

GMVUAC October 2, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order – 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Steve Hiester	Hank Haynes
Peter Rimbos	Rhys Sterling
Adam Sterling	Susan Harvey
Lorraine Blacklock	Sue Neuner
Stephen Deutschman (Dutch)	

Members Absent:

Warren Iverson (proxy to Rhys, except for banner vote, then proxy to Susan)
Linda Harer

Agenda:

Peter: We have a lot of stuff to cover, need to be careful about time, each item will take longer than 5 minutes.

Steve: Agreed, we need to stick to the agenda and move along.

Rhys moved to approve agenda, Lorraine seconded.

Motion passed

Public Comment Period:

Reagan Dunn (King County Council): I just wanted to say hi, I've lived here for several years, and I might be purchasing a house in the Dorre Don area. The district I represent is one third of Bellevue as well as Newcastle, Kent, Black Diamond, Maple Valley, etc. I have a quarter million constituents. I wanted to flag a couple of issues and then listen to the fire chief's comments. For septic systems, you guys are on the front lines. Seattle & King County (KC) Public Health made a run trying to put in a \$40 per parcel per year fee to increase revenue, it had little to do with environmental degradation. We got together and had huge forums, it was an awesome experience to see what the Unincorporated Area (UA) can do when mobilized, KC Health has backed off and claimed they will not pursue it any further, but you should keep watching, I don't know if I believe them, it's already expensive to set up systems, and a very small percent are actually failing. They used a challenged study regarding fecal coliform from animals, not septic, this should be under the Dep't of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER) but it's run by KC

Health, very Seattle-centric. Watch KC Health, I don't know what they'll do, although I talked to the director today.

The next issue is the solid waste division is trying to take UA collection to every other week, already getting bad service out here to begin with, trying to use unincorporated King County (UKC) as a guinea pig, piled-up garbage attracts animals, they will give people bigger trash bins if they change but it will still cost the same amount, we will be forcing them to do more in terms of public process, explain the change to constituents, it could be the next big issue.

Hank: Solid waste, 15-20 years ago they tried to pass an ordinance forcing people to put garbage out every week, even though some people don't need to.

Reagan Dunn: The dumping fee in KC is \$24, in Kittitas County it's \$6, solid waste is trying to get around my provisos.

Susan: Isn't waste management subcontracted? Could you get another company?

Reagan Dunn: It's coming from the solid waste division, paying the same amount for half the service.

Lorraine: We stopped something similar before.

Reagan Dunn: Land use, you know what's going on down in Black Diamond (BD), the city needs to decide, everyone else is growing, we need transportation infrastructure, I think SR-169 should be 4-lane all the way to BD, it's designated as a highway of statewide significance. I also respectfully request this written speech to be incorporated into the minutes.

(Reagan Dunn's written notes will be made available in pdf format online)

Hank: I heard a rumor of splitting the flow and bringing SR-169 up as a feeder line, less to fill?

Reagan Dunn: KC has prioritized parks, etc. over roads, we do need to increase capacity, Issaquah is doing their own thing.

Hank: I also have concerns about the high-speed hydrofoil ferry.

Reagan Dunn: There was a great article in the Seattle Times, it's a huge waste of money.

Hank: It would also hurt the salmon.

Rhys: Is the KC Council going to take any action on the Hirst decision? Building permit issuance, people need to prove the availability of water.

Reagan Dunn: It's a Dep't of Ecology (DOE) issue, licenses go through the state, and we get briefed on them.

Peter: We heard from DPER that they will be starting a water availability study, had been waiting until the state does something.

Reagan Dunn: They put in a moratorium over in Eastern Washington, killed building. They'll start to use water to restrict growth, KC does not want the UA to grow, want it to be parks, they will continue to get more restrictive, get your well in now, beneficial use.

Susan: Is the hypothesis still floating around that septic systems pollute Puget Sound?

Reagan Dunn: Everything is designed to control growth, travel concurrency, water, restricting schools by saying you can't tie in sewer systems. Some council members have said that people should just not live in UAs.

