

CANDIDATES' NIGHT June 6, 2007

Get to know the candidates

KPOA membership will vote July 8th to appoint three new board members. The following are the full, unedited opening and closing statements and the three questions from the Nominations Committee of the five board candidates during June's KPOA Candidates' Night. Equal time was allowed to each candidate.

OPENING STATEMENTS:

HANK KRIST: "Good evening. I'm Hank Krist. I am sorry about missing Candidates Night but I have to attend an annual bank board meeting in New York, which I can't miss. I am



Hank Krist

running for the board primarily to give you an option to vote for someone who is truly independent and not aligned with any group in Kala Point. I am dismayed at many of the decisions and actions taken by the board that appear to perpetuate the divisiveness in the community. An example of this is

when recently an extremely qualified woman attempted to join the Elections Committee. The members of the committee approved her application but the KPOA board rejected her in a 6-3 vote.

I believe the board greatly influences the attitudes within Kala Point. And as such, this

was an opportunity for the board to take the high road and move toward reducing the tension within our community but they did not. I believe each member's participation is important and we should welcome it.

Another concern of mine is the financial condition of Kala Point. We have been given conflicting data about the adequacy of our reserves and how our assessments will be affected. Our infrastructure is aging and the cost of maintenance will probably dramatically increase. We may have to make some difficult financial decisions in the future and choose between need and want. The members should be asked what is important to them.

To this end we should send out an annual survey to members to get their opinion on a variety of issues, not just financial. The board makes policy decisions for all of us. We need to seek member input and be responsible in establishing those policies."

JIM WILLIAMS: "As I stated in the Kala Pointer that recently came out, I have no experience in the business of a Homeowners Association. This is the first Homeowners Association that my wife and I have ever lived in. And since we have been here, we've been so impressed with really how nice this place is and we just love it here. But I have had experiences as a school administrator, worked with large staffs, parent groups, community groups and so forth. And I think I have pretty good people skills. One of the things that I think a board member would need is the ability to communicate and work with individuals throughout the community. When I was approached by the Nominating Committee I

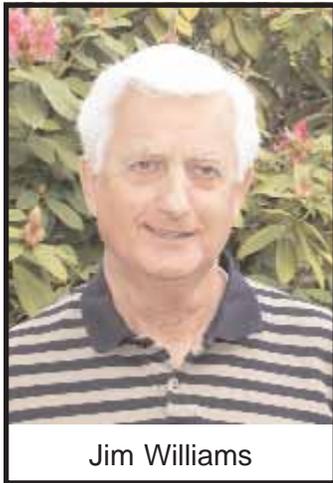
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took some time to think about that because I really wanted to consider what would motivate me to want to become a candidate or a member of the board. And I think the primary motivation for me at this time was, I feel that I get so much from Kala Point, I want to give something back. And it is an opportunity to do that for me over these next three years if I am elected.

We have wonderful neighborhoods and I believe it is important to maintain a positive attitude in our community. I really believe that is a strong issue.



Jim Williams

And one key element is to be able to listen to concerns and be able to sit down face to face and talk with people and work through to find some solutions. I believe I am a good communicator, not one to making snap judgments. I like to

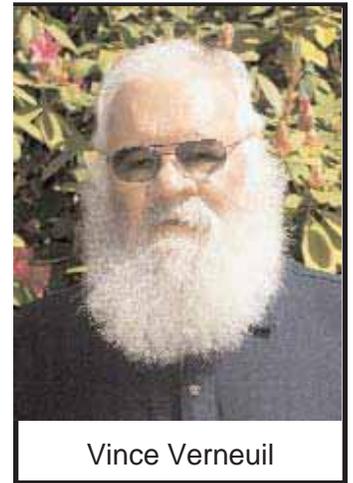
think things through and look at the opportunities as a result of an issue that's been raised. They are not always necessarily problems with some evil scenario going on. But sometimes there's some real opportunities for progress among the entire community. I'd like to be a part of that.

I have no personal agenda that I am bringing into this. As I've said, I've not been terribly involved with the business aspects of Kala Point in the past. I've served on a couple of committees. I'd just like to give something back and be a part of the makings and the workings of problem solving here. Thank you.”

VINCE VERNEUIL: “I've lived here 9 years in Kala Point and enjoyed it quite immensely. Many years ago I joined a small company and spent 30 years with it in upper management and

got good experience from small to medium size company. And I think that will serve me well for the board here.

I did run for the board about five or six years ago, maybe seven, and lost. And I didn't feel... I was kind of hurt by that so I think that's one think you got to get over though. And recently I was volunteered to be the fill-in for a person that left Kala Point here and I enjoyed it quit immensely. I think I got a...what I did find out was in the last six months is, there's a heck of a lot of people that put a heck of a lot of time in Kala Point. And I appreciate that because I think that's what keeps Kala Point going. That's why I'm running again to try to add some more and learn. It takes a while to learn what's going on so I do think I can be more effective later than now.



