**MEETING 36 Meeting Minutes** – **THURSDAY, Nov 16, 2017, 7:00PM**

HORSESHOE GRANGE, 16424 Broadway Ave, Clearview, WA 98296

**Elected officials present:**

Sam Low, Snohomish County Councilmember, district 5

**Attendees**:

Jeff Thomas Lori McConnell Stefan Grunkenmeier

Jared Adams Karmel Ackerman Gene Whiteside

Brian Dickeson Roy Desoto Wendell Malmberg

Aimee Malmberg Emmett Hannifin David Brick

Ashley Cherney Teresa Hill Norm Smith

Kathy Lampert Mike Lampert Bob Crichton

**Snohomish County personnel attending**:

Steve Thomsen, Director of Public Works

7:00pm **Call to Order**, Flag Salute

7:05pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS**

CCA President Jeff Thomas noted that he had received a letter from a resident of Clearview who is also a congregant of the new church at Hiway 9 and Maltby Rd about zoning in the area of the church. The church’s pastor was present at the meeting. Since this involves zoning outside of Clearview’s boundaries, the concern was passed on to Sam Low and Pastor Ryan for further conversation.

7:10pm BUSINESS ITEMS

1**. Development at** [Cathcart Way and Hiway 9:](https://www.google.com/maps/@47.8657677,-122.1109835,15z)

Follow up discussion to the [meeting held Oct 12th](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3944/Cathcart-South-Property) at Tucker Willis Park. [(see also Everett Herald article)](http://www.heraldnet.com/news/snohomish-county-exploring-cathcart-property-sale-development/) A CCA Board member reported that the meeting on October 12th was put on by a Real Estate firm with county personnel available to answer questions and address residents’ concerns. The area involved is within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The county is putting county land there up for sale, with the sale contingent on including a Transit Center (Currently [Community Transit Rte 109](https://www.communitytransit.org/docs/default-source/mappdfs/17septmaps/busplusroutepdfs/109.pdf?sfvrsn=9654f6e2_2) operates between Lake Stevens and Ashway Park and Ride, with this corner on its route. Longer term, the transit center will the east end of a Rapid Ride line heading west down 132nd). The rest of the development will be open to housing (including high density) and business. Part of the area to be developed is wetland and will be restricted for development. Residents of property adjacent to the potential development were present at the October 12th meeting, protesting the county’s plans. Designers from the county were at the meeting in an effort to work with residents’ concerns. The meeting was for residents to see the plan, but also a pitch for interested developers.

**Questions from attendees:**

Is the Transit Center at Cathcart Way and Highway 9 a done deal? Sale is contingent on inclusion of Transit Center.

How soon will development begin? 2019 or 2020.

Representative Sam Low reported he is not a proponent of the Transit Center and reminded everyone to [let your representatives know your thoughts](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/762/Council-Districts). [(Not sure what district you are in? click here for maps](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/906/Council-District-Maps) ) Clearview residents can also go through [the Links section of the CCA website](http://clearviewwa.us/news/) to find the names and links to our county representatives to express your thoughts.

2. **What kind of Businesses would you like to see come to our area?**

*All the discussion about Amazon’s HQ2 and the location they will choose has the country buzzing. AND brings up questions for our own community: What kind of businesses would we like to see show up on our doorstep? Does it all have to be locally owned? Small businesses? chain stores? What if Fred Myer wanted to come to our area? Or Trader Joe’s? Or an Outlet Mall? How about Cabela’s? What if Amazon itself found us out and chose US??!! Come to CCA’s every-other-month meeting and share your thoughts.*

The old Clearview Community Hall (CCA’s previous regular meeting place) has been purchased from the school district and is being renovated. One local business owner said the purchaser is a concrete company, but no company name was available.

[EZ Tires is a new tire store](http://ez-commercialtire.com/), located now behind the Cut and Style across Hiway 9 from Whiteside Towing in Clearview.

[ELS Stables](http://equinelifesolutions.com/), near 180th St SE and 51st Ave SE is being renovated to create a [therapeutic riding](https://www.pathintl.org/resources-education/resources/eaat/198-learn-about-therapeutic-riding) arena, with a barn updated for fundraising events. The fundraisers will be to support the participation of special needs children. The farm will also provide a catering venue. When applications for a staircase and deck for the venue were submitted, it took 2 months for the county to ok them.

