

GMVUAC September 12, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order – 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Steve Hiester	Hank Haynes
Peter Rimbo	Susan Harvey
Warren Iverson	Rhys Sterling
Adam Sterling	Mir Plemmons (alternate)

Members Absent:

Lorraine Blacklock - proxy Rhys Sterling
Sue Neuner - proxy Rhys Sterling
Craig Duckering - proxy Rhys Sterling
Stephen Deutschman - alternate Mir Plemmons
Linda Harer - notice but no proxy
Teresa Sweet - no notice

Agenda: - 7:05 pm

Peter and Rhys proposed changes to the evening's agenda:

Add item for discussing gift for Teresa

Add item for Warren to discuss latest OSS meeting

Rhys moved to approve amended agenda, Hank seconded.

Motion passed

August Meeting Minutes:

Deferred to October meeting.

Public Comment Period: - 7:06

Lisa: Provided update on MJ processing plant, DPER e-mailed Kramer (applicant) requesting answers to drainage/traffic questions or will cancel permit, can make another records request after the 14th, vesting could be negated if DPER cancels permit application

Member of public: Provided update on Reserve Silica, who has been filling mine pits (with highway 520 waste, industrial tailings waste, etc.), should finish by end of year, and is pushing county to upzone property to residential to put in proposed 72-unit housing. In January, DOE did site assessment, confirmed

soil/surface water is contaminated w/ lead, arsenic. KC Health, approved disposal of 520 bridge will go to Reserve Silica, some health concerns. Site is a class-1 priority cleanup site, 4.4 rating of human health risk, well monitoring shows contamination has migrated offsite, proposed housing is 100+ ft above pits, DOE thinks housing could worsen problem. Cease & desist order? Up to DOE, next step is to do an assessment and assign liability to address cleanup needs, process can take years.

Tom (Four Creeks): Runoff rules matured in 1990, development may be approved if it will mitigate contamination?

Peter: Council has been opposed to KC allowing this to be demonstration project, had chance but chose not to meet requirements, now Reserve Silica is asking for more time.

Tom: Patterns emerging in KC, statement to council that something's wrong w/ TREE committee/comp plan, not making any progress, may want to step back and ask if we are being effective?

KC person: Urged to remain involved, only other option is to pay lobbyists.

Warren Iverson: Old Hobart dump has model airplane group, may be hiring lawyer to enjoin use of gasoline-powered planes

Alan Painter: CSA grants application processing starts this week to finance train show, etc.

Guest Speakers:

Surface Water Management (SWM) Fees: John Taylor - 7:26 pm

Storm water 101: In forest 50% absorbed into ground, 10% runoff; in high-density residential/industrial/commercial areas 55% runoff (into Puget Sound, lakes, etc.), only 15% absorbed into ground. Flashy flows contribute to flooding in high-density areas, also carries pollutants to water bodies, study shows that polluted runoff kills Coho salmon. (PowerPoint available.)

KC SWM fees: Families pay \$171.50 per parcel regardless of acreage (Seattle pays \$400+), commercial owners pay based on amount of impervious surface. Fees generate 24 million annually, 6.2M used to maintain assets (facilities, pipes, etc.), 4.3M to programs that support agriculture and rural residents (rural KC does not get much, most to farmers/beavers), 7.4M to habitat restoration (salmon recovery, logs in rivers), 6.1M to best run government (national pollution discharge elimination permit, compliance w/ clean water act, mapping, education, outreach--or get fined). Budget for Storm Water Division comes entirely from SWM fees.

Future challenges: Proactive asset maintenance (screening tools used to determine when things will break, should save 128M in 10 years--emergency permits cheaper, but have to fix twice...), increased services for farmers/rural property owners (most for agriculture, draining assistance for muddy fields,

12 thou linear ft / year, goal is 20?), retrofit areas w/o storm-water controls (most don't have water quality facilities), addressing drainage in roadway (Road Services Division (RSD) owns pipe under road, might include trunk pipe, study shows value of assets at \$335-500M, impossible to fix everything on 24M, but Roads has even less money (Tom storms out)

Likely to propose: Three options: (1) residential rate 37% increase to \$235 + low income credit, expanding asset management, expands ag/rural; (2) 50% increase to \$258, option 1 + provide 3.25M for RSD drainage work (Roads is biggest rate payer); (3) increase 57% to \$270, option 1 + provide \$5M for RSD. Last rate increase was in 2012 and they generally map inflation (see PPT). Requiring new developers to pay doesn't solve problem as most problems are from existing pipes, would cost 2-6 billion to retrofit all.

Peter: Question about infrastructure concurrency? D.C. takes fees from new development and moves \$ to areas where they can make a difference. Working with UW on getting new climate models, although pipes can manage water under current climate models. Every jurisdiction has own pipes/fees/etc., don't necessarily work together, state starting to push toward more regional approaches.

