

**CITY OF STANWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL / STAFF RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2007  
HOTEL BELLWETHER, BELLINGHAM, WA.**

**MINUTES**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007 – GARDEN ROOM**

Staff Present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Bill Beckman, Finance Director Jeannie Brown, City Clerk Melissa Collins, Chief of Police Tom Davis, Fire Chief Mike Ganz, Community Development Director Stephanie Hansen, Human Resources Director Mathew Pruitt and Mayor Dianne White.

Councilmembers Present: Bill Carlton, Andy Chappel, Shelley Klasse, Conrad Ryer and Arne Wennerberg,

Facilitators: Jack Lyons and Ron Harmon, Lyons & Associates.

Meeting began at 8:05 a.m.

Mayor White opened the retreat with her vision and goals for the City:

*What do we look like ten years from now in 2017?*

- *The population of the City of Stanwood will be around 9,000 residents;*
- *The City boundaries will be expanded significantly to the north and east.*

*How will we serve this very different municipality?*

- *A functioning, interactive web page;*
- *A new municipal campus consisting of City Hall, police, library and community service meeting rooms;*
- *A parks system functioning under a park district that has the taxing ability to raise the money needed for capital expansion as well as maintenance;*
- *A City of citizens who take pride in their neighborhoods and their overall community. Neighborhoods will work together to be ready to respond in time of crisis and ensure block watch awareness on a daily basis;*
- *Housing that addresses all economic strata of the population;*

- *A hotel and associated services including a micro-brewery, winery in conjunction with a culinary school, galleries and a year-round farmer's market;*
- *We will have a river front accessible and enjoyed by all the public with a trail system that links the entire community;*
- *An institution of higher education nearing completion with the associated housing and services as well as municipal infrastructure to serve it.*

*Mayor White continued by saying the reality is if the City Government doesn't vision large enough, growth will happen and the outcome will be south Everett. She said to provide the services given the economic constraints holding back small cities now, we must be creative and take a look at contracting for services rather than trying to do everything ourselves.*

*Mayor White went on to say the City needs to be politically pro-active in bringing in grant money and legislative relief where appropriate.*

*Mayor White concluded with Stanwood will fulfill its destiny if the Mayor, City Council and the Planning Commission continue implementing the Comprehensive Plan and expanding it where appropriate.*

Facilitator Jack Lyons gave an overview of the agenda for the retreat and led a discussion on goals, expectations and group communications.

Facilitator Ron Harmon led the group in a discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, the City Council and Committees. Mr. Harmon also discussed the chain of command structure for requesting employee services.

The group discussed the professional planning process and the vision for Stanwood. What needs to be done now and where do we want to be a year from now.

Community Development Director Stephanie Hansen distributed the Vision Statement for the City of Stanwood from the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Lyons introduced to Council and staff a 1-3-6 process, which was used to help the group identify and discuss critical issues currently facing the City.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007 – GARDEN ROOM**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

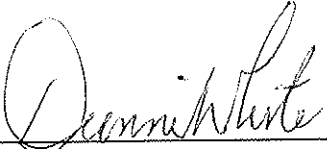
Mr. Lyons presented an overview from the February 3, 2007 meeting.

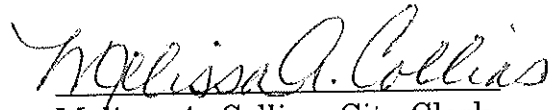
Economic Development issues were discussed and Council/Staff provided comments on various issues regarding the future of Stanwood.

*The following items were identified as the Visions for the City of Stanwood:*

- *A safe community;*
- *Bring businesses to Stanwood with jobs (commercial & industry);*
- *Connection of streets, parks, trails with river access;*
- *Find a “nitch” for the City;*
- *Maintaining the historical structures within the City;*
- *Municipal Campus –City Hall, Library, Police Department.*

The retreat ended at 12:00 p.m.

  
Dianne W. White, Mayor

  
Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk