not allow the density.

**Terry Ryan** reported he was on the Community Transit Board in the past and that Clearview would need to vote ourselves back in to the Transit Zone if we want public transportation.

A resident reminded the group that Clearview has voted No to transit multiple times, one of which was 12 years ago. It might be time to rethink this decision, but it was voted down several times.

**Guy Palumbo** clarified that the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is an “imaginary line”, with denser housing allowed on the other side. There is pressure to move the UGB east to Hiway 9 from its current position at approx.. 43rd Ave SE. Development gets ahead of infrastructure for various reasons.

A resident reports that she has just moved from 43rd Ave SE, where she was surrounded by high density development, to Snohomish Ave. She has recent experience with the timing of roads vrs development, with 43rd temporarily closed due to speeding. This resident felt that placement of sewers and road development need to keep up where development is allowed.

1. With the **Heroin epidemic** one of the area’s big problems, how does a citizen recognize it and what do we do if we see it?

**Sheriff Ty** reports some recent history: 9 million people lost their homes in 2008/9. Unrelated but coincidentally, physicians started prescribing opioids for pain shortly thereafter, encouraged by Big Pharma. The problem has been growing ever since, with narcotic pain meds now common in society. He reports that residents can bring any meds not being used to the Sheriff’s office for disposal instead of leaving unused drugs in the home. One problem is that kids are getting hooked on prescription opioids found in home cupboards, then transitioning to heroin—this connection has been proven. Heroin addiction is a social problem, not a criminal issue until addicts steal to maintain their habit. **Sheriff Ty** reports he wants nothing to do with the idea of “safe injection sites or further legalization of drugs”. Here is Sheriff Ty’s recommendations on *recognition of the use of illegal opioids: Use causes sleep, drowsiness, burnt spoons are sometimes evident. Pay attention to what your kids are doing, know their friends. If their behavior changes, talk to them. Note that the most likely new users are 15 to 17 year old girls.*

**Sam Low** acknowledged that understaffing of police is a problem, due to budget cuts. Work to do at County level.

**Guy Palumbo** joined the discussion with a question about what percentage of arrests in the county are drug users*. Sheriff Ty reported that the number is 50%, and the result is they go to jail, where it costs taxpayers $500 per night to house them without treatment. He reported 50 to 150 people a day are detoxing in the jail cells; due to funding shortage there are only 16 beds in facilities set up for detoxing safely. Senator Palumbo commented that 16 beds are not enough for the crisis Snohomish County is facing. Detox beds are less expensive than standard jail cells and the detox programs have a history of success* with getting addicts back to more productive lives, where jailing an addict is not successful, and the addict often goes back to the streets.

***It was noted that money for the Sheriff’s office was voted DOWN last November and that improvements cannot be made without additional funding.***

**Sheriff Ty** indicated that there are Officer’s Outreach teams available for citizens willing to ride-along and experience an officer’s day.

**Shelley Kloba** reported that, in King County, in 1/3 of the heroin deaths the person had started with heroin, 1/3 had started drug use with opioids from someone else’s medicine cabinet, and 1/3 started with personal pain medication use/abuse. “Girl from Dare” program addresses young women specifically who started abusing opioids thinking that meds taken from her mother’s medicine cabinet were “safe”.

1. **What is happening with the estimated $750,000/day state funds** that were supposed to result from legalizing marijuana?

**Derek Stanford** reported that the funds are currently being collected but not spent. This revenue needs go to local areas to deal with drug use issues and eliminating the blackmarket. The discussion re: how much comes back to local government entities is part of the ongoing discussion at in the state level.

**Guy Palumbo** commented that the distribution of these funds cannot be changed by the Legislature and corrected the total amount collected yearly to $742,000.

**Shelley Kloba** commented that monies coming in to the state are currently going to regulation of the marijuana market. Product is tracked from seed source to sale very tightly regulated in an effort to keep the blackmarket out. [See this link to BioTrackTHC](https://www.biotrack.com/washington/) for more information.

