

November 2009 Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM: Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Review and Approve Agenda
- Public comment on topics which are not listed on the agenda
- Approval of minutes

7:15 PM

KC Code Enforcement / Holly Sawin

Holly gave new brochures to the group that DDES provides to people who make complaints. They also send a brochure out after the fact in terms of how to come into compliance. Peter asked if there are ever issues where she works between departments, and Holly responded that she doesn't know of too many issues. There is a list of contacts on the website for people to contact who might be better than code enforcement to contact on certain complaints. She said that they work with cities if the complaint should go to them instead of the County.

They still have vouchers for free trips to the transfer station for people who are low income. Patrick asked what most of the complaints are for. Holly said building permits, grading violations and livestock and zoning issues. They also have a tire voucher program where you can take a load of tires to the transfer station. They have a fast track program where people accidentally clear in a critical area. Buildings can be grandfathered from the 1960's and 1970's; however, the Health Department needs to look at the drain field. If there was an addition to the building, then there needs to be a permit for the addition. Harry added that if the building met code at the time the building was built, then it is ok. If a garage was converted to a house, then the building wouldn't be grandfathered. If it was legal at the time it was established, then the use can be maintained. They also started a citation program. If you have repeat issues like junk and debris, then a citation may be issued. Patrick asked if there is any way to go after someone who buries junk in your yard. Holly said that you would have to go to a hearing and present evidence. Patrick asked if the person making a complaint is revealed. 95% of the complaints are confidential, and sometimes complaints are anonymous. Most of the complaints they receive are founded.

7:45 PM

Presentation of Plaque Commemorating Henry Hollwedel to Joan Harris

The Area Council presented a plaque in honor of Mr. Henry Hollwedel, who passed away several months ago. Henry was the founder and avid enthusiast for the Maple Valley Train Show. This past October, the Area Council sponsored its 12th Annual Maple Valley Operating Model Train Show. The plaque was accepted by Ms. Joan Harris who received a standing ovation from all meeting attendees in honor of Henry's tireless efforts to serve and entertain all operating model train enthusiasts in the greater Maple Valley community. Thank you Henry!

8:00 PM

Proposed 2009 KC Permit Process Improvements/Harry Reinhert

Harry reviewed the Proposed 2009 King County Process Improvements. The changes to the critical area ordinance will make it easier and less expensive for people to develop their property. You still have to mitigate for the impact. The health department would need to approve the site first. In the past you had to get an alteration exception and the process is being simplified. Comments will be taken on the Process Improvement until January, and they will send this up in time for the Comprehensive Plan Proposal to the Executive due by March 1. It was decided that Peter and Harry will work together on the comments made by the GMVUAC in the interest of time. Peter will also email Harry with some other general purpose questions.

9:10 PM

Council Business

Elections

A motion was made to send our ballot and survey to all registered voters without return postage. The motion was approved.

Website Guidelines – Tabled until December

DDES – Covered above during Harry's presentation.

Budget – Kevin commented that we are getting close to exhausting our budget for this year.

9:30 PM

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