Vince Verneuil

Now one thing that I find that guides me during my business career and during Kala Point here is, is the Rotary four-way test. I am a member of Rotary and I think it's a very good thing to put all situations in. Everything you say or do ask: is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build good will and friendship and better friendships, and is it beneficial to all concerned. And this is what I think Kala Point needs.

STEVE POSEY: Can you hear me ok? I am going to pick the mic up and do this, if that's all right. I agree, essentially, with everything that my fellow candidates have said. My wife and I came here three years ago and enjoy the place immensely. It is a wonderful place to live with wonderful neighbors.

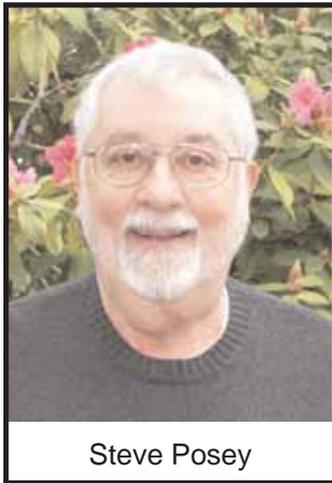
That being said, we've become aware of the fact that are some situations in the community

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that aren't as communal, if you want to call it that, as they might be. There's some sense of divisiveness from time to time. We tend not always to one another but to talk at one another. And I've got to thinking about this some time ago



Steve Posey

and realized finally that most of my working life has been spent in situations running from very small companies, a start up actually, to moderately large ones. And I've had a great deal of success with just being thrown in situations where people needed some help in working out

difficulties with the business, working out the interpersonal difficulties. And somehow been able to help them from time to time in accomplishing that.

So, when you talk about building a community or rebuilding it, and no matter which word you use, it depends on your point of view. I do think that I can bring something to the table. I've been active in a number of committees. Most of you know that. And I think those committee members have been pleased to have me, not too many have thrown rocks at me, not very often anyway.

And it finally came to me that it's time to step up to the plate and say ok, if I am as good as I think I am, I am an egotist, in case you hadn't noticed that it's time to step up and volunteer and then let you guys decide whether or not I can be of help. I don't tell you I'm going to come and solve your problems. I am not that kind of a problem solver. But maybe, just maybe, once in a while, I can help you to work out our problems together. That's what's important to me and that's why I'm here. Thank you.

JANE ROGERS: Hello. I have been here since 1980. And I think that when I came here it was a trial. I was quite interested in planned communities. I have a little bit of experience from the other end. We had helped develop property in Cle Elum and my mother-in-law had developed quite a bit of property in Seattle. Now, but that's the other end.

I really didn't know if I could live under these rules and regulations. The only way for me to learn anything is to try it. If I don't like it I can leave. I have the freedom to do that. So anyway, we came first as a weekend retreat and then as a bluff owners and then with a change of lifestyle I built my own house up on the hill. Now, at the time that my lifestyle changed I very seriously considered, well I didn't consider it, I was going to, buy a



Jane Rogers

house in town. So I went into Port Townsend, I am a piano teacher. This is where the clientele is and what not. I looked and looked and looked and every time I came back, Kala Point looked better and better. I didn't want the cars over here and I didn't want the tall grass over here. This was great. Ok, I got to hurry here.

I was watching the history channel one night on President's speeches. And Kennedy came out, "Ask not what your country can do for, but what you can do for your country." And I thought, I have not done anything for Kala Point for a long time. So I better get with it. I had to ask myself though, what did I have to give to a board? What did I have to give to this community? The one thing I have was the history. I've been here a long time. I've seen things come, go, change, what not. I have also worked with boards.

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE QUESTIONS:

Question #1: Are there particular issues of importance to you that you would like to address as a board member?

JIM WILLIAMS: Thank you. Since being in Kala Point since 2000, I’ve served on two committees, after arriving here, attended board meetings, not a lot of board meetings, I’ll be real honest about it. Attended Town Hall meetings, I think we’ve gone to all the Annual Members since we’ve been here except one.

It’s become apparent to me after attending these and listening and talking to individuals, neighbors and various ones, that the major issue I would like to see us confront, I would like to be a part of that, is to deal with the issue that Kala Point seems to me to be divided into two camps at this time. The fact that one camp is smaller than the other doesn’t cancel out the disharmony that’s created by that situation. Whether it’s an inability to relate or communicate or simple an unwillingness to so by some makes the jobs that need to be done, seems to me, much more difficult than they ought to be.

I realize that you can’t make people like each other or force people to become friends, but there must be a willingness on everyone’s part, to understand each other’s points of view, to respect those differences, and to be able to work cooperatively, to try to find answers to some of the issues facing our community. Within this community, one thing I’ve been impressed with.

There are more than enough individuals who are very bright, who have wonderful working past experiences that they can bring to the table. And skills and experiences to address almost any issue that we probably have to face here. But I think the what, is the genuine interest to create win-win situations. And I hope that I can be a part to help bring that about.

