



# Highway 99 Action Committee

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## Highway 99 Action Committee Update: Sub-Committees



This summer has been a season of productive "housekeeping" for the Highway 99 Action Committee. To better meet our objectives, we have created four distinct sub-committees to meet separately from the regular Committee meetings. We believe these sub-committees will be highly effective in addressing specific needs and although these sub-committees are only just beginning, they are already off to a good start!

Here is what has happened in the first month.

The *Public Relations* sub-committee elected Edwinna (Eddie) Forschler as the committee chair. The overall purpose of this sub-committee is to market the Highway 99 Action Committee to the community. They plan to do this by sponsoring and organizing community events and possibly by using simple advertising mailings. They also hope to partner with other committees and public agencies that have similar community improvement goals.

The first event coordinated through this sub-committee was setting up and "manning" a booth at Tukwila Days on Saturday, July 14th. Dwight and Nancy McLean, Rick and Eddie Forschler, Derek Speck, and Sharon Mann all participated. We handed out literature about the Highway 99 Action Committee and obtained the names of several additional persons interested in receiving more information about our meetings and activities.

The *Membership* sub-committee elected Kathy Hougardy as the committee chair. The purpose of this sub-committee is to help with recruiting new members and to help with staffing of the sub-committees. The initial task undertaken by the Membership sub-committee is to develop an official policy for Action

Committee membership. Progress on this goal will be reported at the next Action Committee meeting in August.

The *Community Development* sub-committee elected Sharon Mann as the committee chair. The purpose of this sub-committee is to engage community stake-holders toward motivating positive change along Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB). This potentially includes creating a community theme or vision for future development. The sub-committee will be looking for additional members from the community who want to actively drive the direction of development along TIB. The first project taken on by this sub-committee was to inform the community of upcoming efforts by the Tukwila City Council to decide the fate of Tukwila Village. The latest information about Tukwila Village was added to the Action Committee web site: [www.highway99actioncommittee.org](http://www.highway99actioncommittee.org). The sub-committee will be looking for developers and other community stake-holders to participate in future meetings.

The *Finance* sub-committee has not met so far. The purpose of this sub-committee is to manage Action Committee funds and to help plan for fund raising activities and events to meet the committee's financial needs. Once organized, this committee will probably meet on an as-needed basis.

The Highway 99 Action Committee continues to look for additional members of the community to help with making a difference along Tukwila International Boulevard. If you or anyone you know is interested in working with us, please attend our meetings and pitch in. The Action Committee meetings are held every second Tuesday, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at the Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S.

Feel free to contact me if you want more information.

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## **Tukwila Village Update**

The City of Tukwila is continuing work on Tukwila Village. As you may remember, Tukwila Village is a 5.76 acre property the City owns at the intersection of Tukwila International Boulevard and South 144<sup>th</sup> Street.

There are four basic options for the property. At this time the City could (1) take no action and continue to own the property; (2) sell the property as it currently "sits" to the highest bidder; (3) sell the property to a developer to create a mixed-use, "gathering place"; or (4) explore other options such as using the property for a park or public building. Over the next few weeks, the City will discuss these options. Before choosing one of these options, the City will review the overall vision for the project, how well these options would fulfill the vision, and other pros and cons.

In 2006 the City was approached by Centex Homes who was interested in building a development of 85 townhouses with some retail, office and an outdoor plaza.

In 2007 the City hired Metrovation, a development firm led by Ron Sher, to provide a recommendation for Tukwila Village. Ron presented his suggestions to the City Council on June 4, 2007. His concept includes the King County library branch, an indoor food court and commons, retail, restaurant, office, 150 apartments and/or condominiums, and an outdoor plaza.

If you would like to be included in the notifications for when Tukwila Village will be discussed at the City Council meetings, email Derek Speck, the City's Economic Development Administrator at [dspeck@ci.tukwila.wa.us](mailto:dspeck@ci.tukwila.wa.us).

*Concept for Tukwila Village as recommended by Metrovation*



## **Save the Dates!**

### **Highway 99 Trash Pick Up 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

Last Saturday of each month  
Saturday ~ August 25  
Saturday ~ September 29  
Saturday ~ October 27

Call Donna for meeting location  
(206) 242-5556



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### **Committee Candidate Endorsements**

At the July Highway 99 Action Committee Meeting, local candidates looking for Committee endorsement were invited to speak before the Committee.

It is the policy of the Committee to endorse candidates whose goals and principles mirror those of the Committee. The Committee may endorse one or more candidates running for the same position, if those candidates meet the endorsement criterion.

The Committee voted to endorse these candidates:

#### **Mayor of Tukwila**

Pam Carter  
Jim Haggerton

#### **Tukwila Council Position #2**

Kathy Hougardy  
Brian P. Kennedy  
De'Sean Quinn

*Please note that Committee members choosing to abstain from voting included employees of the City of Tukwila and the Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce.*

### **Highway 99 Action Committee Meetings**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Tukwila Community Center.

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