

December 2013 Meeting Minutes

On Monday, December 2, the Area Council held its regular monthly meeting. Topics discussed were: (1) Area Council Newsletter, (2) Covington Master Planned Development, (3) Rural Stormwater Detention Facility, and (4) Landsburg Mine Cleanup Plan.

The newsletter was viewed and everything is ready to go. We are trying to get a more comprehensive mailing list and will be contacting King County officials Alan Painter and Chandler Felt as well as the Tahoma School District to try to improve our list. Our goal is to get one letter to every household in the TSD. Peter made a motion and Craig seconded to cover reasonable costs over the amount of the grant of \$2750 we received for the Newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

Growth Management Committee met and worked on comments to be share with the Covington MPD. The City of Covington released its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Master-Planned Development (MPD) to be located between SR-18, SR-516, and Cedar Creek Park. We have already made comments on the FEIS and they were basically ignored. The Growth Management Committee will have statements printed for approve at our January 6 meeting that will be shared at the January 28th Planned Action Ordinance Meeting. The main concerns are the traffic impact and the environmental aspects are not being properly addressed by the City of Covington.

The Growth Management Committee is also dealing with the Black Diamond MPD wanting to put a retention pond using Horse Shoe Lake in the rural King County area. Peter made a motion and Craig Seconded, that we be allowed to have an email vote on the Oral comments Peter will share at the December 16th KCC TrEE Committee meeting. The Motion passed unanimously. Peter will send out the comments by email to review and vote on before December 16th.

The Transportation Committee and the Joint Transportation Initiative group met on October 15th, and will meet again on Dec. 12th to start planning our comments and suggestions for changes that need to be done be on improving road and transportation needs. Timeline for having findings complete is October 1, 2014. This should allow enough time for preparation prior to the January 2015 session of the State Legislature.

Steve reported that he attended the Cedar River Council Meeting and the main discussion centered on the changes to be made at the Rainbow Bend location off State Route 169.

The Natural Resources and Parks Committee needs to meet in order to plan comments due by December 12th for the Landsburg Mine Cleanup Action Plan Meeting. Rhys made a motion and Susan seconded that have an email vote on the comments to be made to be made at the December 12th Landsburg Mine Cleanup Action Plan Meeting. The Motion passed. Peter will work with Les to help form these comments and get them emailed to the council.

There was a motion made by Peter and Seconded by Rhys that we approve the minutes for next month with appropriate action items at our next months meeting. A Nominating Committee, consisting of Susan, Lorraine and Rob, was formed to contact willing council members for our election of officers for next months meeting. Rob made a motion and Lorraine seconded that we give a gift of \$400 to T Hertzell for managing our website. She always does a terrific job and donates many hours to keeping our website looking very professional!

Minutes were reviewed and corrected, Les Dawson made motion for approval of minutes and Todd Mitchell seconded, passed unanimously.