1. **Maltby Issue:** Possible construction of the 360 – unit apartment building just east of 522 and Paradise Lake Rd without infrastructure (read: road improvements) to support.

**Guy Palumbo** commented that this issue concerns him as our legislator but also as a Maltby resident.

Barbara Mock, from Snohomish County Planning and Development reports that her department is currently limited to 11 people due to budget restraints. It is difficult to address the planning needs for Snohomish County, which is expecting tremendous growth in the next 20 years, with this limited staff. She also noted that there is a citizen’s group, Snohomish County Tomorrow that meets with county to represent citizen’s input, and that this group is looking for volunteer members for their planning efforts.

Barbara Mock clarified that she works directly for the County Executive, Dave Somers, who has assigned Eileen Canola as the planner for Clearview. Eileen has attended every CCA meeting since January and is collecting Clearview’s residents planning concerns and ideas for planning to be included in a report. Barbara also noted that the current R-5 zoning, with the unique Clearview Rural Commercial zone were put into place in 1996. She commented that the Planning and Development group is committed to listening to all input, that the changes are complex on many levels, and that residents clarify what they want to happen to our area.

A resident commented that when the answer received back is always “the UGA prohibits it”, that’s a problem.

1. What about the continuing issue with **Bikini Baristas in Clearview**? A resident commented that allowing this in the unincorporated county (it is illegal in the City of Everett) is a degradation of women.

Terry Ryan commented that following through on laws is different than enforcement, and invited resident’s witnessing this problem [to email him directly](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/767/District-4).

**Sheriff Ty** reported that this is not a question about whether or not adult entertainment masquerading as coffee sales is legal in the county but that the problem is enforcement. He invited calls and contacts to his office.

1. **Hirst Decision:** Resident is looking for Derek Stanford’s comment, resident believed this decision affects all well owners and requires metering. This is a *Washington Supreme Court decision from October 2016 that requires counties make an independent decision about legal water availability prior to approving building permits that use wells* as a water source. ([See this link for more information on the Hirst Decision](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/nwro/hirst.html))

**Derek Stanford** reported that this decision affects less than 1% of water that is used by current residents. The biggest effect is an immediate moratorium that has building projects on hold. It affects only wells producing >5000 gallons/day. A metering requirement that was originally in the proposal is now not included. At issue is that counties currently do not have complete information to accurately determine the amount of water available, so implementation of this decision is problematic*. The state acknowledged that individual homeowners should not be burdened with the cost of a study—it is up to the state to fund studies needed*. Measurement work is $1000 to $3000 per well and the state is paying for it. New home buyers (of new homes on wells) may pay a $200 fee to support the work. *Note that the implementation details are at the proposal level and have not yet passed the State Senate*.

**Guy Palumbo** noted that the implementation plan nearly passed the Senate, but Senate Republicans have not yet supported it. Senator Palumbo notes that $40,000,000 worth of building projects are being held up by this issue.

Senator Palumbo also noted that funding for *the bicycle trail linking Centennial Trail with Burke-Gilman Trail* (on old railway) is part of the current capital budget proposal.

8:45 **Adjournment –** next meeting Sept 21, 2017 – CCA Elections AND WSDOT returns to talk about Hiway 9.

**THANK YOU** to all the elected officials and candidates that attended tonight’s meeting, and to the Clearview Foursquare church for hosting our event!

# *Your CCA councilmembers welcome your attendance at monthly council meetings and invite you to participate by giving your comments or contacting any of us.*

**2 0 1 7 C C A G O A L S**affirmed by elected councilmembers

1. **GROW** an effective Neighborhood Watch program
2. **LAUNCH** online tools for all communication with members & prospects
3. **SIMPLIFY** association operations & infrastructure for future leaders
4. **HOST** the annual Town Hall in August (ongoing)