

May 2014 Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

All were present except for Nikki Long, with Rhys Sterling having Craig Duckering's proxy and Rob Morris having Warren Iverson's proxy.

The agenda was approved with Todd Mitchell making the motion and Susan Harvey seconding the motion, unanimously approved. The first order of business was to vote and receive Hendrick W. Haynes as a new member. After 25 years of living in the Spring Lake/Lake Desire area, having served in the Army for 6 years, and being involved in the local community issues, Peter Rimbo made a motion and Susan Harvey seconded the motion to receive Hank Haynes as a new member representing the Spring Lake area. The vote was unanimous to add him to the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council.

Action Items

1. We are in process of updating and adding a member profile to our web site. We will try to have all the members profiles ready to add by our next meeting, including our new member Hank Haynes.
2. We are working on updating and creating a new community map and updating our area boundaries. The OSE committee will be meeting on May 21st, at 7 pm to work on this project.
3. Steve Hiester, Council Chair, will check on the possibilities of becoming a 501 c3 corporation. We still need to make sure that we fit this designation and will be best served by it.

Steve Hiester gave a report on the last Cedar River Council meeting. He shared that King County has spent over \$47 million on acquiring property on the Cedar River flood plain. Two goals are being served: first is to reduce the flooding problems along the Cedar River by removing the residences in the area and allowing for the changing river course that will reduce the present problems; the other major goal is to increase the salmon runs and allow a greater increase in the native salmon runs. We also know that there have been major erosion problems along Highway 169 and many other areas. Hopefully, some of these issues can be minimized by this process.

The majority of our meeting was a discussion about the permit request of the John Henry Mine to resume mining. The Area Council's Natural Resources/Parks Committee has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) and believes the primary reason for this request relates to its Bureau of Mines Reclamation Plan, where, should it call it a "closure," the company would then be required to implement expensive reclamation immediately.

Nevertheless, the Area Council identified, researched, and documented several key concerns including: lake, stream, and surface runoff water quality; impacts to local private wells; traffic impacts to the Issaquah-Hobart-Ravensdale-Black Diamond Rd and the planned Roundabout at its intersection with SR-169; and final site reclamation. In addition, the Area Council has delineated many new items not even considered in the EA.

The Area Council voted to submit a set of detailed comments to the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) by its May 13 deadline which recommend both a denial of the company's request to resume mining and an immediate implementation of the required reclamation plan for the site the May 13 deadline. The motion was unanimously approved. There was also a report from the Transportation Committee that is continuing to work with the Four Creeks Area Council striving to bring King County and Washington State legislators into the discussion, financing, and implementation needed to improve our transportation needs.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Morris, Recording Secretary