

January 2011 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 7:00 PM

Roll Call (All members present)

Review and Approve Agenda (so done)

Approval of minutes (so done)

Guests: There were several members of other King County UACs present. We are glad for their attendance.

Public Comment on topics - Rich Ostrowski spoke on the intent of Black Diamond and Yarrow Bay Corp. and Enumclaw School District to site three schools in the unincorporated area outside of Black Diamond. Mr. Ostrowski expressed concern that all parties of this agreement tacitly assume King County will permit the three Rural Area schools.

Judy Carrier relayed her worry related to the extensive development plans of the MPDs in Black Diamond. She then explained that residents in her area wish to form a UAC in the rural area south of Black Diamond along the Green Valley Road. Like Ostrowski, she is concerned about the siting of schools in the unincorporated area.

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Officer elections: Steve Hiester, President, Dave Fields, Vice President, Susan Dawson, Treasurer, Peter Rimpos, Corresponding Secretary, Les Dawson, Recording Secretary

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UAC funding/structure, Reagan Dunn, Lauren Smith

Reagan Dunn explained this year's process of determining the King County Budget. Councilman Dunn reported that he voted against the budget as proposed. One of his chief concerns was that law enforcement would be hurt greatly. He also reported that the county council had passed a law changing the status of the UACs in the county. It appears they may be closed down and replaced by a "Commission." He was strongly against this action. The area council thanked him for his support and expressed strong reservations about a commission saying it doubted the ability of a commission to represent and express the opinions of all in the unincorporated area of King County.

Lauren Smith explained that King County Executive Constantine is looking at options including using available funds through the end of June. The Executive must provide options to the King County Council for consideration by April 15. She also pointed out an All-UAC Meeting will take place on January 13 in Issaquah to discuss potential options.

8:00 PM

Black Diamond MPD update

Peter Rimpos reported on the Black Diamond MPDs: The GMVUAC has been following these MPDs for over a year and several members have testified in Hearings conducted in 2010. Our primary concerns remain:

- (1) the addition of ~10,000 vehicles on two-lane roads throughout southeast King County;
- (2) major impacts on the Rural Area outside the Urban Growth Boundary such as Schools, Sewer Storage Facilities, and a large Detention Lake; and
- (3) exploitation of the Rural Area to enable urban development.

Following formal Hearings on September 20, 2010 the Black Diamond City Council approved the MPD Applications with over 150 conditions. On September 21 Yarrow Bay submitted to the City DRAFT Development Agreements that provide the plan over the next 15 - 20 years for MPD design, development, and build-out. Black Diamond City Staff currently is negotiating with Yarrow Bay to finalize these Development Agreements. Soon the Development Agreements will be presented at a Public Information Meeting. Then the City's Hearing Examiner will conduct Public Hearings starting sometime in mid-February. Peter stressed that this is the time for the public to give evidence about how these MPDs will affect them. The public may also submit written testimony at these hearings, should they not want to speak.

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KCCP update

Paul Reitenbach, King County DDES Senior Policy Planner, summarized the process for the 2012 update of the King County Comprehensive Plan, the document guiding building, construction, and land use in King County. He also gave us a document entitled 2012 King County Comprehensive Plan Update Topical Areas, which will help to identify the scope of the update of the Comp. Plan. Some of the major categories being addressed are: Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands; Environment; Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Resources; Transportation; Economic Development; and Area Zoning and Land Use. He requested comments from the Area Council on this document by February 9.

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K.C. Code recommendations

Harry Reinert of DDES, chair of the DDES Code Review Committee reviewed his department response to recommendations by GMVUAC's comprehensive review of those Code chapters affecting those in the GMVUAC. Discussion of the siting of schools in the unincorporated area near Black Diamond meeting the needs to the development as a result of the Yarrow Bay MPDs. Mr. Reinert stressed that doing this is not a given and that GMVUAC needs to participate in issues during the permitting process to ensure its residents are protected. He reported that the county needs to hear from those in the unincorporated area.

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Other council business

Steve Hiester reported the county had issued contracts continuing UACs until approximately June of 2011. We voted to accept the contract.

Transportation and Growth Management Committee will meet at the Hobart Church at 7:00PM on Jan.5.

9:45 PM Adjournment