



**Housing Authority of Clallam County (HACC)
Mt. Angeles View Master Plan
Steering Committee**

**DRAFT Meeting Summary
November 17, 2009**

Overview

This was the first meeting in 2009 of the Mt. Angeles View Steering Committee for Housing Authority of Clallam County (HACC). The Steering Committee will meet approximately four times in 2009-2010 to help guide redevelopment efforts of Mt. Angeles View over the next six years.

The role of the Steering Committee will be to:

- Provide advisory input relative to their organizational and community expertise.
- Provide recommendations regarding the planning and development process.
- Review partnership and leverage opportunities for the supportive services and economic self-sufficiency component.
- Assist HACC and its partners in developing strategies for disseminating public information about the redevelopment effort to the greater Port Angeles community.
- Review program documents and materials.

Attendees

Steering Committee Members:

Florence Bucierka, *Clallam County Department of Health & Human Services*

Mike Chapman, *Clallam County Board of Commissioners*

Jeff Doryland, *Olympic National Park*

Amanda Geiger, *Mt. Angeles View Resident*

Scott Johns, *City of Port Angeles*

Lisa Lyons, *Lutheran Community Services NW/ Mt. Angeles Family Center*

John Melcher, *Volunteers in Medicine of the Olympics (VIMO)*

Martha Melcher, *Volunteer Hospice*

Mary Louise Melly, *Early Childhood Children's Programs*

Bob Schilling, *Boys & Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula*

Jim Schwob, *Port Angeles School District*

Wendi Thornton, *Mt. Angeles View Resident Advisor*

Norma Turner, *HACC Board*

Kendra Waggoner, *First Federal Savings Bank*

Terry Weed, *Clallam Transit System*

Staff:

Pam Tietz, *HACC*

Kay Kassinger, *HACC*

Jami Snyder, *HACC*

Tammie Schacher, *Mithun*

Laura Curry, *Mithun*

Kathi Dahlem, *Abt Associates*

Shanon Kearney, *Facilitator*

Introductions and Meeting Overview

Shanon welcomed committee members. Staff then introduced themselves and Pam Tietz the Executive Director of HACC provided the following background information:

Why is HACC doing a Master Plan: The homes and infrastructure of Mt. Angeles View are over 50 years old and it is time to build new and improved affordable housing in Clallam County to serve broader range of incomes. Redevelopment will add new, healthier homes to the property, enhance the natural environment, and improve connections and access to nearby jobs, businesses, schools, and other support services.

What is a Master Plan: The Master Plan will help to guide redevelopment of the family public housing within Mt. Angeles View by identifying what support services are needed and what improvements, such as roads and utilities, must be made to support redevelopment.

Why HACC has convened a MAV Steering Committee: To kickoff the official master planning process, the participation of multiple community stakeholders is a key component to making the community revitalization effort successful. HACC chose to convene a group of community leaders and residents to form the Mt. Angeles View Steering Committee to help guide their redevelopment efforts.

Master Plan Discussion and Review

Tammie Schacher of Mithun refreshed the group on the status of the master planning process and reviewed the project's timeline:

- Subconsultants are currently completing analyses of habitat, tree health, utilities, stormwater drainage, and community services and needs.
- The first community meeting took place on September 23, 2009. The next community meeting is scheduled for December 10¹ and will review the visioning and analysis that has been completed by the consultant team.
- Kathi Dahlem of Abt Associates informed the committee that an orientation for those conducting the Resident Needs Survey would be taking place the following morning, November 18. It is anticipated that the results of the survey would be ready for the December community meeting.
- Shanon informed the committee of the ongoing public outreach strategies and thanked them for their participation.

¹ Since the first meeting, the second Steering Committee meeting has been rescheduled until December 15, 2009.

- Tammie Schacher addressed the issue of relocation by saying no one will need to move during the nine month master planning process. She explained that the first phase of construction will likely begin 2-3 years out. Pam Tietz added that before the first phase of construction, HACC will work with residents to provide relocation and rehousing assistance so that residents continue to have comparable housing at comparable rent. She explained that all residents will receive support services to help them with their housing choices and to make sure that their transition to a new home will go as smoothly as possible.

Steering Committee Questions and Comments

Shanon Kearney of Norton-Arnold & Company asked the group if there were any questions or comments on what they had heard so far. Specifically, she asked what they viewed were the challenges and opportunities for Mt. Angeles View. Below are the challenges they expressed for Mt. Angeles View.

