

Status Report 1

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Seabeck Community Center

The idea of converting the Seabeck Elementary School Campus into a Community Center is hatched on February 5th. Billy and Barbie Mills hosted the 1st meeting with Suzanne Arkless and Don Chalupka in the General Store. We concluded at our meeting that maybe the timing is right for conversion of the campus because the school has been removed.

Some Seabeck residents worked hard to get a Greater Community Center within the elementary school in 2008. This group was unsuccessful because of cost and the lack of support by the county.

A meeting with Doug Newell, Central Kitsap School District (CKSD) was held on February 13th. Suzanne and Don concluded that CKSD would support the conversion and needed a proposal from the community.

A proposal (draft) was prepared on February 16th and circulated among friends at the Seabeck General Store and Tourie's Expresso. We received excellent comments and suggestions from people with a passion to get us a community center. Many thanks to many great friends and neighbors in Seabeck.

On February 18th Suzanne and Don visited the Brinnon Community Center. Brennon's Center is highly successful and has provided us with a lot of information on operations and programs. We also met with Ruth Bernstein, an expert in the formulation of non-profit foundations. She provided a roadmap on how to succeed and avoid pitfalls in establishing a non-profit. We are grateful for her help. The web has been researched, other community centers and non-profits have been contacted for ideas that will streamline the process.

On March 5th Suzanne and Don presented the Seabeck Community Center Proposal to Doug Newell. We received a very favorable response that

gave us confidence to proceed with establishing a Seabeck Community Center nonprofit foundation. Mr. Newell provided advice and forwarded several documents to aid in our effort. As a result of this meeting we are proceeding.

An updated proposal was sent to Doug Newell on March 11th. The tentative plan is to present the Seabeck Community Center to the School Board in April and have a board vote in May.

The next steps will be State of Washington:

- File Articles of Incorporation

- Apply for Master Business License

- Register with the Charities Division

Federal government steps are next:

- Register Center name

- Apply for EIN#

- Apply for tax exemption

Organizing is next:

- Hold first board meeting

Status Report #2 will be provided after we get State and Federal responses.