

## UPDATE August 15, 2007

### "Sultan to trim police service" -

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20070815/NEWS01/708150346>

There are two mistakes in this story: (1) "...four police officers and the chief will patrol the city to keep people safe" - Sultan's interim police chief, Windermere Real estate broker Dennis Richards, is administrative-only -- he is not legally certified to act as a patrol officer; and (2) "Walser...is expected to resign Friday" (Walser filed a petition for judicial review in Snohomish County Superior Court on July 22nd, appealing the City of Sultan Civil Service Commission's legal process in this matter).

### Three newcomers running for Sultan council seat" -

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The three contenders are Richard Hill, Sarah Davenport-Smith and Brady Boucher. PLEASE DO NOT forget to send in your ballots!

### GRIT's PICK: Sarah Davenport-Smith

(For more info, listen to the audio of the July 18th candidate debate in Sultan: The link is near the top of our webpage in the "Election" section. A slight clarification is needed to the Herald's article regarding the fact that none of the candidates have previously filed for office: Richard Hill filed in 2004 for a council run against Jim Flower and John Dick. He withdrew his name from contention approximately three weeks later.)

**BLUE RIBBON CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL (Applicants)** -- The total number of applicants listed below -- 11 -- falls shy of the total 13-15 members envisioned for the CAP (which includes 2 to 3 "alternates", i.e., non-voting alternatives who will be up-to-speed and can replace any member who might have to resign):

- **Anderson, Matt** (lives in city's UGA, Developer, Skyridge Estates)
- **Beedle, Tony** (long-time city resident and long-term retired city employee)
- **Beeler, Jeffrey** (City resident, board member of Eagle Ridge HOA , Business owner)
- **Champeaux, Burl** (life-long city resident; father of Councilmember Champeaux)
- **Hoestine, Traci** (City resident, citizen advocate, and business owner)
- **Fallgatter, Josie** (Former Sultan Planning Commissioner, has filed numerous appeals with the Central Puget Sound Growth Mgt. Hearings Board, and lives in UGA)
- **Marshall, Donna** (lives in Sultan UGA; manager of Sultan's Coastal Community Bank)
- **Personeus, Jackie** (manager of Sultan's Library, lives in unincorporated county)
- **Storm, Loretta** (Webmaster of GRIT, Library Board member, Secretary to US 2 Safety Coalition, lives in unincorporated county)
- **Van Pelt, Charles** (Lives unincorporated county; member of Sultan's School Board, Library Board and Sultan's Planning Board)
- **Wright, Steve** (City resident and a King Co. Sheriff' deputy)

**Below is City Admin. Knight's press release re the Blue Ribbon CAP:**

**Council Subcommittee to Consider Applications for Blue Ribbon Commission:**

The City of Sultan Council Subcommittee will consider applications from community members to serve on a Blue Ribbon citizen advisory panel (CAP) at its regular meeting at **6:00 PM on Thursday, August 16, 2007** in the Council Chambers, located at 319 Main Street in Sultan. The Subcommittee will review the applications and make recommendations to the City Council at its August 23, 2007 meeting and CAP members would be appointed at that meeting.

The City received 11 applications from citizens, community members, business owners and developers looking to assist the City of Sultan. Copies of the applications are available by contacting City Administrator, Deborah Knight at 360-793-2231.

*[G.R.I.T. NOTE/SIDEBAR: I have copies of these applications,. However, I cannot post them until the city writes to each applicant and gains their approval to make them public. Our take? Anyone who applies for a public position, whether as an unpaid volunteer or paid employee -- especially if he/she is a public official/department head -- should be proud to share their background and accomplishments. If they deny the public that information, clouds of doubt descend. Example: Despite a rigorous attempt by me to obtain Rick Cisar's information -- i.e., his education, training, qualifications, work/career history, resume, etc. -- so we could share it with Sultan's taxpayers , he refused to release even a redacted version of that information. "Redacted" means the public agency goes through the documents and blacks-out personal, private or confidential information. Why wouldn't someone bringing down almost \$90,000 a year in taxpayer funds be proud to share their background with the people who pay his salary? (Hey, I'm just sayin'.....)]*

The CAP will assess the short- and long-term financial situation in City's general fund budget and make recommendations to the City Council. The Blue Ribbon CAP is part of the City Council's long-term efforts to explore and implement measures to improve the fiscal health of the City's General Fund budget.

The make-up of the CAP, as approved by the City Council, includes two Sultan business owners, two current land developers, three residents, two to three public service agency members (e.g. Fire District, Library, School District, etc.), one Planning Board member, one Council member, and two to three non-voting alternates. The City received only one land developer application and one Sultan "public service" agency member. The Council Subcommittee may consider recruiting additional applicants to fill the vacant positions.

CAP members will meet at least twice per month beginning in early September and continuing through December. The panel may make recommendations to the Council in November during the Council's 2008 budget deliberations. For more information contact Sultan City Hall at (360) 793-2231.

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