

Members:	Absent:
Jay Christian	
David Emmons	
Kristen Fabry, <b>Vice Chair 2026</b>	
David Fergus	Dave Fergus
Neal Gaulden	
Donna Hart, <b>Secy 2026</b>	
Wendy Kyle	
Sarah Philley Obert, <b>Chair 2026</b>	
Caleb Reese	
Gretchen Ritter-Lopatski	
Deputy Walner	
Paula Wildes	
Ryan Wixson	
Students:	
Garth Steedman III	
Kyle Bardwell	

**A. Call to Order:** Sarah Obert called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. James Bunn presented the packet each member was given.

1. Adoption of the Agenda – Donna Hart made the motion to approve the agenda and Caleb Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Commissioner Walter’s recognitions

**B. Welcome New Members:** Commissioner Walters stated that most members whose terms were ended on December 31<sup>st</sup> agreed to continue on the council for another term. Brandon Meyers, stepped down at the end of his term and Deputy Walner will be the new addition to the Council. Deputy Walner was not present.

1. CKCC retreat – there are no presentations. Sarah stated the Council would review the Work Plan of 2025 and devise the 2026 plan as well as selecting new sub-committees and work on the monthly topics calendar.
2. Icebreaker – Council members were asked to introduce themselves and tell us up to three ingredients of a healthy, thriving community.

**C. Election and Transition of Officers:** Commissioner Walters explained the officer nomination and transition process.

1. & 2. Sarah Philley Obert moves from Vice Chair 2025 to Chair 2026, Kristen Fabry moves from Secretary 2025 to Vice Chair 2026 and a nomination is needed for Secretary.

3. Nominate a Secretary: Sarah asked for nominations from the Board. Dave Emmons nominated Jay Christian for Secretary and he respectfully declined. Sarah then asked for another nomination. Paula Wildes was asked and she declined. Sarah asked again and none came forth. Donna Hart then volunteered to take the role of secretary. Vote was unanimous to make Donna Secretary.

#### **D. Council Priorities and Work Plan**

1. The 2025 Work Plan and the Goals Review and Update items from the packet was used for this discussion. Sarah stated that she wanted to track our progress better so we could use that information to help inform next year's goals and work plan.

H-P1 was discussed first. Council agreed we were somewhat successful with this goal but we needed a better way to get people to sign in etc. After much discussion it was agreed that there would be a table in the lobby outside the entrance for participants to sign in and our student representatives on the Council would be at the table to greet and ask people to sign in. Also before the meeting, other Council members would greet and speak with the public once inside the meeting room. The survey was discussed as well as the QR code and how to engage those less tech savvy participants. Paula Wildes also suggested that individual members post notice of our meetings on their community social media, such as a Facebook page or in Next Door as a way to increase attendance. (Aside: we need to ask a survey question about how they heard about the meeting)

H-P2 and 3 was met so we will continue to provide presentations and hot topics based on our surveys and public comment.

H-P4 regarding regular updates on hot topics and community resources was also met.

H-P5 – This goal for incubating a Community Center was completed through the formation of a non-profit organization Silverdale Community Center Foundation. The Council will continue to support this endeavor through updates at the council meeting and assistance with marketing the project. It was mentioned that this is an example of what the Council wants to happen, with the Council incubating an idea and having citizens take over the project to continue it thereafter.

Mod P1 – It was decided that KEDA and the Chamber does best at facilitating business development and the Council should support their efforts through announcements during our meetings.

Mod P-2 – The Council decided to move the priority from medium to high priority. This is integrating with local events and community activities. A discussion ensued regarding having two sub-committees for this: the Community Engagement and the Events Committee.

Mod P-3 – Met. This will be incorporated into H-P4.

Low P-1 – Was not met, and will be incorporated into the Community Engagement Committee.

## 2. Committees:

A discussion of Committees produced the following decisions:

1. The Council will have three sub-committees
2. Two of those are already active, The Community Engagement Committee and the Silverdale sub Area Plan Committee.
3. The new committee, Events committee, will be responsible for incubating community events and then finding local civic groups to take over these events.
4. Community Engagement will continue it's mission to increase attendance at our meetings and provide CKCC representatives at community events. This will incorporate a community open house and the legislative initiative.

Neal Gaulden moved to approve the three committees and Dave Emmons seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Sarah stated we had gone over our allotted time for our meeting and the New Business section hasn't been discussed. Commissioner Walters stated she would work with the planning calendar. She would like to keep it flexible to accommodate those hot topics that come up. She asked us to email her suggestions for the calendar.

The Council decided to keep the meeting date and time (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and 5:00 PM) and keep July as our month where we would not have a meeting. Sarah asked us to think about which subcommittee we want to participate in and tell the Council our decision at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Hart