Challenges Noted by the Steering Committee:

- Activities cost money that is not readily available
- Transportation service is very limited:
 - There is no Sunday bus service
 - Bus service is based on Sales tax and, therefore, it is not going to get better anytime soon.
- Some members expressed confusion about whose working on the community garden.
 - They were unclear who needed to be involved in community garden development.
- Amenities at playgrounds are lacking
 - Existing safety issues
 - Swings are inadequate
 - Need fencing for safety
 - Concern about who is responsible for other people's kids in public spaces
 - Whose responsibility is it at the playground versus at the community garden
- Difficult to get down to creek
- Networking and how to connect with what's going on in the area and at Mt. Angeles View.
- Need more mingling of generations

After discussion, Shanon asked committee members to shift their thinking and comment about opportunities available to Mt. Angeles View. Comments offered by Committee members are listed below.

Opportunities Noted by the Steering Committee:

- Become a seamless neighborhood blurring the lines between Mt. Angeles View and the broader community
- Form a connection to Olympic National Park & Olympic Discovery Trail
- Create a new Boys & Girls Club/Community Center

- There needs to be more after school activities for teens; they need more direction
 - Art and music could serve as outlets to engage kids after school
 - Local arts commission could be a potential resource for area youth
 - Creating partnerships would be beneficial (i.e. with the Port Angeles Symphony, the local arts commission etc.)
 - Activities for teens doing murals
 - Chance to create music or art scholarships
- Venue to have performances could generate money for Mt. Angeles View
 - Conference space
 - Concern about attracting strangers and traffic to the area from a childcare/family viewpoint. It would call for extra vigilance to make sure children were safe.
- Create a Mt. Angeles View that is accessible by transportation
 - Chance to tell the transit provider what the needs are for Mt. Angeles View and the larger community
 - Action of the voters to increase sales tax for transit
 - Shuttles to specific locations
 - Fleet of zipcars
 - Bike program
- Port Angeles and Mt. Angeles View is ripe for economic development
 - Create a job training center
 - Concern about attracting strangers to the area
 - Need to offer more classes about literacy, basic skills
- Create a community playground
 - Important to have natural landscapes not just commercial equipment playgrounds
- Establish a coop to watch kids and allow them to play (i.e. Evergreen Family House)
- Create new community gardens, especially one dedicated the Mt. Angeles View
 - Connect with Master Gardeners; they have an active community garden at 2nd and Peabody
 - Leverage available resources, trainings, partnerships
 - Food bank
 - Teach kids
 - Collaboration between youth and seniors
- Mt. Angeles View would benefit from additional open space/lawn
 - Whidbey & Lopez would be an ideal area for a community park
 - Multi-generational park
- Promote education at Olympic National Park
 - Make a connection into the park and with nature and the creek

The discussion concluded with each committee member answering the question, “What one thing would you need to see happen to consider the Master Plan a success?” Here are their responses.

- The new Mt. Angeles View is a community of all generations

- Residents are proud to live there
- Mt. Angeles View meets the intent of the zoning we put in place
- Mt. Angeles View incorporates sustainability and energy reduction efforts into the Master Plan
- Mt. Angeles View has more affordable units; residents truly think of it as home
- The Master Plan triggers more jobs and builds a more sustainable community
- Mt. Angeles View becomes a seamless community that is part of the larger neighborhood
- Take advantage of energy conservation measures and water views
- Provide best education opportunities to the kids in the area so they can succeed as adults
- Provide quality services for families
- Good enough to get a Hope VI grant and meets the desires of everyone that lives there
- ALL see Mt. Angeles View as a neighborhood
- Mixed use design
- Older people working with youth
- Interaction, checker boards onsite
 - Computer literacy/cell phone
 - Empower kids/older citizens
- Create a place that is green, safe for all ages, and well-blended into community; plan the community purposefully
- Create a space that allows for people to exercise in a safe environment
- Find business people willing to be champions or those who can donate (Kiwanis)

December 10 Community Meeting and Steering Committee Meeting

A public meeting will be held December 10² for the community to review the results of the visioning process.

The Mt. Angeles View Steering Committee will meet again on December 10³ prior to the broader to the community meeting. The committee will review the visioning that has been completed via the CulturalAudit™ and the consulting team analyses completed to date. This meeting will serve as an opportunity for the committee to brainstorm project goals, to draw attention to any gaps in the analyses, and to spark discussion about the long-term vision for the design.

² Since this meeting, the consulting team has had to reschedule the second Steering Committee meeting and the second Community Meeting to December 15 to avoid team conflicts.

³ The meeting has been rescheduled to December 15, 2009.