

April 2015

Citizens' Survey, Ballot, and Newsletter
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On Monday, April 6, the Area Council held its monthly meeting. The Area Council's upcoming Survey/Ballot/Newsletter was discussed. A large portion of the meeting was devoted to the 4-year major update to the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP).

Public Comments

Les Saylor and Dick Campbell voiced numerous safety concerns related to SE Tiger Mt Rd. Traffic is using SE Tiger Mt Rd as a "loop" to bypass part of Issaquah-Hobart Rd. The road also is in disrepair and has little to no shoulders in places. The road is a recognized recreational bicycle route and is used to access major trails for both hikers and equestrians--all contributing to the collective safety concerns. The Area Council will assist Les and Dick in contacting the appropriate people at the King County Department of Transportation to try to rectify these safety issues.

Community Survey / Area Council Election / Newsletter

The Area Council approved its Biannual Citizens' Survey to be mailed in May to all registered voters in the unincorporated area of the Tahoma School District. It will include a Ballot to elect your Area Council members, as well as an Area Council Newsletter and Map of the Area Council's four Community Areas: Francis, Hobart, Ravensdale, and River Heights.

The Area Council uses Survey results to help keep abreast of citizen concerns and to help direct our communications with County and other government officials.

Please look for your Survey/Ballot/Newsletter in the mail. Please fill out your Ballot and Survey and return by regular mail. The Area Council thanks you in advance for taking the time to participate in our local community.

King County Comprehensive Plan Update

The Area Council has started its work on the 2016 major 4-year King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) Update. As the guiding policy document for all land-use and development in unincorporated King County, the KCCP is updated annually, but every fourth year a complete review is conducted and major revisions are adopted.

The Area Council agreed to a detailed plan for its Update effort: (1) Review existing KCCP; (2) Identify and discuss key issues of importance to local citizens with County Departments; (3) Provide inputs periodically to the County Executive's Office for inclusion in the Public Review Draft through August; (4) Conduct detailed assessment of Public Review Draft when released in October and submit comments to the County Executive's Office in December; and (5) Conduct detailed assessment of Final Draft KCCP Update to be released in March 2016 and submit comments to the King County Council in 2016 prior to its approval of the Update in October 2016.

Citizens can submit comments to: COMPPLAN@kingcounty.gov; follow the Update: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/psb/regional-planning/king-county-comprehensive-plan.aspx>; and provide comments to the Area Council at its monthly meetings.

Noise Ordinance

The Area Council reviewed the King County Council's proposed Noise Ordinance and submitted detailed comments prior to King County Council's March 16 Public Hearing. The Area Council, among several issues discussed, expressed concern the Department of Public Health would no longer be involved with noise complaints and potential impacts. On March 16 the King County Council passed Noise Ordinance 2014-0480. The State Department of Ecology

(DOE) has 60 days to pass any judgement on the Ordinance. The Area Council voted to re-submit its detailed comments to the DOE for its consideration.

Next Area Council Meeting

The Area Council's next monthly meeting will held Monday, May 4, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Fire Station on the southeast corner of the intersection of SE 231st St & SR-169. Meetings are held the first non-holiday Monday of each month. A Public Comment period at the beginning of each meeting provides an opportunity to voice issues of concern to Area Council members and government officials in attendance.

