**MEETING 26 Minutes** – **WEDNESDAY, Aug 17, 2016, 7:00PM**

Clearview Foursquare Church, Hiway 9, Clearview

7:00pm **Call to Order**

**Candidates in attendance:**

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

Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

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

Hans Dunshee, County council member (east of Hiway 9)

County exec staff in attendance as well

**Resident Attendees:**

Jeff Thomas Stefan Grunkmeier Karmel Ackerman

Lori McConnell Roy De Soto Dick Obertz

Bruce Caruthers Vera Bulygo Dominic Bulygo

Wade Plante Eileen Canola Barba Mock

Jim Bloodgood Kris Crane Kent Mathes

Janet White Daniel Bishop Michelle Douglas

Sean McIvor Kara Veach Kyle Veach

Rob Keasal Cari Propst Mike Atwood

Patrick Paul Olga Farnam Pat Edwards

Pam Bennetsen JR Carey Virginia Carey

Kim Cutuli Kristin Cruz Lori Lee

Mark Lee Jim Langston Peter Bro

Tim Maple Monte Langley Shari Langley

Gerald Cherney Tyler Verda Kim Thomas

Gary Meek Jamie Silva Gene Whiteside

Amy Amend Chris Ahrens

7: 05 pm **“3rd Annual Clearview Town Hall” -- An opportunity to meet and greet with 7 of our Statewide Elected officials**

Derek Stanford: Legislative focus will be on Education in the coming year and getting its funding corrected.

Questions and Answers (audience, officials)

1. Why can we not turn into a town?

Never incorporated as a city, historically. Growth Management Act (GMA) is now in place to protect rural lifestyle.

1. Rural houses surrounded by houses—feels to some like we got “left out”.

Snohomish Co is expecting200,000 people in next 20 years. GMA runs through our area and the boundaries are irregular for numerous reasons. Adjustment to GMA should happen in next few years.

1. Does county notify people when multi-home development is about to happen?

There is a 2-3 year process that is followed and it has a notification requirement for surrounding residents. People were probably notified a while ago, quite a while before development began.

1. Is R-5 status changing in our area? No, no plan to do so.
2. How are schools accommodating new homes coming in? Capital facilities plan is done by the school district. Mitigation fees are charged by the county to housing developers and returned to school district.
3. Road standards – Resident questioned absence of turn lanes, shoulders in this area --seems like county/state don’t take responsibility when questions are asked. Intersection Malty Rd and 35th is concern.

State highways (i.e., Highway 9) have standards that depend on the amount of traffic estimated. Monitoring then occurs after new build, and sometimes adjustments are needed after the fact. Safety issues are first priority.

Reminder: Representatives from the state and county departments of transportation were at our June 2016 meeting for a good discussion.

Dave Somers—county dollars are limited and turn lanes are prioritized. A county engineer was present and identified himself at this meeting and will meet with citizen to address specifics.

1. Gene Whiteside—Hiway 9 through Clearview seems built to speed drivers through, but its center-divider (section between 180th St SE and 176th St SE) impedes entrances to businesses, particularly for large trucks. Center curb makes it difficult to enter businesses safely with commercial and recreational vehicles/horse trailer/equipment. It forces vehicles inappropriately into residential areas.

Derek Stanford: state roads are indeed made to funnel traffic. Cities (like Bothell) can take over sections, but we are not a city. Question he will take to WSDOT is re: how can turning large equipment on Hiway 9 be managed?

Jeff Thomas then reported statistics that there is an accident on Hiway 9 every 4 ½ days in the Clearview section. 46 driveways exist in this stretch of highway. The speed limit is one of the issues and the community would like it reduced to 35 mph, along with room for turn lanes, and room for pedestrians and bikes on the sides of road when it is built out.

1. Property Taxes: Terry Ryan—most of this tax goes to state and local schools. This is not a county issue. Assessment for area is price per $1000 of assessed value. Only 17 cents per dollar goes to county. The rest is for schools and fire safety.
2. Clearview community crime watch: Robberies lately – what’s being done.

(Hans Dunshee) Police significantly undermanned (under by 48 deputies due to lack of funding), heroin problem is escalating, need to improve deputy pay. Budget cuts are coming, balancing this with the need for deputy pay is difficult. 70% of county budget goes to law & justice, no crime prevention funds available.

1. Home break-ins. Perpetrators arrested, then released repeatedly. Need to keep them in jail.

(Terry Ryan) More prosecuting attorneys are needed and were started 3 mos ago. The amount of county budget dedicated to law enforcement is now 75% (up from 56%) for law enforcement. The county is underfunded needs tax relief.

1. Small business (local) has rebuilt 2 abandoned home that were being used as meth labs into rental and business facilities. Crime has been an issue, heroin use causing problem, broken families. The case against the perpetrators was dropped. This is example that makes citizens reluctant to support increased taxes because they don’t benefit.

(Hans Dunshee) Forming a city in Clearview would provide more local control and HS can help if that’s what Clearview chooses. This would return some local control to the area for a lot of the mentioned issues. Dave Somers reports that the Urban Growth Boundary and subsequent growth (loss of rural nature) of the area would come with it.

1. Derek Stanford: State funding has been cut for local projects and needs due to tight budgets. Where should the money be spent? All issues are prioritized.
2. Terry Ryan: County charter review. Recommendation made to add 2 council members. County rejected this recommendation due to fund prioritizing.
3. Sewers: This would only be allowed if we changed to Urban Growth area. If we were inside the urban growth boundary we could have sewers.
4. Crime: All people see is the crime, not the arrest. More visibility for constructive changes needed!
5. Toll on 164th? No.
6. The 522/405 interchange feels more dangerous with new alterations in place.
7. Timbercreek has unacceptable traffic issues—traffic planners need to be held accountable for planning.
8. Growth: Fernwood (Elementary) is maxed out with multiple portables.
9. A thank you to all the officials for the removal of the pot shops. Terry Ryan-- 12 hours of public testimony made that happen. Medical pot shops became combined with recreational.

Marijuana produces $24 million in tax income. This is supposed to be more revenue share than is presently happening.

(Dave Somers) Is there a relationship between marijuana legalization and increased use of heroin? Studies have not found this, but there is a relationship between the increased use of opioid pain medications and increased heroin use.

1. Food bank auction announced as coming up on Nov 5! Attend the auction and support the food bank!

**Local Candidates** in attendance: Mindy Worth, Senate candidate (1st district) from Bothell

Neil Thannisch, House Representative position 1 from Maltby

Jim Langston, House Representative pos 2

Sam Lowe, County Council, pos 5

Follow up (CCA): Efforts will be made to bring Sheriff back out to address citizen’s questions and issues.

8:45 **Adjournment –** next meeting September 21st, 2016 – Agenda to be announced

Many thanks to Clearview Professional Plaza and Clearview Foursquare Church for tonight’s snacks and coffee!

And THANK YOU to all the elected officials and candidates that attended tonight’s meeting.

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

**2 0 1 6 C C A G O A L S**affirmed by elected councilmembers

1. **GROW** an effective Neighborhood Watch program
2. **SHARE** a specific vision for Clearview in the year 2020
3. **LAUNCH** online tools for all communication with members & prospects
4. **SIMPLIFY** association operations & infrastructure for future leaders
5. **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
6. **REDUCE** speed limit on SR 9 between 180th St SE and 164th St SE