

**November 2015**

## **Citizens' Survey and Area Council Election**

by Peter Rimbo, Corresponding Secretary

On Monday, November 2, the Area Council held its regular monthly meeting. Topics discussed included: the 2016 Major 4-Yr King County Comprehensive Plan Update, Community Service Grants, and the Citizens' Survey and Area Council Election.

### **Public Comment**

Lisa Chase of 200th Ave SE stated the King County Council approved a rezone of the currently isolated Industrial zoned land at the southend of her residential road to RA-5. Ms. Chase indicated there was some discussion regarding vesting already conferred by the King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER) on the Applicant's Commercial Site Development Permit (CSDP) for two 20,000-sq-ft Marijuana Processing and Manufacturing Facilities. [The Area Council has been working with the 200th Ave SE residents for over a year to identify and research the potential issues related to the proposed facilities, especially traffic impacts on a single-lane dead-end road.]

### **Annual Operating Model Train Show**

The Area Council held its 18th Annual Community-wide Operating Model Train Show on the weekend of October 17 - 18 at the Gracie Hansen Community Center in Ravensdale. The show, a traditional local favorite, was attended by over 650 people who enjoyed operating model trains featuring many creative layouts in many gauges.

### **King County Comprehensive Plan Update**

The King County Executive's Office plans to release the Public Review Draft (PRD) of the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) Update on November 6. Public comments will be due by January 6, 2016.

Members of the King County Executive's Office will hold a KCCP Update Community Meeting to discuss the PRD on Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 PM at the Maple Valley Sheriff's Precinct (NE corner of SE 231st St & SR-169 intersection).

During November and December the Area Council's four subject-matter committees (Economic, Environment, Growth Management, and Transportation) will review the PRD, along with Area Council recommendations submitted earlier this year. Detailed comments will be prepared and submitted to King County by the deadline. As done so far in the KCCP Update process, all Area Council comments/recommendations will be posted on our web site's Home page under "Current News."

### **Community Service Grants**

King County provides an annual opportunity for organizations in unincorporated areas to seek Grants for beneficial local initiatives. The Area Council decided to apply for a 2016 Grant to help support the Annual Train Show in Ravensdale.

### **Citizens' Survey / Area Council Election / Newsletter**

The Area Council agreed the Biannual Citizens' Survey will be mailed to all registered voters (~11,000) in the unincorporated area of the Tahoma School District by the third week of November. For the first time, there will be the option to complete and submit the Survey online.

Survey results are used to help your Area Council keep abreast of citizen concerns and to better direct communications with County and other government officials. Also included will be a Ballot to elect your Community Area's members, a Newsletter, and a Map of the Area Council's four Community Areas--each of which has four positions with two up for election.

The Area Council expresses its thanks to citizens in advance for taking a few minutes to vote and to respond to the short Survey.

### **Committee Reports**

The Growth Management Committee reviewed two items: (1) The King County Council is looking at potential Code changes on the Hearing Examiner process and (2) The King County Council is considering an Ordinance to grant "Demonstration Project" status to Pacific Raceways expansion.

The Transportation Committee reviewed one item: Based on an Area Council request the King County Department of Transportation will be doing Traffic Counts and conducting a Speed Study on the Issaquah-Hobart Rd.

The Environment Committee reviewed one item: The public is invited to attend the 100th Anniversary of the Ravensdale mine disaster at 11 AM on Monday, November 16, at the Gracie Hansen Community Center, 27132 SE Ravensdale Pl, Ravensdale.

### **Next Area Council Meeting**

Monday, December 7, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Fire Station (SE corner of SE 231st St & SR-169 intersection). 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.