Susan: Regulations make it so you can't do anything near waterlines.

Reagan Dunn: It's frustrating, but people should be able to choose rural or urban lifestyle. Growth Management Act should mean density inside cities, but some cities don't want growth. Homelessness comes from rising prices, etc. People driving elsewhere to find places they can afford.

Susan: Is there any movement looking to do something about property taxes?

Reagan Dunn: There's a \$5.90 cap per \$1,000 in state law, the arts levy failed which was a sales tax, the veterans levy on the November ballot would be a 260% increase, and the tax to comply with the McCleary decision will cost more, in Bellevue the average house will see a \$600 increase. In KC there's also the Sound Transit taxing district, so people are seeing huge bills. The county got a blank check for education. There's tax fatigue now, there will probably be an initiative at the local level to strip the taxing base like what was seen in California, it's not getting any better now.

Susan: For people on a fixed income, can only make \$40,000.

Reagan Dunn: The government should live within its means, let people solve their own problems, seniors should get a break after a 70-40% reduction, income is not going up, should freeze taxes, would be more compassionate, did that in California.

Hank: I'm a member of the KC Veterans Advisory Board, this ballot measure would not just benefit veterans.

Reagan Dunn: It's 50/50 veterans and human services, benefits to veterans would mostly be going to housing, funding \$20 million, trying to fix homelessness with that pot of funding, we've given more money than results we see, homelessness has to do with drug use, compounded with inability to afford homes, we want to keep the veterans levy tailored to veterans.

Bonnie Curran: My next door neighbor has a temporary use permit, but for 7 years I've had to live next to a commercial business in a rural residential area, they make a lot of noise, we reported it to the county. It's a wedding event business, the permit was approved again for next year, it's not temporary use if it can go on forever. I've tried to avoid making complaints, the county insists we must call the police, after 3 years.

Peter: You could also pursue a civil suit, nuisance law.

Susan: The mentality of city thinking is the rural area is for recreation only, we were here first, we enjoy it and would like others to as well, but transportation infrastructure has been overburdened.

Guest Speakers:

Aaron Tyerman, Maple Valley Fire Chief

Aaron Tyerman: I wanted to give you a quarterly update on what's happening with the Maple Valley (MV) Fire Dep't. After the fire benefit charge (FBC) did not pass, the station near the Playmor Tavern has been closed, put in budget cuts, and minimum staffing has dropped to 7 people, 3 here and 3 at Four Corners. It's a long-term disability, the average age at the Fire Dep't is 45, haven't been able to hire younger people, it's a physically demanding job, people start getting hurt more. We're at 1993 staffing levels, the secondary effects of when a station closes is that for safety we bring both engines, if there's a residential fire on Petrovitsky Road, now Kent Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority is running calls in here, we do have mutual agreement for help, but will need to enter into service agreements for calls, it's \$1,000 per call, we're working hard to make sure that doesn't happen, 76% of the time the Playmor station is closed.

We've put signs up on the stations in Hobart and Ravensdale, wanted to make sure people know when stations are closed, people still come in for blood pressure tests and we will see those. There will be a levy lid lift on the November ballot, due to I-747, our funding will be down to \$1.16 next year, our junior taxing district was created when most fire districts were volunteer, we're second from the bottom above cemeteries, as rationing chips away at the \$5.90 per \$1,000 cap.

Reagan Dunn: In a flat economy this fire dep't would get suppressed, it's a huge issue.

Aaron Tyerman: We're looking for stable funding, every street corner has new buildings going in, it's taxing on us, we're trying to figure out the best way to continue running 911 calls, a fire in Petrovitsky is one thing, but there's a 28-minute response from Ravensdale, the goal is to try to figure out how to maximize what we have, save costs, contracts for service with other fire dep'ts, if we can't get something for funding then must lay off 20% of the dep't next year. One question I get is why don't we bring back volunteers? We haven't had any for 20 years, our volunteers are required to meet the same standards as paid fire fighters, it costs \$20,000 per year to run training, and we have a problem with retention, Seattle is hiring 80 new positions, it's easier for people to get a paid job, we would train then other fire dep'ts would grab them and hire. Getting people to volunteer is a nationwide issue we're struggling with. We're also struggling with Sound Transit 3, car tabs, and tax increases, and were working hard to figure out how to get resources to calls when you need them. We're the cheapest insurance policy you'll have.