Next steps: KC exec decision on SWM fee (summer); KC Council makes final decisions on SWM fee size/makeup (fall); new fee goes into effect (Jan. 2017). SW program has 2-year budget supported by fee, transmitted Sep. 26 (KC in middle as far as rates go, could try tiered residential rates like Seattle).

KC Council Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) Update: Christine Jensen - 8:14 pm

KCCP overview: Main planning doc for county, timeframe is next 20+ years. In March, exec sent update for possible changes, council has been reviewing for 6 months, TrEE committee sent own proposal/striking amendment (policy changes [equity/social justice, climate change, role as local service provider for UA], land-use changes (zoning in Fairwood, Federal Way, Hobart, Maple Valley, Covington, etc.)), chair reviewed everything + public comments to make amendment (different from prior years, no leadership team?).

Specific proposals: (Hobart) 11 parcels county has acquired wanting to tie into Taylor Mt. forest. (Reserve Silica) Exec says council can only consider demonstration project 1 every 4 years, striker amend says every year? Everything on website. TrEE committee scheduled to vote on Sep. 20, full council w/ public hearing on Nov. 28, vote on Dec. 5 (all will be given public notice, open to public comment).

Susan: Question on bias for urban areas? Up to members to balance their decision making, listen to both sides, public outreach started last summer, and committees give input based on technical expertise.

Peter: Is full committee vote is just formality? (7 out of 9 Council members are on TrEE Committee, but not ours) Negotiations do occur at full council, there is a potential for change, anything brand new will need to be re-noticed. Members review comments for substance, legal issues also reviewed.

Susan: Comp plan not law just policy? What is legal process?

Legal standing: adopted into code by ordinance, can challenge/appeal to growth management hearing board for issues if not implementing or complying w/ comp plan. Policies lay foundation for laws.

Comments: Reviewed by Council members, staff only review if directed to, staff cannot express personal opinions.

Advice on KCCP comments: Narrow number of issues and find champion on council, but Dunn must work w/ someone in committee, cannot vote. Process is flexible, but only based on how council decides to approach council rules/org motion that outlines processes. Usually do not get any feedback on comments, would make more sense to get meeting w/ Dunn. Comments not addressing issues in comp plan may fall through cracks, members focus on key issues--comments should also focus on those.

Warren: This 4-year cycle was much better than previous ones, more access, feel involved (even if not agreeing w/ everything)

Council Business:

Onsite Septic (OSS) Group Update: Warren Iverson - 8:53 pm

OSS Group Meeting: June 28 next to last meeting of OSS group, fee program dropped b/c 1500 people came to meetings, back to drawing board. Skipped July, only 1/3 of OSS group showed up for August, given 41-page doc prepared for comment that day--Warren spoke enough for everyone, opposed to "precautionary principle". Next meeting on Sep. 28, OSS not dissolved. Fees are done, but group must make proposal to Seattle/KC dept of health.

Septic tanks: When you sell your house, have to empty septic tank and fill w/ water to check for leaks (based on designer, realtor info)--Warren urges to find cheaper solution, focus on education? All "gravity systems" presumed to fail (put in prior to 1980s)? \$700 or so for test (so long as it passes). (Warren leaves early, proxy for remainder to Peter?)

TrEE Committee Striker Amendment Comments: Peter Rimbos - 9:12 pm

Sent out to everyone so will not go through in detail, but some new items in particular: OSS recommendation to remove wording in one paragraph, T-405 transportation wording (took out 1 word).

Transportation (Susan): Sent out amendments for more comments

Econ (Hank): ED604 striker suggests taking out 1 element "and other farm to table programs", want it left in.

Peter moved to accept comments as amended to be sent to TrEE as soon as possible, Hank seconded.

Motion passed

Mir moved to authorize Peter to set up meeting w/ Dunn or someone on KC Council, Steve seconded.

Motion passed

GMVUAC Bylaws: Rhys Sterling - 9:22 pm

Bylaws: First reading last meeting w/ comments from members, final version sent out to GMVUAC members for review on Sep. 6.

Rhys moved to adopt bylaws as amended and sent on Sep. 6, Hank seconded.

Discussion: Many questions about quorum requirements and abstentions. Proposed bylaws include clarifying language that abstentions will be counted as a vote against the measure, will be noted in minutes as abstention (usually arises from a conflict of interest). Further discussion of abstentions under Robert's Rules. Council members generally oppose language that abstentions are counted as votes "against", and should be simply be counted as "neutral".

Rhys withdrew motion to adopt bylaws.

Peter moved to adopt new bylaws w/ amendment that abstentions will be counted as a neutral vote, Hank seconded.

Motion passed

Gift Certificate for Teresa: Peter Rimbos - 9:45 pm

Website maintenance: Discussion regarding thank-you card for Teresa w/ gift certificate for \$300, prorated from usual gift of \$400 for full year.

Peter moved to authorize gift certificate, Susan seconded.

Motion passed

GMVUAC Logo, E-mail – Linda Harer (not discussed)

Rhys moved to adjourn, Mir seconded

Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned – 9:49 pm