

**Present:**

**Ryan Wixson, Chair**

**Sarah Philley Obert, Vice Chair**

Caleb Reese

David Ferguson

Donna Hart

Jay Christian

Kate Lawrence

Paula Wildes

**Absent:**

Brandon Myers

David Emmons

Gretchen Ritter-Lapatowski

Kane Fenner

Kristen Fabry

Neal Gaulden

Wendy Kile

**Meeting Called to Order**

- *Ryan Wixson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5 pm.* It was noted that this is not a usual type of meeting. The January meeting format is more of a Board Retreat and planning session among the new council members.

**Approval of the Agenda**

- *Caleb Reese moved to approve the January 8, 2025, Council agenda. Donna Hart seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of the Minutes**

- *Jay Christian moved to approve the December 4, 2024, Council minutes. Donna Hart seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion passed unanimously.*

**2025 Transition of Officers**

- The normal progression of officers has Ryan Wixson moving into the role of Chair and Sarah Philley Obert moving into the Vice Chair role. The nomination and election of Secretary was postponed to the February meeting when the entire council is present.

**2025 County/Commissioner Walters Priorities**

- Commissioner Walters shared the County's priorities for 2025. This includes: updating the website, implementing the new DCD PREP process to improve permit processing time, as well as overall improvements in service delivery under the new DCD Director. DCD will also be updating the Ag Code in conjunction with the Year of the Rural initiative.

There's a focus on addressing speeding and one tactic is to bring back the Drive Friendly neighborhood campaign. This is being done in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office and Roads. The Parks department is finalizing the Parks, Recreation and Open Space plan, and the CKCC Youth rep will help to distribute a youth focused survey to inform the PROs strategy. There's also a focus on workforce development with a special interest in healthcare workforce and expanding access to childcare.

Specific to CK, the work to update the Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan will be a very large focus. It will encompass a Community Center strategy and establishing design standards for different areas within Silverdale.

### **Council Discussion Summary**

- Top goals for 2025:
  - Increase meaningful engagement with community
  - Find ways for council members to represent their constituent concerns.
- Ideas to achieve goals:
  - Hold more time for Q&A versus presentations
  - Increase visibility of meetings on social media and other locations that reach the community. Work with County to create social media designs.
  - Consider having council members available 15-20 minutes before meeting starts to engage with constituents in neighborhood groups to hear their issues. That information can be shared in the meeting.
  - Consider an annual open house as other CACs host
  - Add location to name tents, and write names on both sides for ease of Secretary
  - Add Community Kudos items
- Other
  - Consider summer social activities to align with concert series in the park instead of summer meetings. That could include a picnic and be a fun way to get to know each other and be available to community members.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

- Ryan Wixson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.