Hank: What percent of activities are related to automobiles? Could you figure out a pro-rata amount, auto tax adder? Should charge for putting out car fires?

Aaron Tyerman: Maybe 8-10%? There's been an effort to figure out where we can recover money from and how to take the burden off of taxpayers, every time we go to Olympia something new and bigger comes up, people have recommended charging car insurance, but there's problems, it always comes up short. The other interesting thing is people asking that if they just funded parks, why can't we move money to over to us? We have to get our own

money. Grants are great, 25% match, but it's hard, based on rules from the early 1950s.

Hank: There's a lower percentage of home ownership, rising housing prices, need to get support for other streams of revenue.

Steve: Any idea why the FBC didn't pass?

Aaron Tyerman: No, I did 30 open meetings, was surprised by the result. I was riding back from Seattle with Mary Jane Glaser, she said she voted yes but her neighbors voted no, they said we would tax their outbuildings. Somebody wrote we would tax outbuildings in the voter pamphlet, I explained many times we wouldn't, but how do you combat that misinformation? I'm not a politician, I asked what people need, trying to look to the future. The frustrating part is the area's growing so fast, but we're closing stations.

Hank: The problem was with the people who put together stuff, the voter pamphlet was stating different things, when people tried to refer to media sources nothing was supporting the FBC. If everyone was working off the same script, it would have passed.

Aaron Tyerman: The average person doesn't understand junior taxing districts.

Steve: How come you're running out of funds?

Aaron Tyerman: Tim Eyman's Initiative 747 limits growth to 1%, it used to be 6%, except when the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W/U) cost of living increase is 1.9-3%, we're falling behind, will have to lay people off next year even though area is getting bigger. Had to close station 83.

Hank: You needed a coordinated message.

Aaron Tyerman: I thought it was coordinated from where I was sitting, the website showed predicted costs, had a Q&A page, 30 public meetings, I didn't know what else to say or do, the website and everywhere said we would not tax outbuildings.

Steve: One comment I had reading the ballot, it said you were restricted by a number, 6%?

Aaron Tyerman: The maximum amount we could collect is 60% of our operating budget, that doesn't mean we could increase our budget by 60% each year, it's not simple or easy to understand, that's why we put the calculator online to find the price change to each parcel, the more we get compressed the bigger that number gets, we're running in the red, in order to get back into the black every year the number gets bigger.

Peter: A lot of people don't visit websites, but a lot read the ballot initiative, rebuttals are critical, if people read anything that's what they'll read, you need to make sure what's written down is clear, need to hit hard, a lot of this stuff is not easy to understand.

Susan: It seems that there's a tremendous burden, it's wrong that public safety is put in this position, wrong for taxes, is there any state responsibility?

Aaron Tyerman: Eventually what would happen if we went bankrupt is the city of MV would take over within the city limits, UAs would default to all volunteer fire districts.

Susan: Can't we go to state representatives to get help via legislation?

Aaron Tyerman: We have firefighter lobbying groups in Olympia all the time, any changes there must be for the entire state, Puget Sound went to a Regional Fire Authority, we're one of the few fire districts left, mostly having to do with getting away from pro rationing, requires creative accounting.

Susan: Fire is one of the few services we pay for and actually get service back.

Hank: If assessed value goes up by 15% would you get a 15% increase? If someone sells their house for an increased price, would you see any more?

Aaron Tyerman: Our budget goes up by 1% per year maximum, regardless of inflation. Tim Eyman wanted us to come to voters each year to ask for bonds, people wanted accountability, but we already have a board of commissioners. There's voter and taxing fatigue, I blindly vote for fire district levies, but that's me.

