

## June 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Members In Attendance:** Sue Nuener, Susan Harvey, Hank Hendricks, Les, Dawson, Steve Hiester, Tara Mahoney, Peter Rimbos, Rhys Sterling, Lorraine Blacklock, Todd Mitchell, Rob Morris, Warren Iverson- Proxy Rob Morris

**Absent:** Nikki Long

### Action Items:

Checking out the feasibility of securing a 501c3 status. We are not fully convinced that this is the right venue for our council as we do get involved with public policy and support or disagree with some of the policies of the King County Council. We want to make sure we do not limit our ability to serve our community area. We were also evaluating the cost factors involved. Steve Hiester is checking into the feasibility and specifics for our next meeting.

Rob Morris made the motion that Tara Mahoney do a cost analysis on the benefits of becoming a 501c3 organization. Todd Mitchell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

It was announced there was an upcoming Tri-City Council meeting between the cities of Maple Valley, Black Diamond and Covington on June 3 at 7 pm at the Covington City Hall. They are hoping to discuss working together more on future development plans and issues.

### Transportation

Our Transportation Committee has been meeting together regularly for the past several months discussing and putting together a list issues, along with Council leaders, and legislators from the State and County to discuss and work on the Rural transportation issues and needs. We feel that our transportation needs are under-funded and neglected while the traffic problems continue to grow with the growth of our surrounding cities. Many issues are not dealt with simply because the cities, county and state do not communicate and work together on the Rural transportation needs and issues. We hope to bring these groups to the table to listen and work together on the Rural transportation needs! The other area councils have been invited to join and Four Creeks has been heavily involved in the discussion process and decisions.

### Flood Control

The Area council discussed the upcoming King County meetings on placing or recruiting large wood in rivers. King County is hosting two meetings on Tuesday, June 10 to present information about 11 upcoming projects that will use large wood in their design. The two meetings, covering the same subject matter, are scheduled for 3 - 5:00 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. at the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, 125 Sunset Way, Issaquah.

Area Council members expressed concern that some past projects to add wood to waterways have been less than successful. The Area Council's Flood Control/Surface Water Management Committee will contact King County's Water & Land Resources Division to better understand the project details with the aim of ensuring success.

It was announced that on May 20, 2014, the Gracie Hansen Park broke ground on the Phase 2 process of their development plan.

The April minutes were approved with corrections and May's minutes as well. Todd Mitchell motioned for approval, Tara Mahoney seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.