My feeling is this. As individuals or groups, if there is an issue, we work hard to get our ideas and our ideas for solutions and changes and betterment for the community explained to all the membership and as positive and informative way as we possibly can. Being as instructive as we can. But when it comes down to a vote, and the decisions are finally made, and the votes are in- if your point of view did not win, I really think that it’s important that we all support what was done.

VINCE VERNEUIL: I think the issues that are important here, we want to keep Kala Point a good place to live, keep it affordable, safe, friendly, and have good activities for the people that live here.

Now, how are we going to do that? Well, first thing, we’ve got to go from knowledge. We’ve got to learn what’s the cause and what went wrong and what the membership wants. So we have to spend some money on some things, like expert advice on the roads and what needs to be done to them. And expert legal advice so we don’t get in trouble legally. Second, we’ve got to make a decision about whether we need a general manager or go like we are now. Now I think the answer is that we need a general manager. I think the secondary question is, when? Do we need it now or can we wait and do it later. But I think it’s a thing that we have to approach and get a decision on.

The last thing is, how are we going to get more people to volunteer because if the volunteers keep falling off we’re in sad trouble. Therefore we’ll have to hire more things done and I think that’s going to be, get a lot of people here, can’t afford to live here. And that would be sad because they put their heart and mind here. And how do we do that? I don’t know. We’ve got to learn how to support the volunteers. The committee system is a part of, extending part of the board, so we have to have a way so the board

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supports the committees and then the people on the committees feel like they're doing something right. And I think that would go a long ways to get more people involved to have a more harmonious community.

STEVE POSEY: Vince has mentioned any number of pending issues or current issues and they are all important. But the difficulty is that we aren't always sure how to approach a solution to those issues. We've tried any number of ways, at least in my time here, of getting information out to the community. We've tried various ways to get information from the community back to the board. None of these ways have worked very often or very well. And I think that is the overriding problem here.

Any of you go back to the days in college you studied debate, you took a debate class. In the debate you remember how they work: one side has 15 minutes to present a view, the other side has 15 minutes to present the opposing view. The first side has 10 minutes to rebut, the second side has 10 minutes to rebut. And then a judge or jury or audience decides who is the winner. So, a debate, by its very nature has a winner and a loser. A debate is very similar...well, we see them all the time. You see a presidential debate- we've recently been exposed to debates among the candidates for nomination for president. And again, it's 3 minutes, 2 minutes, 2 minutes, 1 minute.

There is no real conversation, there is not real discussion of the issues, there's no give and take, there's no saying, “I think we ought to do thus and such” and you say, “wait a minute, have you considered so and so?” And I say, “well gosh, maybe we ought to talk about that.” That's what I think we need to learn to do, is to talk with one another. I think there are ways that you can start that, I think you can show by example, I'd like to try. I think that would go a long way towards solving many of these other issues.

JANE ROGERS: I have so many things that I want to say and I'm not going to make it in two minutes. I've spent many, many years nurturing a community. This is done differently than running a business office. It's done with many of the things you said Steve. You have a party and you figure out what's going on because these things can go...I think we need more of this. We need to talk more, we need to be more open. Everybody can say that. I talk a lot so I like other people to talk a lot too. Oh, see I had too many things in my mind to really think about what to say.

I hate the word volunteer. I think it should be taken out. I think of a volunteer as someone who is standing up and getting ready to be shot. I think that we ought to find a new term. I really feel that we must have the responsibility of the community and that if we have the responsibility then we will go in and do what is expected or what we expect of ourselves. We don't sit back and expect everything to be sweetness and light.

HANK KRIST: I believe the major overriding issue in Kala Point is the culture perpetuated by the KPOA boards since I have been a resident. It's time for certain board and committee members, past and present, who have lived here a long time, to realize they don't have all the answers and they don't know what is right for the rest of us. If they would let go, take a small step and reach out to some of the people who disagree with them, they would be doing the community an invaluable service. Kala Point belongs equally to all of us.

Question #2: What is your perception of the KPOA budget – too low, too high, or about right – and based on what information?

VINCE VERNEUIL: I am not a big believer in budgets. I think a budget is a result not a deciding factor. We have a budget to keep in line

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but the big question on how much money you want to spend is, what is the quality of our facilities that we want to maintain? Do we want a one star facility here, a two star, a three star, a four star, a five star? I am not going to say what kind of rating I want on Kala Point.

But I believe is, I think we should keep the same Kala Point now as when I came 9 years ago. I think we deserve everyone that came here, we should keep Kala Point at the level we have it. That means keeping the facilities up and keeping the facilities like now. We do have more members now. It would be nice to have a bigger clubhouse. But if we don't have the money we could do with this clubhouse and for big meeting go to the school or go to the Elks Club or something.

