

March 2014 Meeting Minutes

All Council members were present except Warren Iverson who gave his proxy to Rob Morris.

The Agenda was discussed and unanimously approved.

During our public comment time Mr. Haynes shared the need for helping with access for pedestrians on 196th in the Spring Lake area. Trails and walking areas have been blocked off. There is a need for access to hiking trails and safety for walking along the roadways. He is also showing interest in working with and possibly joining the council.

We received the report from the joint Growth Management Committee and the Flood Control & Surface Water Management Committee concerning the King County Regional Stormwater Retention Facilities at the south end of Horseshoe Lake in Black Diamond area. King County approved a Master Planned Development plan with Yarrow Bay to place a retention pond in the rural area that would include 90% run off from the Black Diamond development and 10% for the surrounding rural residences. GMVUAC supports keeping the Rural Area rural, and not allowing the building of supporting facilities for cities in the rural area. A letter with suggested language changes to King County Code 21A.09.060 was drafted and sent to all the GMVUAC members to for study and comments. After some discussion a motion was made that the approved letter be sent to the appropriate King County officials and committees. Todd Mitchell made the motion, it was seconded by Tara Mahoney, and unanimously approved by the council. Several council members volunteered to contact different KCC members about this letter and try to get their support!

The Area Council's Transportation Committee, with the help of Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council members, conducted a comprehensive review of the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC's) Transportation 2040 Update (developed and released every 4 years). In the report given, there was general agreement with the framework of the plan. However, the weak points were the lack of planning for Rural Area transportation and roads, and a general failure to deal with the flawed and undependable funding and implementation for the care of the roads both now and in the future. We remain concerned with follow through and consistency among planning, funding, and implementation. The Area Council approved a final set of comments and will submit same to the PSRC and King County officials by the March 10 Public Comment deadline. A motion was made by Craig Duckering and seconded by Sue Nuener and unanimously approved.

Council Business

Action items – Warren still owes his biography to the Outreach/Survey/Election Committee. When complete, these will be added to our website in the near future.

Todd Mitchell accepted the vice-chair for the By-Law Committee. All committees now have a vice chair! The minutes for the February, 2014, meeting were discussed with Les Dawson making a motion for approval, Rhys Sterling seconded, and the minutes approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Robert Morris, Recording Secretary