Steve: Technically the initiative was overturned by the State Supreme Court, then reenacted by the legislature, only based on assessed value.

Peter: If the population doubled, what would happen?

Aaron Tyerman: The assessed value of the area is currently \$6.5 billion, even if the population doubled but assessed value stays the same, we would only get whatever increases the assessed value of an apartment building, for example. Apartment complexes are huge call generators, they wanted to put 1,600 houses in the Donut Hole, and the city of MV rezoned. The city is growing so fast, they're now talking about contracting with other Fire Dep'ts.

Susan: Public services are the ones most impacted by Eyman.

Lorraine: First responders should be funded off the top of the budget.

Rhys: That's a legislative solution, but what will you be asking for in November?

Aaron Tyerman: A lid lift, just to get back to \$1.50 per \$1,000, then we can keep stations open, people are sensitive about bond issues after the high school, not sure this will pass, I was fairly confident on the FBC.

Rhys: Would that keep the Hobart station open? Could it be improved or fixed? Would KC give relief from code requirements, etc.? That would give us a better understanding of the issues.

Aaron Tyerman: That station was built 47 years ago by volunteers, to bring it up to code now would cost twice as much as building a new one, would have to knock down walls, etc. KC is not a big fan of ours, I came from the county, politics and money at the end of the day, I would rather just have an honest conversation.

Steve: What is your budget? Average cost per person?

Aaron Tyerman: \$7.6 million. 91% is wages and benefits, we have 52 paid staff. Very close margins, most fire and police dep'ts run around 80%, we're higher due to compression, paid less than comparables in other dep'ts. It's \$105,000-110,000 per person, I don't have the number off the top of my head. We have about \$7-900,000 per year after paying electric, etc., new engines and fire cars are not cheap though. We have a few fire engines, the industry standard is to keep them in the front line for 10 years, sell them when they're 15 years old, but some of ours are now 17. We're good at breaking these things, put under tremendous stress, we have one guy who fixes them.

Rhys: Is the lid lift not for new equipment?

Aaron Tyerman: Everything comes out of the same budget, we could come out and ask for a bond, capital improvement, etc., could be done, but gun-shy now after the FBC, with bonds if it's capital improvement funds can only be used for that, cannot use for salaries.

Susan: Is the MV Fire Dep't on Facebook?

Aaron Tyerman: Yes, we have have a MVFD page and a union page, I'm on there as well, just found out that not everything on the Internet is true, so I'm trying to cut off misinformation. My e-mail is chief@maplevalleyfiredepartment.org, let me know if you have any questions.

Steve: Did you go to the emergency preparedness fair this weekend?

Aaron Tyerman: No, the Dep't Chief went, I heard it was well attended.

Susan: Do you have a date for picking up leftover medicines?

Aaron Tyerman: No, we used to do that, but KC Health ended it, cannot put Epipens in a sharps container, FDA said they must be thrown out in differently.

Hank: Do you still run the search program? Community emergency response team?

Aaron Tyerman: Not anymore, nobody was showing up to participate, it was a rite of passage for me growing up, but now so few want to volunteer.

Bonnie Curran: I was told you can go elsewhere to get certification.

Peter: Would it be appropriate for the fire dep't to have a booth at the Train Show? We have our Train Show in October, tons of people come.

Aaron Tyerman: I would be more than happy.

Steve: I don't see any reason why not. Can you give rides in fire trucks?

Aaron Tyerman: I'll let you drive the fire truck! We had to close our open house, could get a union rep to come bring toys for the kids.

Steve: It's October 21st and 22nd at the Gracie Hansen Community Center, we have anywhere between 500-1,000 people, I see no reason why you can't set something up.

Council Business:

Website Update: Rhys Sterling

Peter: We had a PR Committee meeting last Thursday, Linda showed us what's going on, I wrote everything down and sent it out via e-mail, the website will be going live at the end of the month, Leif will stay on, give instructions, training, etc. We agreed to send updates to Leif and Treesa till the end of the month.