Question from attendee: What is happening with the old Berry Bowl (SW corner 164th and Hiway 9)? It is now owned by the BMW shop across 164th St SE, who was hoping to expand but ran up against restrictions due to septic and water issues. For now it will be used for storage and parking.

Property at the corner of 172nd and Highway 9 is now for sale, and owners will carry financing. This is a good opportunity for residents in the area to encourage that new Brew Pub or other business of interest to come to our area. Karmel Ackerman, one of the CCA Board members, is in conversation with the county about new businesses coming into Clearview. She is available to assist others hoping to start a small business in our area, especially with getting paper work through Snohomish County. An Ombudsman is also available at the county offices to assist.

Sam Low commented that environmental concerns will discourage future changes of the Urban Growth Boundary from affecting areas of “lower Clearview” that are within [the Little Bear Creek watershed](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3812/Little-Bear-Creek-Plan). Possibilities for future UGB and business changes in “north Clearview” continue.

3. **Open Topics** re: Clearview Community Concerns

ROADS, etc:

A resident referred to discussion about changes to **the intersection at 164th St SE and Broadway** at CCA meetings in May and August 2017. One proposal from the county designers included a Roundabout, and at that meeting one resident in particular was concerned with impacts to his home. Surveyors have been visible in the area and an update was requested.

Steve Thomsen, Public Works Director from Snohomish County, reported that design staff at the county heard loud and clear that residents in the area don’t want the Cathcart Store to be eliminated by improvements to the intersection and reiterated that the County is hearing residents’ concerns. Other residents’ concerns include speeding on Broadway -- trucks have been clocked at 50 mph by residents and one sheriff thanked a resident for letting them know and said that the sheriffs have written a lot of tickets due to the reporting. Clearview resident and Maltby business owner Wendell Malmberg reiterated that he is willing to report speeding issues directly to Maltby businesses. An email created by a resident who lives on Broadway will be forwarded to Wendell. More speed limit signs were suggested by attendees and it was reported that signs prohibiting use of unmuffled compression brakes on Broadway will be installed.

Comments from Doug McCormick at the Public Works department on the changes at the intersection of 164th and Broadway from [CCA’s May](http://clearviewwa.us/roundabout-at-164th-and-elliot-road-is-it-a-done-deal-no-says-county-roads-department/) and [August](http://clearviewwa.us/roundabout-at-elliot-rd-164th-what-are-the-surveyors-doing/) meetings are also available at the [CCA website](http://clearviewwa.us). Scroll to the bottom of the home page.

A Clearview business owner repeated his concerns about the **Highway 9 medians within Clearview Rural Commercial zone** (between 180th St SE and 176th St SE), and the inability of emergency vehicles and commercial trucks’ to turn left into and out of businesses. He said conversations with the DOT project lead had not gone well and that the local Fire department agrees with his concerns. A CCA Board member volunteered to work with the business owner and other Emergency Responders and public safety personnel in the area to address the issue.

Crime:

A business owner from the north end of the the Rural Commercial Zone (164th) reported **increased theft** in the area and that a purple PT cruiser was picked up on cameras near damaged cars.

It was reported that problems with **dumping and vandalism at Turner’s Corner** (Maltby Rd and Highway 9) were addressed immediately by sheriff’s deputies, who arrested the vandals on the spot. Arrests can be complicated with no property owner present-- permission to arrest vandals is needed by deputies.

Sam Low encouraged people to report any breakins and vandalism so that the Sheriff can appropriately staff the area.

A comment was made that the **efforts of the new church at Turner’s Corner is helping create a more cohesive community** there, and the community’s presence will, hopefully, discourage future vandalism.

A **resident new to Clearview expressed his appreciation** for the community of Clearview and the work the Clearview Community Association does to promote communication within the community.

8:05 pm **Adjournment –** next meeting January 18, 2017: Clearview Community Association Officer Elections and TBA

*Your CCA councilmembers welcome your attendance at monthly council meetings and invite you to participate by giving your comments or contacting any of five00 shown above.*

8:05 pm **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM for all things “Clearview”**

**2017/2018 CCA GOALS**

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 and/or an annual “town family picnic”, and debut a Saturday night classic car event with music & food