

## April 2016 Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station was called to order by Chair Hiester at approximately 7:00 PM on April 4, 2016.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Neuner, Morris, Haynes, Rimbos (and as proxy for Long), Harvey, Iverson, and Sterling (and as proxy for Blacklock and Duckering). Absent: Mitchell, Mahoney.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Moved to end of meeting by proclamation. Agenda Items

Iverson expressed desire to discuss additional topics under Committee Reports.

Change order of agenda to allow Shannon Evans (THS Senior) to present results of GMVUAC Election and Survey before KC Health Department presentation on septic systems and wells.

Agenda as amended: M-Iverson S-Rimbos P Public Comments: None.

### **GMVUAC Election and Survey Results**

PowerPoint presentation by Shannon Evans. Slides will be sent to Morris for distribution to all members. Members thanked Ms Evans for her much appreciated efforts to design and implement the online voting system, and to tabulate all election and survey results. Roughly 353 ballots (online and mail-in) were received and tabulated – out of the 12,000 +/- mailed. We wished her well in her further education at UW (she has been accepted and intends to enroll for classes). Morris indicated that a letter of commendation was provided to Ms Evans on behalf of GMVUAC. More discussion of election and survey results planned for next Council meeting on May 2 – and discussion as to how the Council can apply the election results to recruit more members.

### **Seattle - King County Department of Public Health**

Robin Hill and Lynn Schneider, SKCDPH Environmental Services Division, gave a presentation (including slides reproduced on paper and distributed at all present – rather self-explanatory) regarding Onsite Sewage Systems (OSS) in King County. There are more than 90,000 OSS in King County. Their goal is education of public as to need for routine maintenance of systems to prolong life and efficacy of OSS. One of the main reasons for failure of new systems is human error in dumping material into a septic system that has no business going down the drain. The program is in need of a consistent source of funds. They are considering various options (including the possibility of surcharge on OSS inspections and pumping; and possible \$40 annual fee assessed directly on homeowners with OSS), but none has yet been selected or even recommended for implementation. This is one of the objectives of the OSS Work Group (the monthly meetings of which will be attended by Iverson and/or Sterling), together with defining and prioritizing program efforts.

A brief discussion on water wells followed the OSS presentation. Iverson brought up several issues, including arsenic in new wells. King County opted out of the Group B public water system program several years ago, and the State Department of Health now regulates these small systems (2 - 9 connections) and is strictly applying the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Levels) standards set by the federal EPA (Safe Drinking Water Act). If arsenic is detected in a new well intended for public use at greater than 10 ppb, that well will be denied a permit. (New wells are tested for bacteria, arsenic, and nitrates.) Treatment is not an option – even though Iverson pointed out that arsenic treatment is available. The State DOH says “No” – so the answer is “No - no matter what.” State DOH has a map of areas where arsenic is a problem – mostly mountain and coal mining areas. King County may opt back into the well program, but needs a funding source. Ms Hill and Ms Schneider offered to return to future GMVUAC meetings and have open discussions on the above and other topics of interest. Members thanked them for their presentation.

### **King County OSS Work Group Report**

Iverson attended the first meeting of the OSS Work Group. One of the main efforts of the Work Group is to present suggestions to SKCDPH on where it should spend its time regarding work load and funding – essentially a group effort to aid the Health Department in prioritizing its work and the means for funding their necessary programs.

### **King County Committee of the Whole (COW)**

Rimbos discussed his draft testimony he would like to present on behalf of GMVUAC to the KC COW meeting to be held on April 6 at Ravensdale. M-Morris S-Iverson P to authorize Rimbos to speak for the GMVUAC at this COW meeting. Discussion of the draft statement then followed. M-Haynes S-Morris P to approve the statement. Individuals may attend the COW meeting and speak in their own behalf.

### **CUP Application for Marijuana Grow Operation**

Rimbos discussed that there is now a CUP application pending with DPER for a marijuana grow operation in the Hobart area on 269th Ave. Comments are due April 25. Rimbos reported that DPER's Ty Peterson stated that there is no real technical screening like that done for the

pending Commercial Site Development Permit for the proposed marijuana processing operation.

For reasons stated, Iverson and Sterling both recused themselves from any participation on this particular matter, both presently and in the future.

Remaining GMVUAC members discussed whether it would be worth the time to submit comments on the CUP application. Hiester suggested the issue be tabled. Members did not object to tabling discussion and not submitting any formal comments as the GMVUAC.

### **GMVUAC Letterhead**

Discussion of various formats for GMVUAC letterhead (and possible business cards) based on designs offered by Haynes and by Harvey. No decision made. Passed on to Outreach/Survey/ Election Committee for further review and recommendations.

### **Growth Management Committee**

Rimbos discussed that time is here to prepare any final written comments to the KC Comprehensive Plan Update. He has sent out a proposed set of comments to each Committee for review. It will be up to each Committee to determine course of action for their respective chapters of the Comp Plan. All Committees should have their final comments ready for vote by the entire membership at our May 2 meeting. The King County Council's Transportation, Economic, & Environment (TrEE) Committee currently is reviewing the King County Executive's proposed KCCP Update. It plans to wrap up most of its review in May culminating in a final Public Hearing and vote in July. The full King County Council will hold its Public Hearing and vote in September.

### **Transportation Committee**

Iverson reported that starting this Wednesday the Sheriff's Office will be at the Tiger Mountain Road intersection with the Issaquah-Hobart Road (just north of Hwy 18) between the hours of 6 - 9 AM to enforce the No Right Turn. Future enforcement to be determined to see if this effort will reduce flow through traffic on the Tiger Mountain Road.

Iverson reported that a speed detection digital sign has been placed by King County at the Hobart Market to measure northbound traffic speed for the following week. Speeds in excess of the posted 40 MPH limit are very common. Next week the digital sign will be relocated to the Hobart Community Church property to measure southbound traffic speed. King County intends to reassess traffic speed by conducting another study following this effort of 'public education'.

Iverson reported that the Fire District intends to have a meeting this Thursday to discuss a proposed fire benefit charge system for funding the District. He plans to attend and will report back to membership at May 2 Council meeting.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

M-Morris S-Haynes P to approve Minutes of March 7, 2016, GMVUAC meeting, as amended.

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at 9:30 PM.

Minutes by Sterling.