Rhys: We'll probably lose Linda after elections. She's getting stressed beyond belief with the website, had to take her dad to urgent care today, just FYI.

Steve: Managing our website going forward has been a major concern for me, I still haven't seen an answer.

Peter: Leif is not going away, but he costs money.

Hank: I was concerned about cost at outset, we should go to Fry's and get it from a box.

Peter: That's not the issue, only if we need to keep contacting Leif. If we have step-by-step instructions for posting things on the website it should be easy, need

to set up protocols for people to follow. I suggested that the PR Committee should manage the website, need to figure it out, but we need more people.

Susan: Do we have the budget for a professional to do this? We need someone to be accountable to design pages, one person needs to control the website.

Steve: Is the plan to allow the public to post comments? Who will manage content?

Peter: There's nothing wrong with the current website, Linda wanted it to be more interactive.

Steve: Still need to decide who will be responsible.

Sue: We got a grant for \$2,000, but that money has not been deposited, only check I've written is \$400.

Steve: I asked Marissa about partial payments, the grant doesn't go away.

Marissa: We can do one or two, but you should try to spend it by the end of the year.

Peter: We have no invoices from Linda or Leif.

Rhys: Just one from Leif for \$400, Linda said she would cover the rest, we also have to cover public notice and mailing, need to be careful to stay within the \$2,000 budget.

Sue: We need to see the invoices first. The insurance bill is what will kill us unless we come up with more money, it's about \$3-4,000 per year.

Peter: What do other Unincorporated Area Councils (UAC) do?

Marissa: They only pay for liability, for when they throw events.

Peter: Do we have more than we need?

Steve: We have officer personal liability, and slip and fall for the Train Show.

Rhys: One is officer personal liability, so we have two policies.

Steve: Other UACs are informational only, we hold meetings.

Dutch: What about a rider on the fire dep'ts insurance?

Bonnie Curran: You sometimes have meetings elsewhere.

Rhys: We need serious income, or else we'll run out of money in 5-6 years.

Sue: Can you get a grant to cover insurance?

Marissa: You can submit, but...

Rhys: We could reorganize as a non-profit, collect donations, etc.

Susan: What do other UACs do?

Marissa: Upper Bear Creek does music in the park, they get insurance just for that, pay \$500 for event insurance.

Rhys: Back to the website, Leif would train us, then we would maintain our own pages.

Peter: Leif would do updates until the end of the year.

Susan: We will need to set it up so that new people can take over when there's turnover.

Lorraine: It's basically just data entry.

Rhys: Committees will take care of it, PR is in charge for now.

Peter: Leif made a flash drive of everything on the website as an archive.

Hank: Make a backup.

Susan: Right now it's set up for the PR Committee to take control, and if somebody looks at our website and it's out of date, we need somebody in control.

Rhys: If you have questions, we'll take care of it.

Peter: The center blog of our webpage, we need someone to control that.

Rhys: The PR Committee will meet and discuss again.

Train Show: Steve Hiester

Steve: Who will help? Bonnie will help on mornings two days, Dutch is doing security at night, Sue will be there on the 21st, and Rhys and Warren might help.

Sue: Are we still doing donations and door prizes?

Steve: Do you know anyone else who might help? We need people there during the day.

Susan: Steve will buy pizza.

Hank: Any way to have people with GMVUAC train hats?

Steve: I will talk to the Train Show Committee, I'm concerned about staffing. I also think we ought to buy a banner. I'm not sure if this is under the normal Train Show budget.

Rhys: Warren favors the 2-banner option, by proxy.

Lorraine: The artwork is already done

Steve: It's a 4' x 10' banner, done by a local artist.

Susan: Some changes to the template, Gracie Hansen spelling, need to get something to artist as soon as possible. She said they can usually get them out in 1-2 days, I know banners should be posted 2-3 weeks ahead of the event. It's cheaper than what you did earlier, the price dropped by \$100.

Steve: Also Hank's video, we need to edit it a little.

Peter: I think it was a professional job.

Steve: Can we post that on our website?

Peter: On our current website.

Susan: Can we project the video on the wall?

