

July 2010 Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

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

Susan Harvey, resident, commented that Peter Rimbois is doing a great job reporting on the Black Diamond MPD and she thanked him for all his hard work.

Dave Fields commented that Larry Rude was let go at the last Fire Commissioners meeting, and he was surprised that he was let go. He was given a one year severance package. They are discussing the public benefit rating system again, which is a way of computing how much each homeowner should pay for fire service. Dave has concerns about how this calculation is made because it eliminates the levy system, which we vote on. The Levy will go away if this system is put in place. The fire department will look at fire flow, and charge based on this. We will vote if we want this, and Dave believes that it needs a 60% vote. They are expecting a 4 to 10% decrease annually in property value for the next five years.

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Black Diamond MPD Hearing Update/Peter Yarrow Bay owns a lot of land around Black Diamond, and the land was annexed into the city. King County wasn't expecting Black Diamond to grow to the extent that Yarrow Bay wants it to grow. The final environmental statements were filed, and the Hearing Examiner heard the testimony. The Black Diamond City Council heard nothing on the testimony until the closed hearing. The Hearing Examiner made the determination that the study presented at the FEIS hearings was adequate, but there were 50-60 items that were questioned. There was a period of testimony from experts, government agencies, and citizens. The Hearing Examiner went into great detail after the MPD hearings on conditions he wanted; however, Yarrow Bay is saying the job requirements are illegal. On June 21st the Black Diamond City Council began hearing testimony. In the earlier hearings the public had the burden of proof. Now Yarrow Bay has the burden of proof, and they did not agree with the fiscal analysis. They disagree on most aspects of Transportation, and the Hearing Examiner said to develop a new model. Yarrow Bay found 38 of 46 intersections failing. They suggested a midpoint review after 3,000 homes, and the public quickly shot the idea down. Matt Nolan from King County recommended that after 1,000-2,000 homes were built that there should be a midpoint review. What concerns people is that King County doesn't have jurisdiction. Peter was surprised that they are making recommendations on something that they do not have jurisdiction on.

Something that we should be concerned with is that in the FEIS hearings half the schools were planned outside the incorporated area. Yarrow Bay is now saying that all seven schools could be located outside the city in the Rural Area. Yarrow Bay is currently negotiating with the State, King County and the surrounding cities. The public again was given the opportunity to speak at the closed hearing. Not one person said anything good about the development. There was concern that the Black Diamond City Council did not ask many questions. Peter was very impressed with the quality of the presentation. Laurie Iddings, former Maple Valley Mayor, submitted a notebook of recommendations to the Black Diamond Council should they consider the development.

Wednesday, July 14 there will be another meeting. There is concern because there is an agreement between Yarrow Bay and the City of Black Diamond to help fund jobs at the City to handle the extra work load caused by the Yarrow Bay MPD proposals. The City staff will present information again, and Yarrow Bay will also present information. That part of the hearing will be closed, and then the next part will be public deliberations. The city of Maple Valley's biggest issue is traffic. They showed a video of a simulation of what would happen at Witte Road and Maple Valley Highway that was very impressive. Objections to the testimony will be accepted until this Friday. The question was asked if Yarrow Bay is going to cover the shortfall in the budget. They have made comments that they will, but there isn't a definite commitment. The meetings are at 7 p.m. at the elementary school. To date there hasn't been an appeal of the FEIS to Superior Court as the citizens groups do not have the funding. Yarrow Bay is going to create a Community Funding District, and this is how they plan to fund much of their mitigation.

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Joint Forum Planning/Marissa Alegria – The meeting will be held at the Hobart Church, and will be at 6:30 on Monday, July 26. Council members should be there at 5:30. CTV will also be there. Gordon, Peter, Les, Susan, Warren, and Steve will be there. Most of the King County Department Directors will be there. Most of the Executive staff will be there and the Council. Steve will introduce the members, Dow will speak, and the other area councils will also speak. Steve will give closing remarks.

Marissa will take care of the name tents, and name tags.

8:45 PM

Joint Forum Presentation Content – The suggestion was made that we contact Major Wills as this was the month that we were supposed to have the Sheriff's update. The Council agreed that Steve should contact him, and he should go on a future speaker list. It was suggested that DDES be discussed, and the status of the CAO. It was recommended that the matrix in regards to the CAO be revisited, and a joint committee with the UAC's be formed. It was also suggested that Steve again suggest that a UAC was needed in the Black Diamond and Green River Valley Area.

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KC Code Recommendations – Peter outlined the recommendations drafted by the joint Growth Management and Transportation Committees. All chapters/titles were reviewed. The review was comprehensive, there was a lot of work put into this, and everyone did a great job. The recommendations were outlined, and the details were sent out in an email. Harry Reinert suggested that we review our recommendations with him before they are submitted to the King County Executive and Council. Committee members gave a brief overview, and it was decided that members would review the documents submitted and our August meeting be dedicated to this topic.

10:00 PM

Adjourn