So I think we need to acquire some facts to make the budget. Therefore we do have to spend some money on outside advice like the cost of roads and whether we need a general manager, how much it'll cost, and what good he'll do. So I think we need some legal advice. So I think we do have to spend money because we don't know all the answers but I think the budget is a good guideline. We've based our budget on past expenditures and that's good. And I think the community has a right to accept the budget or vote against it. So, I think we've just got to do our due diligence and keep the facilities as good as it is now or when we moved here.

STEVE POSEY: Well, you all know what a budget is. You've done one at home. Well, you're supposed to. You read it in the newspaper, you saw it on TV. Of course you did it. A budget is a tool when you plan for your wants or your needs. So the budget is driven by the wants and needs. If KPOA wants to have its streets plowed of snow in the winter, then you bloody well have a snow plow. And somebody to run it. And so you've got to put some money in the budget for a snowplow and for somebody to run it. It's pretty simple. I think the question of whether the

budget is too high, too low, or about right begs the issue, the real issue, is and Vince got very close to this.

The real issue is what do we want as members. What do we want for our community? I am not going to suggest that we do need or don't need to return to the general manager-ship. But I'm going to suggest this, if we think there are reasons to have, benefit, that the community will derive from a general manager, then you put money in the budget to hire one. And there are ways to find out roughly how much money you're going to need.

The budget, in other words, reflects the needs of the community. The problem that I have is that most of the people in the community, that's you and me folks, don't get to input to the budget. We only get to say “yea or nay” down at the very end and if we say, “nay” then we've got a disasterous situation, no budget to operate with, no funds to operate with. And this gets back to what I was talking about a little while ago. We need more dialogue.

If you have a good idea for something the community ought to have, how do you input it into the budget making process? Into the decision making process. There isn't any way. And that worries me. And that's again, why I think we need to work very hard at creating all kinds of dialogue between all kinds of people in this community. I think maybe then the budget questions won't even arise the way they have.

JANE ROGERS: I feel our budget is very fair. I have a great deal of trust in the people who have worked on it. Now, if I have a question and I have had several, I always call these people to ask, “what does this mean?”, “why are we doing this?”, and on and on and on. I think this is essential with any budget. Our money is important and it takes money to make money too. And if we make money for all of our things that we would like then let's see the way of doing it. I am talking about parties.

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HANK KRIST: The primary issue regarding the budget is the reserve study. While that study was completed some time ago it can not be validated until we know the results of the physical testing of the roads. As I mentioned earlier, maintenance costs will probably dramatically increase in the future, taking up a larger portion of the budget.

JIM WILLIAMS: I received a copy of the budget. I went down to the office and asked for a copy and I skimmed over that. Looking at it, it appeared to me that the operating budget and the reserve budget, I thought were within reasonable limits. The operating budget showed an increase this year of about 3% and that falls within reason for most budgets, most households, and most businesses, probably. I looked at the reserve budget and I know that it may not be at the level that everyone would like for it to be, but it appears that there is a plan to working towards something. And I know in the plan it was by 2018, I think about 12 years from now, from the \$350,000 that has been projected for the reserve fund for 2007 it should be about \$600,000 at that point according to what I saw in the budget report.

I think that Vince has raised a very important point. When we all moved into Kala Point, we moved here because of the conditions of the facilities, the roads, the grounds, all of the things that make this place very special. And it costs money to maintain that. And so, when I looked at the budget, it appeared to me, that the provisions were there to maintain that level of service and since I've been here in 2000 I've not noticed any major decline in the way our place looks. We had the skylights put in the clubhouse this year. I know they had to replace the heating system in the pool and spa. There's been a number of...I think a new mower was on the budget thing that was quite expensive to mow the ditch banks and I guess it takes a special piece of equipment to do that sort of thing.

So, when I looked at that and I went through the items there, it just appeared to me that we were well within reason with our budget and I think that once we, who ever is elected to the board, it's going to take a little while to study the budget, because it is quite extensive. And the details are great.

Question #3: What do you believe are the responsibilities of the KPOA membership?

STEVE POSEY: That's an interesting question. I wonder how they came up with that? Number one, let me start this way. I think a great vote of thanks goes to our current board president because in her president's column last month, she printed in its entirety a document called, and let me see what it is actually called. It is produced by the Community Association Institute and it's called Rights and Responsibilities for better Communities. And it was at her suggestion and I think that she was the prime mover on this.

Your board has adopted this document. It contains four sections. Rights and Responsibilities of Homeowners, Rights and Responsibilities for Community Leaders. And I don't think there is a better way to answer this question than to take you to the second section which is "Homeowners have the Responsibility to". And I am not going to read you all nine of these. I'll take a couple of them to give you a flavor of what they are. The very first one says, "Homeowners have the responsibility to read and comply with the governing documents of the community". That seems fairly straight forward.

The second one says, "Maintain their property according to established standards". That seems pretty reasonable. Number three is "treat association leaders honestly and with respect". We don't always do that, all of us. Number four, "vote in community elections and

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on other issues”. And there are five more. So answer to your question is, there is a set of nine, let’s start there. And if you think others should be added to or some of those should be taken out, I am right back to that dialogue again. Let’s talk about it.

