**23rd Legislative District (LD) Meeting Minutes**

**April 22, 2021    held online via Zoom**

1.      Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Erin Phillips. (Chair, Val Torrens and Vice-Chair, Alex McCracken had excused absences)

·  Tribal Land Acknowledgement – read by Laurie Kadet. Hannie Baxter (was absent).

·  Pledge of Allegiance

2.    **Agenda** -       7:05

·  Agenda - moved, seconded and approved.

·  Minutes – February, March: moved, seconded and approved.

3.     **Recognition** of **elected officials** in attendance: Rob Gelder, Kitsap County Commissioner; Kitsap County Pros. Att. Chad Enright; Alison Sontag, Kitsap County Clerk and David Lewis, Kitsap County Clerk.

4.     **Earth Day Activities**                     7:10

·   Suquamish Citizens Advisory Council – Laurie Kadet: encouraged participation in the Suquamish area clean up trash campaign, scheduled for Sat. April 24 from 9-12.

Climate Action Legislation – Ted Jones absent due to a Bainbridge committee meeting.

Hallette Salazar reviewed the Climate Action Legislation. WA passed the most progressive electric vehicle legislation in the country. All new cars must be electric by 2030. Zero Waste reports that the majority of items placed in bins are NOT recyclable. A member participated with Zero Waste in an ongoing audit of Bainbridge Island's recycled items. Noted that a significant amount of plastics still placed in our bins are non-recyclable. Plastics recycling comes down to the basics: bottles, jars, jugs and dairy tubs.  Clamshells are a usually a no, but it depends on who their buyers are as to what would happen to a clamshell. Might be recycled, landfilled or incinerated. Hallette addressed questions from meeting attendees.

5.      **Guest speaker,** **Kitsap County Pros. Att. Chad Enright** made a detailed presentation about the WA State Supreme Court ruling, the “Blake Decision” regarding Drug Possession convictions past and present. He described the various issues and challenges that now face the prosecutors and law enforcement throughout Washington State. These will require much time and money to rectify. Rep Tarra Simmons spoke about the ramifications for those who had been convicted for these drug offenses. She also explained that some significant money was being proposed in the budget to partially fund the necessary diversion and treatment programs.                 7:30

6.      **Strategic Planning Update**/Need Information: Poll LD.  Report by Erin Phillips               8:00

·   Groups to Contact- most reported little or no contact at this time.

·   Subjects to Address/Questions to Ask

7.      Reports (1 minute limit for report)                                                          8:15

·   **Chair** – Val Torrens (written)

·   **Vice-Chair** – Alex McCracken absent

·   **Treasurer** – Hallette Salazar. Savings = $13,000 and checking $986

·   **State Committee Members** – Kathy Canderle reported that she is on the Resolutions Committee and would be presented at the next state meeting, May 1. Ted Jones - absent

·   **Communications** – Doug MacKenzie. Redesign of the website is complete due to many hours of work by Erin Phillips. Doug contributed valuable knowledge and feedback to the redesign.

·   **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – Shannon Turner (absent due to illness). Ginny B described outreach to NAACP. No response yet.

·   **Events Committee** – Erin Phillips. 3-D Events: the first was held at the Bainbridge Brewing Company and included two newcomers. 3-D Events will be held in various Kitsap areas. We are seeking venues owned & operated by local people, especially from traditionally underrepresented communities of color and circumstance.

·   **Membership** – Ginger Sommerhauser reported 113 members. 13 PCO’s haven’t paid membership dues. Ginny Bell reminded everyone that financial grants are available for need.

·   **Outreach** Committee – Marsha Cutting - No report

·   **PCO** Training & Support – Debbie Hollyer and Carollynn Zimmers. Debbie reported ongoing training and conversations are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:00. Evening book group, meeting at 7:00pm. This month, “Don’t think of an Elephant,” regarding effective messaging.

·   **Volunteer** Committee – Ginny Bell. No new volunteers.

8.       Good of the Order (1 minute limit). Jim Sommerhouser described that there is a formal succession process for chairing the meeting. It is in the By-laws.  8:25

9.       The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Attendance - the Zoom meeting had 19 participants:

Doug Mackenzie, Ginny Bell, Laurie Kadet, Erin Phillips, Hallette Salazar, Michael Achey, Gene Hart, Jim Sommerhauser, Ginger Sommerhauser, Steven Green, Debbie Holyer, Remo, Kathy Canderle, Marsha Cutting, Tarra Simmons, Arne Nelson, Dave Ditzler, Carollynn Zimmer and Alex M.

**Ted/Hallette – shared this with the LD**

Dear Climate Alliance Supporters,

There are exactly 19 days left in the 2021 Washington legislative session. Our broad climate coalition is supporting a bold [Resilient Future Platform](https://waclimatealliance.org/resilientfuture/) this session and many of our policy priorities are close to the finish line this session!

We need your support in the last push to pass important climate priorities this session. Below are key bill updates and ways to support our top policy priorities:

**The Healthy Environment For All Act**

[The Healthy Environment for All Act](https://frontandcentered.org/heal-act/) ([SB 5141](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5141&Year=2021&Initiative=false)) is headed to a final house floor vote this week and we need to make sure the bill remains strong! The HEAL Act would mandate our government to account for the social determinants that influence how safe we are from environmental hazards whether they be toxic spills or contaminants in the air from diesel emissions and wildfires. The HEAL Act is a huge step forward for environmental justice and a healthier future for all communities in our state.

**Can you** [**contact your House Representatives today to make sure they vote YES on the HEAL Act**](https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/messages/edit?promo_id=10490)**?**

**Here is a** [**HEAL Act Facebook post**](https://www.facebook.com/WAClimateAlliance/posts/2926445674254308) **to re-share on social as well!**

**Passing a Clean and Just Transportation Package**

Last week, the WA House unveiled its official transportation investment proposal, Miles Ahead Washington ([HB 1564](https://transportationchoicescoalition.cmail19.com/t/j-l-folily-iiiliydkdh-y/)), and the Senate released their package proposal yesterday. With just three weeks left of the regular 2021 legislative session, every day, every hearing, and every conversation to advance a new transportation package counts.

Overall, the House proposal includes significantly more robust investments in transit, multimodal and climate-friendly elements than past transportation packages. After decades of underinvestment in multimodal transportation, this proposal begins to turn the ship away from a roads-centric approach, and toward a more sustainable, accessible system.

However, we know that the need for investment is far greater than is proposed — and the proposal still invests more than $6 billion in new road projects. Now is our chance to push as hard as possible for a clean and just transportation package.

[**Can you contact your state legislators today and ask them to support a bold a clean and just transportation package?**](https://secure.everyaction.com/tIF5jbwqvUWrRuDtzeVaFQ2)

Please amplify [the action alert](https://secure.everyaction.com/tIF5jbwqvUWrRuDtzeVaFQ2) to your members as well!

We cannot let this opportunity pass by without a fight. Please raise your voice with us on behalf of equitable access to a safe, healthy environment and a climate-resilient future for all.

Thank you for your support!

Onwards,

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