

Sudden Valley in the 21st Century - the Wider Scene: Crossroads in Time between Planning & Technology

Current UGA Planning Status with Whatcom County

- Applied to Whatcom County for provisional UGA status in 2001
- Provisional "Urban Growth Area" status expires at end of 2006

Instead of Becoming Own City, Improve Existing Services

- Perhaps what SVCA needs is simply committed Urban Services Best done in context of an actionable "Master Plan" set of tools.
- But that in turn means having a much larger planning footprint: e.g. plan area includes all of Water District #10, Fire District #2.
- Means involving WWU and other land along lake's south shore.
- Positive for public relations, involves a non-private entity WWU
- Buy-in to differentiating water quality between each end of lake

- On the education front, do hard fiscal impact of "busing" costs e.g. plan for 2 Elementary schools & 1 Middle (*no High School: High schoolers need socializing & interaction with non-valley*)

- Use your PUD status to also maximize education opportunities
- e.g. turn three 5-acre parcels into the Middle school & sell lots
- Donate school land to Bellingham school board, with strings!! i.e. commit to build this, to a given quality, by a specified year.

High-Speed Data/Video Opportunities that Leapfrog Buried Cables

- Use \$\$\$\$ from newly created lots to fund Projects, not Op'ns.
- Invest in your common public infrastructure, just like any city
- 1st, get cellular antennas (not towers) from all five providers Install in places like "Middle Barn" loft, and they pay SVCA!! (*Gratitude from SVCA members for Board & Integrator team*)
- 2nd, start with "Wi-Fi" internet access in all the public spaces: such as Senior Center, Teen Center, Clubhouse and Deli etc.
- 3rd, get SVCA wide "Wi-Max" coverage for all Sudden Valley

You may ask how can we achieve this? seems hard to pull together. One key is transparent, comittee-driven collaboration tool for SVCA

2nd Key is strong relationship with Hal Hart, Whatcom County PDS, and a retained Integrator team that stays with you, ensures vendors don't dazzle you with *snake oil*, or miss infrastructure opportunities working directly with one vendor at a time e.g. Comcast 4 years ago.

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