JANE ROGERS: What are the responsibilities, what are the responsibilities of us as human beings? I agree with everything that Steve has said. I would like to say one thing though. Me, the freedom and responsibility are two sides of a coin. One has to be responsible to the community before one can feel the freedom. So, let’s do it.

HANK KRIST: Regarding the responsibility of KPOA membership, I believe it is important to get as actively involved and informed as possible regarding how Kala Point is governed. Attend a board meeting to see how board members reason and interact with each other as well as the general members. Do the same for some of the committees if you can.

JIM WILLIAMS: Yes, I did want to take time like Steve did to commend Carol Fischbach for the article that she had in the last Kala Pointer. I thought that was an excellent section that was in there. And if some of you have not read, I think everyone should read it and take it to heart. I looked at it this way. I thought of five things. Once officers are elected and committee members are appointed, I think we owe them our support. They are going to put in an awful lot of time and effort on our behalf and I think they deserve our support and encouragement along the way.

Secondly, I think it our responsibility to keep informed of what’s going on, the business. Attend meetings, read committee reports in the Kala Pointer, call the board members, call committee members if you have questions and talk to them and get your

questions clarified. Check sources and make certain of the facts before we pass concerns along to others. I think that is really a critical issue.

If there is disagreement with board or committee actions, I think the matter should be brought to their attention, in a respectful manner, clearly stating the issue and providing thoughts and ideas for the resolution. I heard someone say one time, don’t abandon your baby on someone else’s doorstep. And so if you have an issue, I think it is good to take it to an issue that can get that issue taken care of. But be willing to pitch in and help with the end result and the solution.

And last of all, remember your elected and appointed board and committee members are volunteers. They may not all be as knowledgeable and have specific expertise that we might all desire. But they are who we placed in office and they deserve our respect, support, and our encouragement.

VINCE VERNEUIL: I thought this was a very interesting question and I think that what Steve said and what other people have said is very interesting. But I think the members of the board think that what’s lacking right now, I think the board, the people, the membership of the community, need to let the board know your feelings about things. Now how do you do this? You attend the board meetings, you’ve got input before and after, so you can let us know your opinion. We’ve got a questionnaire with this ballot. Take time and fill it out with your true concern. We do look at those and the board does make decisions upon the needs of the community and how people feel.

Also, I think if you volunteer on a committee, you get your input through there. Pick the area you want to stress or you want to work with. Volunteer on that committee. And try to help out. And get to know the people on that committee and get to know more of your neighbors that way.

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And I don't want to forget the voting. You need to vote. Because that is a thing we need to do in the freedom of the world. So how do you...another thing I think I...a lot of people here don't take advantage of, is all our good things here. The fringe benefits: the clubhouse, the pool, the Jacuzzi, the tennis courts, the paddleball courts, the beach area, the trails. And even the adjacent State Park. You have to take advantage of these things to appreciate them because you are spending money on them. But if you sit in your house and don't go out and use them, then you feel robbed. So, get out and take advantage of these things.

The other thing I think is, the Social Plus Committee. There are lots of functions here. We keeping seeing the same small group coming every time. Everybody should come to get to know your neighbors. You are not going to like all of them (time was cut off and completion of sentence is finished in the closing statement). Time's up!

(END NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE QUESTIONS)

CLOSING COMMENTS:

HANK KRIST: I am obviously not able to answer any questions from the audience tonight, but I am available by phone when I return on June 13th. Please feel free to call me at 379-9878 with any questions or issues.

In closing, I want mention another action that troubles me. It's the board's bias toward inviting law enforcement into Kala Point to address the perceived speeding problem. The board member who wrote an article about this in the June issue of the Kala Pointer refers to a recent study that states over 56% of the vehicles exceeded our 25 miles per hour limit. The writer failed to disclose the fact that of the 56%, 43% were clocked at 26 to 30 and another 12% at 31 to 35. That leaves one to two percent of the vehicles

that exceeded 35 miles per hour. I don't believe that translates into a problem serious enough to be addressed by outside law enforcement.

Let's be creative and try to address this internally. The unintended consequences of inviting outside law enforcement into Kala Point could be enormous. I feel that when I drive through the gate I am home and don't want the intrusion of outside police or deputies.

To summarize my qualifications, I have over 30 years of financial management and consulting experience, all in the private sector. I am accustomed to dealing with complex problems and working to find satisfactory, economical solutions. I believe in open, transparent, and efficient governance with member participation in all important issues. Many members either don't have the time and or the interest to participate in the governing of Kala Point. That's unfortunate because in a sense, if we're not part of the solution we may be part of the problem.

JIM WILLIAMS: All candidates have volunteered to run for office and I believe all what's best for Kala Point however, we each may have a different picture of what could or should be in Kala Point. But I think that whoever the candidates are to win, you are probably going to be in pretty good hands, because I think that most people really want what's truly best.

