November 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call (Attending: Dawson, Dawson, Seiver, Butler, Hiester, Iverson, Fields, Rimbos, Tresltad. Absent: Moorman, Morris, Callow))

Public Comment on topics, which are not listed on the Agenda

Review and Approve Agenda

Approval of minutes: No minutes available.

7:04 PM

Surface Water Management

Joanna Richey Asst. Director Water and Land Resources Div. discussed issues facing those in unincorporated King County. SWM fees are uniform for all single-family residential properties within a jurisdiction, such as unincorporated King County. Since local jurisdictions levy surface water management fees through the property tax and the current state Dept. of Ecology permit runs out in 2011, our King County Council must now consider renewing its permit and how much they must, if necessary, increase fees in the near future. In reference to this the King County Executive, Dow Constantine, is recommending a \$32.00 fee increase for residential users next year in his Executive's Budget. Because of current fiscal problems encountered by so many unincorporated residents it was moved and seconded to send a letter to the King County Council's Budget and Fiscal Management Committee opposing the \$32.00 increase for 2011. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstaining.

8:55 PM

Flood Control

Seattle wants to levy \$30 Million to pay for needed improvements to their sea wall. In order to do this they want the various Fire and Park Departments to transfer part of their levy funds to help the county repair/build the sea wall in Seattle. It was moved and seconded to send a letter to the flood control district opposing the funding of \$30 Million to construct/build the seawall. The motion passed with 9 voting in favor and 1 opposed.

9:10 PM

Black Diamond MPD Update

Yarrow Bay has submitted draft Development Agreements for their two proposed Master-Planned (MPDs) to the Black Diamond City Staff (on Sept. 21, 2010) and made available for review by the public. People wanting to respond must do so by November 5. Once finalized by City Staff, "Open Record Hearings" on the Development Agreements will begin before the Hearing Examiner, probably shortly after the beginning or 2011.

Other Council Business:

Train Show Review

Over 500 people attended this year's Trail Show on October 16. It was called a success.

Precinct Closing

As King County Sheriff Rahr intends to sell the building we meet in; Dave Fields has made arrangements for the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council to meet in the Fire Station across the street in the future. There was also concern expressed about how this sale of a facility will affect police coverage in the future.

CPI Quartile Meeting, (Citizen Participation Initiative) appears to be concerned with the "Open Meeting" law. Apparently as money is being spent, there needs to be detailed information about meetings and how this is affected by the email conversations on personal computers.

Open Council Positions, discussion but no action

9:30 PM Adjourn

Note: Area Council Members are expected to perform subcommittee assignments relevant to keeping the Council and area residents informed on activities, or issues, which affect, or potentially affect our community. In some cases, Area Council By-Laws define responsibilities. It is up to the Council to determine what other activities should be covered. Please look at page two, which has been updated and identify any additional interest(s), or make suggestions for other activities, and make your thoughts known to the Council at the next meeting.