

GMVUAC March 6, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order – 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Steve Hiester	Peter Rimbos
Sue Neuner	Warren Iverson
Susan Harvey	Lorraine Blacklock
Rhys Sterling	Linda Harer
Stephen Deutschman	Adam Sterling

Members Absent:

Hank Haynes (no notice, no proxy)
Teresa Sweet (no notice, no proxy)

Agenda:

Rhys moved to approve agenda, Lorraine seconded.

Motion passed

February Meeting Minutes:

Postponed until next month.

Public Comment Period: - 7:07 pm

Lisa Chase: Regarding the proposed marijuana processing operation on SE Wax Road, who has the authority to enforce compliance? John Starbard?

Marissa: He is the director of Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER).

Lisa Chase: Last heard something about environmental regulations, jumping through hoops. DPER keeps granting extensions, but the owners have not broken ground yet. There is talk about expanding the road, vehicle usage, etc. The owner has property elsewhere in Washington for growing, might be under the same permit.

Peter: Should need different permits for growing and processing?

Marissa: Processing, growing, retail are all separate. Should not be able to have all in the same location.

Lisa Chase: The plans are for two 20,000 square foot buildings, unsure if both would be for processing.

Peter: Could it be under two separate permits? Everyone appears to be waiting for something to happen to then take counteraction. DPER will likely grant

extensions until they are done.

Lisa Chase: Possibly under separate permits, never heard of the town where the owner is growing.

Peter: Could the area be rezoned if the permit was revoked?

Lisa Chase: Possibly, but once they break ground and start to put up a building, the industrial site would remain as a preexisting nonconforming use.

Rhys: The owner might still be able to transfer the permit to someone else.

Warren: Does your group opposing the marijuana processing plant still meet regularly?

Lisa Chase: Yes, we are all neighbors, everyone still keeps in contact, but just waiting for something to happen.

Peter: Has the church done anything?

Lisa Chase: It is a Mormon church, so for them to support the group's cause they must receive orders from Salt Lake City, but members can still support independently.

Resident: Trying to look up the time for GMVUAC meetings on the website, but one page shows 2016 and another lists 2017, homepage blurb is different, and it took some time to find things.

Peter: Homepage has the correct announcement, but the calendar shows 2016. We will talk about that later under website discussion, it will be fixed.

Marissa: Grants were announced and GMVUAC received some funding.

Warren: Will you still be having the meeting in May about grant applications?

Marissa: Hobart Community Church is not available because it is a Monday. Open house will be held in the Tahoma Junior High School library on May 15, was told the location could handle about 80 people?

Lorraine: There's no sound system, and it cannot hold that many people.

Peter: Does it have to be on Monday?

Marissa: The other choice was the precinct office, but that could only accommodate 50 people.

Rhys: Free community dinners are held at church downstairs on Mondays, but should be able to do it upstairs? Did you talk to Rob? The OSS meeting was held in the library, and people could not hear anything.

Marissa: Rob might let us use the church, but we are worried about the dinner downstairs and parking, but could do it if you think it should be okay?

Susan: What time does the dinner start?

Rhys: Dinners are from 5:00 to 6:30.

Peter: What about moving it to 7:30?

Marissa: We will check into that.

Guest Speaker:

None

Council Business: - 7:14

Attendance Requirements and Reinstatement: Steve Hiester

Steve: Linda and Teresa have been absent from three meetings over the last 12-month period without designating a proxy or otherwise being properly excused. In accordance with the Bylaws, their positions are vacated, and the Council will vote on whether to reinstate them.

Lorraine moved to reinstate Linda, Rhys seconded.

Motion passed

Steve: Will also notify Teresa that her position has been vacated and ask if she still wants to be on the council, did not receive anything about proxy designation for the last two meetings.

Susan: Her job is delivering babies, so scheduling is a problem.

Lorraine: Her schedule should be changing soon?

Warren: Announcement about Dave Fields' memorial service, it will be held at the Hobart Community Church on April 8th, which would also would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.

Website Discussion: Linda Harer

Linda: Would like to start over on creating the website, Linda is a designer not a builder, Peter has been trying to work on the website, but it is not going to pan out, have already put a lot of hours into it. Would like to propose using her tech guy to create the site, but what would Peter want?

Peter: Tom disappeared, erased everything he did. We still have the existing website, and Treesa agreed to help over the next few months, so we are okay for the interim. Going forward, Peter is all for looking into something new, just does not want to string Treesa along for 8 months. Does Linda know a website builder?

Linda: Yes, he is located in Aberdeen, very easy to work with. He wanted to know how much work we would be expecting. He did a RV website for \$50, Linda has worked with him for 10 years, and he is not expensive.

Peter: How long would it take to create the new site? We have a lot of time.

Linda: The website has taken a lot more time than was needed, should have been a simple project that Tom made more difficult. Although he did do a good job.

Peter: Tom had to transfer and interpret a lot of stuff. It might still take 100+ hours.

Linda: We do not need everything formatted exactly the same, it has been working fine for years so long as everything is accessible.

Steve: Can Network Solutions help with this?

Linda: Network Solutions is not a builder just a hosting site. The guy who runs Network Solutions lives in Enumclaw, Linda has worked with him before.

Steve: Network Solutions advertised that they can build websites, can they also help with transfer?

Linda: I will contact him. But not sure if she is the right person for the job, Lind works in marketing, more used to working as a group. GMVUAC needs a central e-mail address.

Peter: We agree, and we are moving in that direction.

Linda: Have design we wanted to go with, will call Network Solutions person and get back to council.

Peter: Tom was also updating the current site on the side, do not want to have Treesa do this for more than 2 months.

Linda: The guy I mentioned before should be able to do it.

Susan: What about updating once the new site is built?

Linda: The goal was to allow everyone to update it themselves.

Peter: What platform will we be using?

Linda: She personally uses One-on-One Solutions, but not that user friendly, would like to use a simple web hosting service, will check with the two website builders and get back to the council.

Steve: Building the website was not part of the grant request, but would it be included in that?

Rhys: Yes, we only got half of our request, but it included money for the survey, website, etc. Moneys are available.

Peter: To summarize, we agree with Linda's plan and we have money, so let's get going.

Linda: Can start right now.

Peter: Will we need a separate PR meeting?

Rhys: Should be good without one, has full confidence in Linda. The meeting we had before was great.

Steve: Linda, please put together a semi-budget, cost estimates, etc.

Peter: Next meeting is on April 3rd, can you get back to us before then?

Linda: Will get back to you before then.

Peter: We need your marketing skills.

(other discussion)

Newsletter Grant: Steve Hiester

Steve: Where do we want to go with the newsletter grant? Do we need another PR or Executive meeting?

Rhys: We only got half of what we asked for. Wanted to do the newsletter and biennial survey, and wanted to integrate that into website so people can respond to the survey online (instead of by mail or typing in a URL). Still has the template from last time, can do color copying at Steve's office, planning to do 1 per household.

Steve: Are we due for an election at some time?

Rhys: Should be everyone at the same time, rotating every 2 years.

Steve: We need to revisit the election process.

Peter: Can we not do this electronically? We should have until the end of the year?

Steve: How would we notify people about elections electronically?

Linda: Could have a "contact me" link on the website to capture e-mail addresses, put in newsletter to visit new site and sign up.

Rhys: What about reaching out to residents with postcards?

Linda: 4.5 cents per postcard, can send out to an entire zip code, can even pick streets.

Steve: Would it be just registered voters? That is what is in the Bylaws. Can we get

names or a mailing list from KC election records?

Rhys: That is our constituency, but that can be worked out.

Linda: Bulk mailing is different from other kinds of mailing, postcards would be sent to whoever lives at that address, would cost 70 cents otherwise.

Rhys: We want to cover and notify everyone but do it cheaply, it would be cool if the newspaper, survey, and election could all be done online. That is what the grant project was about.

Susan: Why does it need to be registered voters? We are a volunteer organization, not spending public money, no valid reasons anymore to limit to voters.

Linda: If you want postcard mailings, I'm your girl. Easier to get first contact this way.

Peter: Can we reach 10,000 people for \$450?

Rhys: We can change the bylaws regarding registered voters vs. residents.

Peter: What about the last 4 digits of zip codes?

Linda: Carrier gets card to deliver into entire area, not by individual address.

Rhys: What was the issue last time? No one in Hobart got the surveys?

Steve: The letters got switched, yellow ones went to green zone, needed to separate incorporated from unincorporated areas.

Rhys: Do we want PR to start looking at what to put on the survey? (Yes) We can collect issues from everyone.

Linda: The service is called Every Door Direct Mail. Would cost from 17.7 cents per mailing.

Lorraine: That will be easier than going through voter registration records because Linda will just be using a map.

Peter: See if it works in a month, then we will decide whether to do it.

Committee Reports: - 8:22 pm

PR: Rhys Sterling

Rhys: Will contact members, see when we want to meet.

Bylaws: Rhys Sterling

Rhys: Stephen had some suggestions, and we need to make changes for the next election, contact us with any proposed changes before next month.

Economic: Hank Haynes

Rhys: Hank was talking about the hydrofoil-salmon thing, but do we want to get involved? (No)

Susan: Hank's concern is for the salmon runs, wants to make everyone aware of the problems, we could help him find someone to reach out to as a private citizen, but he is already doing it.

Steve: There is a lot of time and money spent on improving salmon habitat, and there is some link to our area.

Susan: Hank also mentioned the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), Washington

state fisheries and wildlife, etc. Not sure what he did with that.

Peter: Hank has 2 things. First is the hydrofoil issue, but not sure if we should get involved with that. Second is the PSRC, its economic development board is putting together a regional strategy document, March is the public comment period. PSRC has already sent Hank their draft ideas, do believe that we would want to get involved in that. But until the actual document exists, there is nothing we can do. PSRC already missed its own public comment period. Hank spends time in the library accessing everything on the Internet.

Steve: Brought train show magazines for Hank, but he didn't show up.

Sue: Husband is a fishery biologist, he says there is no big impact to fish runs, would be more impact if it occurred in rivers, but fish usually get out of the way. Bigger problems for salmon are sea lions, etc.

Steve: There is also the ship canal temperature, no place for fish to hide and they get eaten by predators like Dolly Varden (a species of char).

Lorraine: We can point Hank in the right direction.

Sue: Contact fisheries.

Warren: Does Hank speak as a member of GMVUAC when he asks questions?

Peter: No, made that clear to him. Hank makes comments as an individual citizen.

Growth Management: Peter Rimbos

Peter: Brought a recent status report for the past year, will entertain any questions?

Susan: How many items are still open?

Peter: Black Diamond master planned development (MPD), Covington MPD are not started yet. Waiting to find out more about the Hirst decision, no idea what King County (KC) will do but DPER responded that they will be leading a study, KC is waiting for the legislature to do something. Marijuana permit items all are still open, DPER is still going through the processes, all will most likely get permits.

Warren: If Trump opposes, what will happen?

Susan: Asked police chief how administration change will affect marijuana in Maple Valley, but still too early, just doing business as usual.

Marissa: Has friends in D.C., most departments have just gotten notice to build plans, long-term planning process is just starting, way too premature at this time. Departments do not even know what they will propose yet, nobody knows yet, so just wait.

Peter: Everything else on the list is still open, and we are monitoring each one. Hoping this type of Status Report could be a model for committee reports?

Transportation: Susan Harvey

Susan: Had a Joint Transportation Initiative (JTI) meeting on February 28th, sent out a summary last night, summarized everything over the last month. The issues were concurrency, ordinance updates (not responding to that), Four Creeks membership issue, etc. Items that are still open include the trucking route by the Ravensdale post office, meadow, and park, licensed by DPER, but Reserve Silica and Erikson have trucks going by places where kids play, will have a

community meeting on March 25th in Ravensdale introducing phase 3 of parks. 140 new parking spaces and new multipurpose field will be built by 2019 in the meadow area. Gordon is helping to build picnic shelters and widen pathways. T.J. Davis from Parks, people from DPER, and the postmaster will be there, will talk about issues with parking and safety. We will deal with that if they do not.

Warren: Where would the trucks go?

Susan: Cannot be one road solution, must deal with Ravensdale and trucking. Trucks originally went down 268th and ran over a dog. It is a 3-road situation with the road near the market or 268th, but they should close the route near the post office.

Peter: Send me paragraph on the meeting and I will put it in the next article.

Susan: Yes, hard to get people in Ravensdale, only 3 people came last meeting.

Warren: Good news from KCDOT's Lisa on the "Your Speed" signs, should be up in a couple of months. Lisa picked some sites and will come out again this Friday at 10:30 if anyone wants to meet with her. Southbound sign would be set up south of the Hobart Community Church, Northbound sign at the Hobart ball field. All of the accidents have occurred between the store and the first hill, so Lisa might also put up a "curve ahead" sign. She sent Warren a link to what types of signs are authorized in certain areas, wants to pick out what would work well. Need more signs, Warren also asked about rumble strips, will have a good talk with Lisa on Friday.

Stephen: 196th Ave. SE has those rumble strips.

Warren: Lisa is most concerned about the ball field, could always put up a third speed sign. The rules have changed recently regarding signs, colors, etc.

Susan: Are you happy with the off-ramp to the Issaquah-Hobart Road from the Highway 18 interchange?

Warren: Was told they cannot put in a Jersey barrier, hard to tell what lane oncoming cars are in when trying to turn left coming down from North Bend.

Susan: The PSRC Transportation 2040 Update is not ready for review yet, a year too early. There is an SR-169 safety study, roundabout at Cedar Grove, etc. But it did not mention anything about the erosion of steep slopes.

Warren: Possibility for landslides there, wanted to make people aware of them.

Peter: Had complained about slopes, was told they are not part of the safety study, but being monitored by someone else. Some slopes came down after that around Shari's Restaurant in Renton.

Susan: Not doing anything regarding the safety study at this time, it has been proposed to state transportation committees, but no moneys designated to the intersections or roads that we were concerned about.

Warren: Will SR-169 no longer be a highway of statewide significance? Might have seen something about that in a newspaper.

Peter: Not that I know of, don't want that to happen.

Susan: At the transportation summit in Issaquah, heard that there would be another forum by the Issaquah mayor, we want someone there to represent unincorporated area (UA) views.

Peter: Wrote to Brenda Bauer at KC Department of Transportation (KCDOT) and was

told there could be another meeting, staff is putting together data on congestion now, asked if KCDOT would be at the table because they were in the back of the room with us at last meeting, and there was no UA representation. Brenda said KCDOT will be a participant.

Susan: Green Valley Road that is partially closed in Enumclaw was also part of the joint transportation initiative (JTI), they have been asking for our help to deal with KC, having issues with key road being developed, just being told to get ready for more traffic, no rules that govern historical road. Checked with Karen Meador with historical society, Rick Brayer with KC Roads said to get ready for lots of traffic. Not sure what to do, but we can make noise. What is happening with Elk Heights?

Peter: Nothing approved yet, still working on the permit application, wrote to KCDOT about there being 250 trucks per day, found out about haul route agreements, now waiting to see what is in the agreements. There is a separate issue with Quality Aggregates.

Susan: The concern is that all of these roads' conditions are bad.

Peter: KCDOT, Roads says they have no money to fix, but DPER keeps handing out permits allowing more trucks to use roads, throwing concurrency out the window.

Susan: Stephen has been seeking to get us associate membership on the PSRC.

Stephen: Hopefully we will get info this week, can have a committee meeting soon about what language to use, would like a presentation at our April meeting, need to look for backing from someone in KC. Will ask everyone. Mark Gulbranson is an executive board member at the PSRC.

Peter: Finding a sponsor should not be a problem.

Susan: Stephen will go into Seattle for the PSRC meetings. In our last open item, there are 6 cities that are exceeding their growth targets, PSRC will allow expansion if certain criteria met, includes Bonney Lake, Carnation, etc. Peter sent his concerns in an e-mail.

Peter: Concerns are about meeting the comprehensive plan, contain 5 conditions each with non-action verbs as the main point, such as "try", etc. Susan sent PSRC an e-mail asking what everything means and how to monitor.

Susan: Sent PSRC an e-mail asking how they will monitor full accreditation moving ahead, competition between Maple Valley and Covington and how they will not cooperate with growth targets, etc., but still waiting for a response.

Environment: Rhys Sterling

Rhys: Reserve Silica issue, talked with Tom Buroker over the interim, he is the Department of Ecology's (DOE) director for the northwest, said toxic cleanup people overworked, making evening meetings is difficult and wanted to call into a teleconference. Asked him to find some other day to meet, and we are working on it. Unsure if DOE can come to the Monday meeting, if not then we don't need it. Alan Painter and John Taylor will be here next month, but not sure if they would participate or present.

Susan: The three main players are DPER, Department of Health (DOH), and DOE.

Peter: Would like to get those three in one room and listed to them talk.

Susan: Was in a meeting earlier today with DPER, it is a broken process because these organizations have not been talking with each other and have stalemated for 30 years. Randy Sandin will set up a meeting by the end of the month, will let Greg Wingard know.

Rhys: Where does that leave us?

Susan: They will be talking about rules and regulations, so we are not the right forum, should get someone to talk to us afterward. They would be talking about more technical details.

Peter: But it would be great if we could host, since it is so hard to get all three to meet, and we want to give input.

Steve: It does not sound like a public meeting, probably better for them to come in after and explain what they decided at the meeting.

Susan: We have many problems with Reserve Silica and DPER, the person in charge is not even coming to the site?

Steve: What do we want to do for April 3rd?

Susan: This should wait until May.

Marissa: Bob Burns is scheduled to come, but it can be switched.

Steve: Change discussion on Reserve Silica to May, Marissa will take care of that.

Peter: Also submitted our Black Diamond Open Space Stewardship Plan Comments letter to KC DNRP Parks Division, got a response from Kelly Heinz, she thanked us and will get back to us.

Warren: Talked last meeting about septic tanks and bills in the legislature dealing with the Hirst decision, but would not recommend taking position on the Hirst bills that talk about OSS and wells.

Steve: There was also a Cedar River Council (CRC) meeting, Clark Springs habitat restoration for Rock Creek was discussed at the meeting, and there are several projects working on reviving wetlands, etc.

Susan: One of Hank's concerns is that streams are disappearing, everything is going to culverts and fish are not happy.

Steve: There is a program to replace hundreds of culverts based on a lawsuit, Kent must put water into creeks at certain times if the flow level is too low. CRC has new water resources inventory area (WRIA) representative, can get updates at the meetings.

Train Show: Steve Hiester

Steve: Received a grant for the next train show, one exhibiter group has already signed up.

Warren: Is it unusual to get a response at this point?

Steve: Yes, they signed up early because they were not able to come last time.

Warren: Other announcements, the new Tahoma High School may be 100% done on March 30th, oversight committee will have a tour of the facility. The high school is ahead of schedule, but Lake Wilderness is behind schedule. The plan is to open in September, more to say in our April meeting. Also asked commissioners about fire district, etc.

Susan: Asked some questions at a Maple Valley city managers breakfast about the parks bond that lost in the last election, needed a supermajority, but apparently not going to redo the bond vote.

Warren: Les Burberry made a pitch for a proposed transportation benefit district?

Susan: No response yet.

Steve: Bob Burns will be coming for next meeting to talk about a land conservation program.

Peter: It is looking at existing lands with conservation value, he is the deputy director of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP).

Warren moved to adjourn the regular meeting, Adam seconded.

Motion passed

Closed Council Meeting:

Discussion on council finances.

Chair adjourned meeting.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:04 pm