I think that the candidates are good people. I think they'd serve you well. I think that, keep in mind, the new members on the board, except for Vince who is already on the board, there's probably going to be a significant learning curve to get acquainted with everything that takes place here. And it's going to take some time to get accustomed to it so I hope that folks will be patient and realize that's the case. Kala Point is just a special place. Stella and I just can't believe sometimes that we found this place. We come through the gate and we'll say, now we're back to paradise. And it just a wonderful place. And I

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want to wish all the other candidates good luck and win or loose, Stella and I plan to be good neighbors to all of you for a long time to come.

VINCE VERNEUIL: Well, first I want finish my comment when I was cut off. If you do more with the Social Plus committee things and meet more people I think you might not like everyone you meet but you should like 50% or more of the people here. If you're not, you're in the wrong place. So I think, if you get involved, I think that they will convince you that your are in the right place or you will commit yourself that your not in the right place. So I think that would go to a big benefit to everybody.

I think that I did learn a couple of things tonight that I think that I'd change. So that is good from a learning point of view. So if I am elected I can maybe act on them. One, I think the open board meeting, I didn't say I wouldn't try it, I think that's a very good thing to try and I don't think anyone ever thought of it before. But I think it's worth a try. I don't have high expectations of it succeeding. But then, it might. In the talk among the Community Members 101, I think it is a very good idea, if it can happen. And I think we are marching that way to the neighborhood meetings and so I think could work out too.

I think the budget, no matter what I said, you may think from what I've said, that the budget's got to go up. That's not necessarily true. But if you do want to get the facts, if you do want to have our good future Kala Point it is going to cost money. And 3% per year is great but I think we're a little bit behind the eight-ball. It may take more than that in the future. Just doing the reserve study, but I think that your elected board will try to do the best it can to keep the costs down to make it affordable for everyone

(END CLOSING COMMENTS)

(END CANDIDATES NIGHT ARTICLE)

Who are the Concerned Members?

Why being a dissident may be a good thing!

You probably received a letter from the **Concerned Members** telling you who to vote for in the upcoming annual election in July. The Concerned Members warn the membership that there are “dissidents” within the Community. They have used a variety of name calling over the years to describe residents that express their opinion, voice concerns about various issues, have fresh ideas, support the concept of brainstorming, and feel that sharing different viewpoints is a positive contribution.

Let's look at the role that “dissidents” have played in history, and why being a dissident may be a good thing. The term “dissident” became more widely used in the 20th century describing citizens who criticized the dictatorship of the Communist party in the Soviet Union. Those dissidents used to write non-censored literature. They were often punished with lengthy prison sentences, execution, or economic deprivation and were heavily criticized.

During this time, many people accepted the term dissident as a term of respect to themselves. This radically changed the

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meaning from a disparaging term to one of being positive and heroic. Instead of being a criminal, the term evolved into one who insists on officially published laws. An important role of dissidents was informing the world about violation of laws

and human rights. Another person who was called a dissident back in his day was Galileo for supporting Copernicus's thesis that the earth revolves around the sun and not vice versa.

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The Concerned Members intent is to put a bad light on ANYONE differing from their opinion. If you don't agree with them, lies and stories will be fabricated about you, you will be removed from committees or denied committee membership. Shunning is often the next step, including repeated hostile demands that you sell your property and leave the community.

The Concerned Members play on member's fears of change by developing FUD (fear, uncertainty & doubt) scenarios of awful things that will happen if there are different viewpoints permitted. The Concerned Members allege that "dissidents" demanding democratic process and compliance with the law and governing documents seek to undermine our Board, its committees and our Association activities. The Concerned Members see any alternative viewpoint as a direct attack on the board.

The culture at Kala Point could be similarly characterized as one that requires strict obedience to the authority of the organization that maintains and enforces control through the use of oppressive measures. **A government that governs without the consent of those being governed is called authoritarianism.** Contrast this with democracy, under which the power of governing comes from the people and all people are heard! We live in a democracy with freedom of speech and press, where all people are supposed to be equal. That is not the case in Kala Point. Our community IS under attack! By the Concerned Members who say they know what is best for all of us, demand silent obedience, and they feel that not all are created equal.

Most of us want to live in a safe friendly community, avoid divisiveness and conflict, have a desire for financial security, and the right to enjoy our property, just to list a few. The Kala Point population is wonderful mix of people who are generally well educated, have a wide variety of backgrounds and heritage from different parts of the country. Inclusiveness is the only way to achieve harmony. Exclusiveness, promoted by

the Concerned Members, is the opposite of that goal and promotes divisiveness and ill will to anyone with differing views. If members were aware of the control that the Concerned Members have they would see the problems in our community in a different light.

