

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 11th, 2012, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

KEN BERGSMA	GREGG FREEMAN	RICH WEYRICH
JENNIFER KINGLSLEY	DON McDERMOTT	TIM HOLLORAN
DALE RAGAN	DANIEL DEMPSEY	LISA RUMSEY
DELILAH GEORGE	BONNIE BOWERS	MARC ESTVOLD
LaDESSA CROUCHER	LINSI BURTON	ROXANE GOSS
LAURIE JAROLIMEK		

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Ken Bergsma**, *Mount Vernon Police Chief and Law & Justice Council Chairman*.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion and second by the Council that the June 13th, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

PROGRAM:

KULSHAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

Officer Jon Gerondale of the Mount Vernon Police Dept. has been working with the Kulshan Creek Neighborhood since 2003, to promote positive, legitimate ownership by the residents for their neighborhood. The Kulshan Creek area is made up of 2400, primarily Hispanic residents, in 550 apartments and 170 mobile homes. Through various MVPD initiated projects and community activities, residents have taken back their neighborhood and continue to do so. Recent statistics show crime calls have decreased since 2003 in the Kulshan Creek area by 43%, while citywide the decrease was only 6%.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

JAIL FACILITY TASK FORCE: **Marc Estvold** announced that the second meeting of the Jail Coordinating Council would meet on Thursday, July 23. They hope to narrow down the site for the new jail complex and set up a tour of a SCORE jail facility. The August meeting will discuss funding.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: **Jennifer Kingsley** announced that Skagit County has officially begun participation in the "IF Project" as of this month. Their first presentation had 6 participating youths. **Lisa Rumsey** added that the 5 hour session went even better than they had hoped. She gave special thanks to Sgt. Annette Lindquist of the Sheriff's office for coming in on her day off and participating as the local law enforcement advisor. The IF Project will meet once a month at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MVPD Chief **Ken Bergsma** announced that he will be retiring the end of September, after 35 years in law enforcement. He asked that the council come up with a replacement Chairperson for the end of the year.

NEXT MEETING- There will be no meeting in AUGUST.
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Approved ___9/12/12_____