Rhys: Make sure you get releases from everyone to use their likenesses.

Lorraine: Just take out that one picture.

Peter: Which version do we post? The mlv or jpeg version?

Hank: Should have mpeg2 for older PCs, mlv for older Apple, and mpeg4 for streaming.

Peter: Hank will edit, then give it to Dutch, who will e-mail it to me, and I'll post it.

Rhys: Word of caution, when we display peoples photos on a public website, there could be an issue. It's a privately held event, even if open to the public. Should put a notice out that we might take photos and use them on our website. There's a risk if we do it, so you should just be aware.

Peter: That's why we have insurance.

Steve: Regarding banner, I consider it part of the Train Show budget, but if anyone objects, make a motion. But we do need to vote on putting the movie on our website.

Susan moved to post Hank's Train Show video after editing, Lorraine seconded.

Motion passed

(Rhys and Warren (by proxy) voted no)

November Meeting Guest Speaker:

Susan: Fred Jarrett is the Deputy Executive to Dow Constantine, and he's agreed to come next month, Dow has a new initiative and put Fred in charge to work better with UAs. Fred will come out and tell us how he can work better with rural areas, I wanted to do something with the Transportation Committee, if any other committees have thoughts on how to make Fred's job easier, so he can address our specific concerns.

Peter: Are you thinking of inviting the other UACs? Should the Corresponding Secretary send an invitation? Can you send me some language and CC Fred?

Susan: Yes, it would be a good forum to invite them, will do. Just a causal invite.

Peter: We've given Fred the impression that we can get other UAC people here so he doesn't need to go all over the county.

Marissa: I know he's going to White Center this week, they invited him. It will be his first visit, not sure what his pitch will be.

Peter: Our issues out here are different.

Susan: We can give him an idea of what we want to talk about next.

Approve Minutes: Rhys Sterling

Rhys moved to approve the September meeting minutes, Peter seconded.
Motion passed

Committee Reports:

PR Committee: Rhys Sterling

Rhys: Election survey is coming up, the biggest thing is public notice according to bylaws, we have a \$2,000 grant, \$500 is for the website, which leaves \$1,500 for postage and conducting our survey and election. We have a 60-day notice in the Voice of the Valley, according to our bylaws, reasonable advance mailed notice is to be given to each family residing in the community, or if that's too costly, the council shall determine what constitutes 30 days advance notice. We can put notice out in several ways, I've been looking at the USPS Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) service, the place in Issaquah does this from cradle to grave, they will do design, printing, and set up mailing routes in Tahoma School District, and mail them. Minuteman Press on Juniper Street, I talked to the owner and got an estimate number of residences based on the EDDM website, came up with 9000, last survey we mailed out 11,000.

Steve: The year before we mailed one survey to each registered voter address, little over 7,000, depending on how they sort it. The websites we looked at said there were 14,000 households in the Tahoma School District, but that includes Maple Valley and Black Diamond.

Rhys: They have maps for rural routes, can exclude city routes, I'm assuming there's around 9,000. EDDM would be for a 5" x 7" postcard, nothing fancy, just an

invitation to visit our website, come to meetings, not the newsletter itself, just a notice of the survey. It would cost 17.7 cents, maybe 15 cents for non-profit, per postage makes it \$1,600 for everything, then add printing and everything else. The rough estimate from EDDM.com for the same service is 32 cents each, or around \$2,700. If that's too costly, we can do alternative means. We can spend \$1,400 for a full page ad in the Voice of the Valley, we could then fit the whole survey on the page. That would be a little more cost effective, would be within our budget, but not sure how effective it would be to get the word out. Or the Covington/MV Reporter.

Lorraine: Was 5" x 7" the middle size?

Rhys: The cost doesn't change that much. It would be nice to do EDDM, but that would dip into our funds.

Steve: What if we do printing and just pay for postage?

Rhys: What did we pay for sending mail out before? Do we get a bulk rate?

Steve: We don't, so we would just need to find someone who does.

Rhys: If we go with service, they need layout for the mailer.