There are nine Concerned Members that have authored the annual election letter in the last four years: 1. Kuller, 2. Lowe, 3. Marioni, 4. McClure, 5. Murphy, 6. Snyder, 7. Zinser, 8. MacNair, and 9. Kemery. This year the letter leaves off Murphy (Hugh Murphy is on the current board), MacNair (Winnie MacNair is on the current board), Julie McClure (on the Nominations committee), Don Marioni, and Snyder. There is a good reason that certain names are left on different years! Seven of those nine members are ex-Board Directors and five are ex-Board Presidents. State statutes greatly limit the extent to which the board of directors is permitted to influence elections held by the membership.

Did you realize how much influence this small group of 9 families really impacts our neighborhood? They recycle themselves onto the board. The board essentially DOES control our elections AND the highly censored "news" that comes to you through the Kala Pointer. This is THE reason for an alternative newsletter and the reason an alternative newsletter is so important for our community.

No where in their letter does it talk about any criteria that was used to endorse the candidates-the pluses or minuses about each candidate or their qualifications, nor did they interview all of the candidates. Do we want a community that values only those who have lived here a long time and just because they say so?

Let's work towards a neighborhood where it is actually desirable to have different ideas. Let's be open to discussing new ideas instead of having a close-minded attitude of "this is the way it is going to be, we don't want your ideas". Let's work towards a neighborhood that embraces ALL who live here, including the Concerned Members, including the "dissidents", including the quiet member; everyone.

Voting Process For The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

by Mike Holden
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KPOA's Annual Membership meeting will be **July 8, 2007** at the Chimacum High School Auditorium, and check-in starts at NOON, so please come early, get checked in, and socialize! The meeting should start at 1:00 p.m., assuming we have everyone checked in!



At Check-in we'll have tables divided by the alphabet, and you will be directed to the proper table. We'll validate you as a KPOA member and give you your VOTING CARD with your lot number on it. (Think of an auction paddle and you get the idea.) We'll be counting any floor votes you cast using these voting cards, so don't lose them, and please return them when the meeting is over! If you are designated as someone's proxy-holder, you'll get their voting card as well as your own.

The Vote-By-Mail process will be the same as we used for our December 2006 meeting. You'll get a Ballot, Ballot Instructions, and a Voting Information Pamphlet with your Meeting Notice mailed to you in June. Please read it all carefully and return your ballot, as directed, as soon as you can!

Unfortunately, at previous meetings, we had a number of ballots that we could not validate, either because they were turned in without any identifying information, or because they arrived after the deadline! **Please make your Vote count!** Please make sure that when you send or bring in your sealed ballot envelope, it is sealed

inside an envelope with your return address on it. Otherwise, we can't count it as a valid ballot. Also, please make sure your return envelope and ballot arrive at the office by the deadline, or personally bring them to the meeting!

"Observation events" allow KPOA members to observe how the Elections Committee conducts ballot validation, handling and vote counting. They will all be at the KPOA Administration Office Conference Room. Here are the scheduled dates and times:

- Friday, 22 June, 09:30 a.m.
- Friday, 29 June, 09:30 a.m.
- Friday, 6 July, 09:30 a.m.
- Sunday, 8 July, immediately following the Annual Meeting.

The Elections Committee has been working on the new process for Members to submit Resolutions ahead of time, to be pre-published, included in the Voter Information Pamphlet, and voted on by mail. This process is not quite ready for the July 2007 Membership Meeting, but should be ready by the December 2007 Membership Meeting. Stay tuned for news!

As always, the Elections Committee would like to solicit volunteers for our committee. Many hands make light work! If you have an interest in helping out in our lovely community, please consider joining us for a committee meeting. We could also use your temporary help for check-in at the Annual Meeting! (We'll accept trainees!)

We are tasked to "serve as impartial election commissioners in the conduct of all elections requiring the written vote of the Membership and shall ensure the integrity of the balloting process." As such, we are NOT political, and it is a very cordial committee!

Please contact the office, or any member of the Elections Committee! **We'd love to have you!**

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If you are interested in participating or would like to express an opinion on a Kala Point issue, you are welcome to contact us. As always, we welcome all communications, and will happily print the writer's name, if desired.

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When A Proxy Form Is Needed Why Assigning A Proxy-holder Is Important IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING

The proxy form was **NOT** included in the election packet this year. With the new Vote-by-mail procedures approved and in place, your properly completed mailed-in-ballot **WILL** be counted, whether you assign a proxy-holder or not, and your mailed-in ballot will count as attendance for the quorum purposes, whether or not you are able to attend the Annual Membership Meeting.

If you are **UNABLE** to attend the Annual Membership Meeting on July 8, 2007, where new business may come up, it is strongly encouraged that you designate another person

(your “proxy-holder”) who would exercise your voting rights on new business that arises at the meeting. Otherwise, if new business is brought up at the meeting you will not have a vote on that new business!

Be sure that who ever you designate as your proxy-holder will be present at the Membership Meeting!

