

## April 2014 Meeting Minutes

### Roll Call

All members present except Les Dawson, Steve Hiester, both had given proxy to other members. Because Steve Hiester and Les Dawson were absent, Rob Morris, Recording Secretary, chaired the meeting.

Agenda was unanimously approved.

We were all reminded that the King County Council is holding a town hall meeting at the Maple Valley Sheriff's Precinct on April 21, from 7-9 pm. All are encouraged to attend!

Because a number of the committee chairs were absent there were only 4 committee reports.

The OSE committee is working on getting new contact information for all our members out to everyone. If you are new, or have changed your email address or contact information, please send that information to Rob Morris so that he can make a new list and get it sent out.

Peter Rimbos reported for the Growth Management Committee that there were 3 of the local city council's doing Comprehensive Plan updates in the near future. On April 2 Black Diamond held its Comprehensive Plan Update kickoff Open House. Chairs of the Area Council's Growth Management Committee and Transportation Committee were in attendance to ask questions of City Staff and Technical Consultants.

Maple Valley will be holding its Comprehensive Plan Update kickoff Open House on Wednesday, April 23, starting at 6:30 PM at Lake Wilderness Lodge. Covington has yet to announce a kickoff date for its comprehensive plan update process.

The Area Council will participate in all three cities' Comprehensive Plan Updates with the aim of ensuring Rural Area citizen needs are addressed. All three cities are expected to complete their plans sometime in 2015.

Peter Rimbos stated that we submitted Proposed Changes to King County Code 21A.08.060 on March 4 to the King County Council. These changes will maintain King County's prerogative to permit siting Stormwater Retention Facilities in the Rural Area, but ensure such facilities only serve the Rural Area. King County and Master Planned Developer YarrowBay jointly drafted a Development Agreement for 77-unit clustered subdivision on 394 acres immediately due west of the City of Black Diamond and due south of Horseshoe Lake. Our interest here was not the subdivision itself, but rather the establishment of a ~40-ac footprint "Regional Stormwater Retention Facility" in the Rural Area and the precedent it could set. Different council members committed to making contact with King County Staff about our concerns about setting future precedent for similar project.

Nikki Long reported that she had tried to look into the aggregates flowing from the gravel pit on Lake Francis Road and had met a road block on information because of pending litigation.

Susan Harvey reported that the Transportation met to discuss whether or not we should support the New Tax Base District that King County had put on the April voter's ballot. After much discussion, they recommended that we not take a position for or against the ballot initiative. After discussion at this council meeting Nikki Long made a motion to agree to follow the committee's recommendation and not take an official position. Warren Iverson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Peter Rimbos made a motion that the Hobart Community Church bill the area council for \$25 per month for room usage for committee meetings. Todd Mitchell seconded the motion and there was a majority approval. Rhys Sterling, Rob Morris, Warren Iverson and Les Dawson abstained from the vote because of conflict of interest as members or attendees of the church.

We discussed the John Henry Mine permit issue and Peter Rimbos made a motion to allow an email vote on the John Henry Mine permit providing the Natural Resources and Parks Committee made a letter of recommendation. The deadline was April 29th for comments. Todd Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Robert Morris, Recording Secretary