

## January 2014 Meeting Minutes

On Monday, January 6, 2014, the Greaterr Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) held its first regular monthly meeting of the new year. Topics discussed were: 1) Metro Transit Service; 2) Covington Master Planned Development/ and 3) Rural Stormwater Retention Facility.

### **Metro Transit Service**

King County Metro Transit's DeAnna Martin discussed bus transportation funding and proposed cuts. Revenue from sales taxes, which provide ~60% of Metro Transit's funding, have fallen from pre-recession levels. Although fares have been raised ~80% over the past several years and costs cut, Metro Transit still faces a shortfall. As a result, Metro Transit is planning for major service cuts of ~17%, absent any new funding, about a \$75 million dollar shortfall. The motor vehicle Temporary License fee of \$20 ends in June. It was also noted that fares for rides have gone up significantly over the last few years, but only 28 % of the actual cost if covered by fares.

In our area Route 143 would have one less morning and afternoon commute peak-hour trips to and from Maple Valley. This is especially unfortunate, since Route 143 peak-hour commute runs are full.

The nominations for officers for the next year are:

Steve Hiester – Chairman  
Les Dawson– Vice Chairman  
Peter Rimbos – Corresponding Secretary  
Rob Morris– Recording Secretary  
Tara Mahoney – Treasurer

The nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was received for these nominees.

Covington Master Planned Development was reported and discussed with our major concern continuing to be the ignored traffic impact on the area. The area Council will present Oral Testimony detailing these concerns before the Covington City Council at a Public Hearing on January 28.

### **Rural Stormwater Retention Facility**

On December 16, at the Public Hearing the Area Council provided Oral and Written Testimony specifically focused on a proposed "Regional" Stormwater Facility to be sited in the Rural Area to primarily serve the adjacent urban Master-Planned Developments (MPDs) in Black Diamond (which would generate ~90% of the runoff according to both parties). The King County Council will reopen its Public Hearing on the draft DA on January 13. The Area Council agreed to again testify to the problems of siting a "Regional" Stormwater Facility in the Rural Area primarily to serve an urban area. The Area Council agrees with King County policy which states that urban-serving and urban-driven facilities should be located inside the Urban Growth Area. Warren Iverson made motion for approval of minutes with correction of adding last names, and Lorraine Blacklock seconded the motion, passed unanimously.