



Administrator's Friday Letter

January 29, 2010

1. Council Meetings On-Demand

Comcast has added current Council meetings on its on demand menu as a free service. It usually takes them five days to get the most recent taped meeting onto the on-demand menu. This is how to access the taped meeting: Select "On Demand" programming, and then select "Get Local", then Northwest TV and Radio, then PCTV. Under PCTV you will find the last taped DuPont City Council meeting listed. Click on that item and then be prepared to wait as it takes a few seconds for Comcast to deliver the video. The January meeting is currently available. Comcast will not archive meetings but this is a 24/7 option for citizens to watch the most recent City Council meeting. It is available until updated with the next taped meeting.

2. Joint Base Lewis-McChord Becomes Reality

A historic day for the major military installations in the South Puget Sound happens Feb. 1 when the long-awaited Joint Base Lewis-McChord will become a reality. "We sincerely believe that this is a natural step, the right thing to do," said Col. Thomas H. Brittain, the Fort Lewis U.S. Army Garrison commander who on that day will uncuse the colors to assume command of the joint base. "We've served side-by-side with the Air Force around the world — and now we are going to live and work together at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. In the process, we're going to become more efficient and effective. We absolutely think that the sum is going to be greater than the parts." Colonel Kenny Weldon, the Air Force officer who commands 62nd Mission Support Group at McChord Air Force Base, will become the JBLM deputy commander on the same day.

3. Update on Meetings with the Department of Archeology and Historic Sites (DAHS)

Representatives from Quadrant and the City met with DAHS on Wednesday to discuss the Methodist Mission site and Buffalo Soldier encampment. The properties on which both sites are located are slated for future development. The City and Quadrant have recently discussed installing historic interpretive signage on a parcel to be given to the City adjacent to the new section of the Sequallitchew Trail alignment. DAHS were generally supportive of the concept of interpretive signage but with certain conditions. They have requested that Quadrant develop a scope of work to organize the archeological record and field notes for both the Methodist Mission and Buffalo Encampment. The current records are not well organized and the field notes are not precise. There may be a requirement for some additional field work. DAHS also expressed a desire for Quadrant to immediately support listing of the Nisqually-Sequalitchew Historic District. A future product may be an MOU between Quadrant, the City, and DAHS which specifically establishes a plan for addressing archeological issues. Such an agreement would become a supporting document during any future SEPA process.