

October 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:07 pm

Members Present:

Warren Iverson, Peter Rimbos, Steve Hiester, Hank Haynes, Rhys Sterling, Sue Neuner, Susan Harvey, & Lorraine Blacklock

Members Absent:

Todd Mitchell, Nikki Long - proxy Peter Rimbos, Tara Larson – proxy Steve Hiester, Rob Morris – proxy Rhys Sterling, Craig Duckering – leave of absence

Motion to accept agenda

Warren Iverson; 2nd – Hank Haynes; Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment Period:

Marijuana Processing Plant – Lisa Chase, 240th SE, gave update on progress. Residents obtained 17 pg. survey and have forwarded to their attorney. Residents are ready to proceed with appeals law suit, in event it is necessary. A Nov. 2 date has been set for appeals hearing on rezoning. Residents will attend and restate their position

CSA GRANTS;

Train Show grant – Steve Hiester will submit the train show grant

Hobart Church Playground grant - Rob Morris and Tara Larson are working together to submit grant

Any other ideas for grants must be brought up at the next GMVUAC meeting in order to meet the November 16, 2015 deadline

TRAIN SHOW PLANNING:

All exhibitors from last years train show have confirmed their attendance for this years show

Purchasing a banner, that would have dates that can be changed each year, was discussed. It was decided a permanent banner, which can be hung on the fence (on the corner just south of the Kentucky Fried Chicken on Hwy 169) would be good to have.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

1) Received a status report on the Comp Plan revisions schedule. Public hearings will be held on revisions. The public hearing for our area, as well as Four Creeks and Green River Valley, will be held Nov. 17th, 6:30-8:00 at the Maple Valley Sheriff's Office. Any further comments to the new comp plan are due January 6, 2016. Peter will break down Comp Plan revisions containing changes and send to committee chairs by Nov 9

2) City of Covington to annex 75 acres of unincorporated land just north of the proposed Hawk Property Master-Planned Development at the northwest corner of the SR-18/SR-516 intersection

3) It was brought to Peter's attention, by Don Huling, a Waste Recycling Facility is being proposed just east of SR-18 between SE 288th St. and SE 296th St. The area is not in our council area, however it is of concern because the property is currently zoned residential and will be reverse-zoned to industrial

ENVIRONMENT

1) Ravensdale Park Historic Signs are nearing completion, slabs poured, 15 in total, 10 signs around the meadow and 5 throughout the park.

2) A ceremony honoring the 100th anniversary of the Ravensdale Mine disaster will be held at Ravensdale Park on November 16th

3) Warren drew our attention to an article about a citizen swimming the Duwamish River noting the river is "alive" with salmon

TRANSPORTATION

1) transportation committee member, Peter Rimbos, has been appointed to the newly formed Black Diamond City Council's Traffic and Transportation AdHoc Committee

2) Marissa helped our council to facilitate a speed traffic study by KCDOT of Hobart on the Issaquah Hobart road

3) Signage has been erected on Tiger Mountain, Local Traffic, which are insufficient. Although not in our area, it is in Four Creeks area, Dick Campbell has requested our help in this matter. Four Creeks does not have the infrastructure to tackle things like this. This will, ultimately, be a JTI (the task force formed with our transportation committee and some Four Creeks members) issue.

WARREN IVERSON

Warren gave reports on two of the committees, outside GMVUAC, he is a member of that impact the GMVUAC

SCHOOLS

The new high school is on schedule to open in 2017. They have come in under budget due, in part, to the good weather this year. The committee will be recommending to the Tahoma School Board the money saved be used to build a new Lake Wilderness Elementary School on the same site as the old Lake Wilderness Elementary, further back from the road, on the ball field. The original plan was to renovate the current building. However, it will be less expensive to build from scratch. Funding will be savings from high school and savings from building new instead of renovating. New elementary school, if approved, is scheduled to open in 2017. Tahoma School Board is scheduled to vote on recommendation at the October 13th meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT – Tukwila residents will be voting on whether their fire district should merge with the Regional Fire Authority. The Regional Fire Authority consists of fire stations in Kent and SeaTac. There is a new formula for fire benefit rating system, the mechanism used to figure homeowner's fire protection taxes. The committee is waiting to see how the new system will affect property taxes before making a recommendation as to whether our fire district should join the Regional Fire Authority. In the past, under the old taxing formula, the GMVUAC has rejected this proposal. It was noted our fire district is currently struggling, greatly, financially.

Warren Iverson moved to adjourn; 2nd Hank Haynes;

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm