

## **GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station was called to order by Chair Hiester at approximately 7:05 PM on September 11, 2017.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Neuner, Haynes, Rimbos (and as proxy for Harer), Harvey, Iverson, R Sterling (and as proxy for A Sterling), Blacklock, and Deutschman. Absent (but with designated proxies): Harer and A Sterling.

#### Agenda Items

Hiester moved Train Show to Council Business; Rimbos added discussion of future grants; Harvey added Miscellaneous Matters to Council Business.

#### M-Blacklock S-Rimbos Pass

Blacklock handed out new name plates for each Member and Agenda markers for front desk. Thanked by unanimous consent.

Harvey asked when Council Members should be able to bring up a comment or subject outside of Committee Reports and without changing the Agenda. Hiester stated that it would be appropriate to bring up such miscellaneous matters under Council Business at the end of the meeting.

#### Public Comments

Denice Carnahan (Fairwood resident) introduced herself and stated she was running against Reagan Dunn for King County Council District 9 position. Spoke briefly about her background with Boeing and private financial advisor and issues of concern that she wishes to address and resolve as a member of the King County Council.

Robin Buxton spoke about her concerns with growth of Black Diamond into currently rural area near the Kentlake High School. Rimbos, Hiester, and Harvey addressed issues the Council has been working on for years relating to residential developments in the Black Diamond area; little hope for that area as it is designated within the UGA for possible future annexation and urban growth.

#### Guest Speaker

Betsy Howe (COOMWA – Citizens Opposed to Onsite Sewage Management - Washington) updated the Council as to the current status of legislative and regulatory efforts to address the Hirst decision and Onsite Sewage Systems.

State DOH is undertaking a review of OSS regulations in which COOMWA and citizen involvement and input is (finally) being considered. Opposition to annual monitoring and certain aspects of management plans, including easement provisions. COOMWA has worked on legislation that passed the Senate but failed to advance in the House. Will keep working on this in future sessions. Legislation addresses easements, monitoring, and grandfather rights. SSB 5281.

CAPR (Citizen Alliance for Property Rights) was discussed as an organization that is pressing annual West Regional Conference on September 30, 2017, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA.

Legislative action to address the Washington Supreme Court's Hirst decision was briefly discussed. SB 5239 was introduced but did not pass this last session. COOMWA and CAPR will continue to work with Legislature in upcoming session. Noted that King County DPER now approves building permits with a disclaimer that such approval does not guarantee the availability of water. Other counties apparently have ceased issuing permits pending resolution of Hirst by the Legislature.

Regular Agenda / Council Business and Committee Reports 1. Rimbo's Discussion of Growth Management Issues

KCDOT has conducted a Road Survey for the Lake Francis Road as part of its "holistic" study regarding impacts and mitigation relating to the proposed Elk Heights Gravel Pit operation in the vicinity of the Quality Aggregates surface mine. Development of a Haul Route Agreement is pending.

KCCP Manager Ivan Miller has given his 'interpretation' of development in the NB (Neighborhood Business) Zone including mixed use and townhouses. There is a proposal for such a project in the Rural Area at the intersection of Cedar Grove Road and Issaquah-Hobart Road. Public comment period ends September 30.

Reserve Silica update. Public comments on proposal for a rezone of 122 acres to RA- 10 for residential development, due December 1 for consideration by KC as part of 2018 Comp Plan cycle. This proposal is known as King County Docket Item #3. Reserve Silica's Water Bank proposal was the subject of a meeting with Dept of Ecology staff. Members are directed to extensive comments on this meeting and subject from Rimbo's and Michael Brathovde. DOE's position is that there is no real proposal yet as nothing can be done regarding a Water Bank until use of existing surface water right ceases – likely more than a year from now. Nevertheless, concern was expressed that Water Bank may be employed by Reserve Silica as inducement to KC Council to approve the rezone and residential use of the property (even though MTCA clean up and the Remedial Investigation and Report are not complete – as stated by Michael Brathovde). Rimbo's called for a GM Committee meeting on Thursday, September 21, to discuss initial preparation of Public Comments.

Note that DOE information and documents regarding Reserve Silica may be accessed at the following websites:

Water Quality permit information is available on the DOE PARIS website. The site has difference panels and they all key off of the permit number. Reserve Silica is permit# WAG503029. Access the permit documents in a list at:  
[https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:302:729981498978919::NO:RP:P302\\_PERRMIT\\_NUMBER:WAG503029](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:302:729981498978919::NO:RP:P302_PERRMIT_NUMBER:WAG503029) and then click on any document you wish to review.

Wastewater discharge permits are posted on the Ecology Water Quality Program database PARIS at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/paris.html> . Click on "Access

PARIS” and enter the permit number where indicated or enter the facility name in Facility / Project Name’ field. It allows searching by facility name, using the permit number is easier.

Brief discussion of Woodinville local winery tasting room and event issues and KC DPER regulatory efforts as detailed in a Seattle Times newspaper article dated September 11, 2017, at p B-1.

## 2. Website Development

R Sterling will call a meeting of the PR Committee to strategize new website development progress, and handling of upcoming survey and elections.

## 3. Future Speakers

Harvey will coordinate with KC Senior Deputy Executive Fred Jarrett to be a guest speaker at next month’s Council meeting. Mr Jarrett is leading an initiative to explore new and better ways to serve the people of unincorporated King County by improving how KC delivers services across departments and agencies.

Haynes’ presentation to PSRC was well received and the possibility of a joint meeting between PSRC representatives (perhaps including Exec Director Josh Brown) and all Rural Area UACs/Associations was discussed to address economic and other issues of interest to rural areas of King County. Haynes and Rimbos will collaborate and make appropriate contacts for possible future time and place for such a meeting.

Dwight Dively was mentioned as possible future speaker on KC budget matters.

Ivan Miller and Ty Peterson were mentioned as possible future speakers regarding the NB zone and Mirrormont mixed use and townhouse development in the rural area.

## 4. Grant Applications (due November 17)

Harvey mentioned possible GMVUAC grant application for a new Community Bulletin Board for Ravensdale Park. Must first be coordinated with local area group(s).

Hiester will apply for Train Show grant.

## 5. Minutes of August Meeting

M (approve as revised) - Rimbos S - Blacklock Pass (approved)

## 6. Committee Reports

Executive – per Hiester – did not meet.

Public Relations – per R Sterling – no report – but will schedule meeting.

Harvey noted that our Notice of Biennial Survey and Election was published in the September 12, 2017, edition of the Voice of the Valley. This public notice satisfies the GMVUAC Bylaws requirement – and may be used as a template for future such public notice.

Bylaws – per R Sterling – no report. Economic – per Haynes.

Haynes' letter and presentation to PSRC was well received. PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown expressed desire to meet with all Rural Area UACs/Associations in near future to discuss PSRC's role in local economic development. Econ Comm will coordinate to set up future meeting time, place, and agenda.

Growth Management – per Rimbo – already discussed as set forth above. Transportation – per Harvey and Iverson

State Legislature is considering possible 'pay as you go' type of user fee system to finance road projects as state fuel taxes are insufficient. PSRC supports such a proposed financing system.

Environment – per R Sterling – no report.

Hiester reported that the Cedar River Council did not meet.

Train Show – per Hiester

October show being planned. Haynes added to Committee.

Blacklock preparation of Train Show Flyer was discussed. Great content, but final will delete reference to population and area served by GMVUAC – could not pin down precise numbers. Council voiced appreciation and thanks for Blacklock's work on this project.

M (approve Flyer with revisions) - R Sterling S - Blacklock Pass

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at 9:25 PM. Minutes by R Sterling.