Since the proxy form was NOT included in the voting packet this year, that means that

you can either contact the KPOA administration office before the office closes on Friday, July 6th to obtain one or use the proxy form supplied in this month’s *Community Forum* July issue. Actually, a proxy form can be on any kind of piece of paper and does not have to be on any “official” form. But for your convenience we have provided one for you to use as is or as an example where you can create your own. Please note that you need to fill in your unit number. For ease of counting and accuracy, if you own more than one lot, you may want to fill out one form for each lot. Your lot number is your “unit number” not your address!.

With regards to voting for the board candidates, while you may vote for up to three candidates it is strongly urged that you vote for **ONLY** the candidate(s) that you feel is qualified and supports your viewpoints.

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For example, if you only see one candidate that you feel is qualified, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE FOR THREE! You can simply vote for one (or two) candidates. One thing you can't do is vote for the same person three times on the same ballot. If you have any questions or confusion about the ballot and proxy system please email us before sending in your materials to KPOA to contact@ttpnewsletter.com.

The person you assign your proxy-holder must vote in accordance with your wishes as expressed on the ballot unless you leave the ballot

blank, in which case the proxy-holder will vote according to his/her discretion. Be sure the person you designate as your proxy-holder is aware of that fact. You may use the form to assign someone to vote your written ballot (the board candidates), if desired.

If you wish to direct your proxy-holder to abstain on new business at the Membership Meeting, you may check the last box on the proxy form. But in most cases, with Vote-by-Mail, the reason that you would fill out a proxy form is for your proxy-holder to VOTE AT THE MEETING IN YOUR ABSENCE.

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Kala Point Owners Association

Proxy-holder Designation Form

Unit # _____ **Owner(s):** _____
Last name, First name(s)

I/We the undersigned, as a member of the Kala Point Owners' Association, hereby constitute and appoint:

[] The following person _____ whom I/we designate, as my/our true and lawful proxy-holder, to exercise my/our voting rights in the upcoming Membership Meeting, and all adjournments thereof.

My/our proxy-holder is further authorized to vote on all issues that may arise at the Membership Meeting on July 8, 2007, and all adjournments thereof, unless the following is marked

[] whereby I/we direct my/our proxy to abstain from casting a vote in any matter not covered by the written ballot.

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2007

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Mark Your Calendar!



Plan to attend the KPOA Annual Members Meeting Sunday, July 8th

If you can not attend be sure to assign a proxy-holder to cast your vote on any new business that may come before the meeting.

If you have any question call the KPOA Administration Office at 385-0814 or email Community Forum: contact@ttpnewsletter.com

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PUD Faces Financial Trouble Helping Out Homeowners Group

KPUC Water “White Knight Buyout” Role Still Possible?

Faced with at least \$1.2 million in un-budgeted project-cancellation losses looming on another area homeowner infrastructure bailout, the cash-strapped local PUD may have to think



twice about their possible acquisition of the KP water system. In their effort to help a group of about 100 Beckett Point Homeowners address a wave of failing 30-40 year-old individual waterfront septic systems,

The PUD arranged \$2.8 million in bond-backed credit for construction before encountering suspected native human remains on the Discovery Bay site. Public bailouts of aging developer infrastructure systems are often the funding-of-last resort required once developers exhaust their land sale prospects and depart. Poorly developed water systems, lack of central sewage disposal, and failing roads are the typical legacy left for individual owners and utility districts to clean up.

A \$100,000 emergency state loan was required by the PUD in Mid June to fund an emergency archaeological survey of the Beckett Point septic drain field construction site, hoping to accurately determine the feasibility of continuing construction. If that study finds more remains in the path of construction, The PUD reportedly may now have to abandon the project entirely, absorbing more than a million dollars in project abandonment losses with no homeowner use fees payback; leaving the polluting homeowners without an immediate solution for the effluent making it’s way into Discovery Bay.

How this may impact PUD funding capacity or interest in buying the KP water company (including it’s highly valuable deep-well water rights) remains to be seen, but it certainly complicates the picture. PUD officials are believed to have tendered an offer of \$517,000 for all assets of a debt-free KPUC. Water Company current debt is now thought to be about \$130,000. A large account receivable approximately equaling the debt amount, arising from settlement with the former general manager related to financial impropriety, appears to have been cleared in preparation for sale, as well.

Long-standing developer representative (and current KPOA board member) Renate Wheeler, related by marriage to the Dencker Family now selling out it’s ownership interests at KP, including the water system, and original builder of the now failing roads, has said little publicly about the divestment.

Reliable, affordable water service is an essential factor in maintaining property values; a frequently stated key role for KPOA. The association is fully capable legally of funding KPUC acquisition and of conducting water company operations on behalf of all owners, either directly or through contracted services readily available from experienced licensed water system operating firms. Every property in the development is directly and profoundly impacted

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by this utility. It seems incredible that a matter of this importance to every owner has not been fully briefed to all owners by current leadership, and a formal vote taken among members to determine interest in self-ownership of this system and it’s highly valuable excess water right assets.

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