Susan: What if we did half page in the Voice of the Valley and a half in the Reporter alerting people to go to our website?

Rhys: We could also post notices at post offices.

Dutch: What about mailers?

Susan: What about an insert? We did that, put flyers in with the Reporter for another event.

(More discussion)

Rhys: Option one is the EDDM mailed notice, roughly \$3,000. Option two is buying a page or half in the Voice of the Valley, could include the actual survey, for \$1,500. Option three, for free, we can include info on the survey in our monthly article. We can also post placards at post offices and the Train Show for free.

Peter: My problem with options two and three are that almost nobody gets those papers.

Susan: It sounds like mailing is above budget. We can always do three in addition.

Peter: Linda said we only get very few hits on our website, I would recommend option one, plus the free announcements in our monthly article.

Sue: When Reagan Dunn sends out his survey, what percent of response does he get?

Rhys: Last time we sent out 11,000, only got 300 back in the mail.

Steve: Earlier, with a different survey method, we got 1,300 back. When done right, we can get 10-15%.

Rhys: Our bylaws just require notice.

Peter: The old method was individual mailing, but that's too expensive.

Rhys: My understanding is we could spend money now to garner interest so people learn about our website, then in future years we won't need to send anything, it will be all online. \$3,000 is the estimate, I did not get an estimate from the Issaquah Post Office.

Peter: This is done every other year.

Rhys: I would like this to go out by October 15th.

Adam: When notice goes out, people need to be able to go online, otherwise if there's no survey available for them to fill out they will forget to do it later.
Steve: We should do a one-time beta test on option one mailing/online. Option two is not worth it, we can just include notice in our monthly article.
Rhys: I'm seeking guidance, the estimate is rough, Minuteman Press is local, we need to make a decision. need an upper limit on what we can spend on this.
Steve: Get an estimate, then call a special meeting.

(Lorraine had to leave, proxy to Rhys)

Train Show: Steve Hiester

Hank: Rhys, please draft some language for a disclaimer so that I can take photos at the Train Show.

Economic: Hank Haynes

Peter: There will a big meeting on October 25th, we're inviting all the UACs, and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), including their executive director. Hank has laid the groundwork for this meeting, agreed to an agenda, it will be within 3 weeks, we have the time and date, so the Economic Committee needs to put together a package to send to participants, figure out who will do what, like what we did in the Issaquah meeting, just much less time to do it. On the agenda, each UAC will introduce themselves, then go through agenda, but I haven't figured out how to manage the meeting, we need to figure out who will do what unless we delegate, and it's dangerous to delegate everything.

Steve: My vote would be to postpone this.

Peter: We need to have someone run the meeting, I ran the Issaquah one.

Rhys: Hank wanted the meeting, he can run it.

Peter: Hank's fine, he just needs the ability to e-mail. Need to put together a detailed, 2-hour meeting, need to have a packet put together.

Susan: These are important people, need to put together something that looks nice.

Peter: We must assume the other UACs will do nothing.

Susan: What about refreshments?

Peter: It's at the Fairwood Library, I couldn't get Issaquah. We need to solve this now. We all have to be at the meeting on the 25th. I'm willing to do whatever I can to help, but I've already done a lot.

Steve: The Economic Committee should have a meeting, then we can call a special meeting to discuss the survey and this, or decide via an Executive Committee meeting.

Peter: We should get a package out to invitees a week before.

Steve: Do we need a vote?

Rhys: No, the committee will meet, then call a special meeting.

Transportation: Susan Harvey

Susan: I said I would be having a Transportation meeting next week, but in lieu of that I will just do it by e-mail.

Peter: Regarding Reserve Silica, Rhys and I had teleconference with Ivan Miller, we disagreed with what codes apply, he's contacting the prosecuting attorney to find out answers, we're putting together a whitepaper, will keep working on it until the November meeting, we can then vote on arguments. We'll need to read everything ahead of time and vote, no time to discuss next meeting, it's very complex. Any problems or questions?

Chair adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:46 pm