

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY AREA COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING August 4, 2014, 7:00 PM

7:00 PM: Roll Call Attending: Tara Mahoney, Susan Harvey, Craig Duckering, Steve Hiester, Peter Rimbo, Sue Neuner, Lorraine Blacklock, Rhys Sterling and Les Dawson

Absent: Hendrick Haynes, Rob Morris Rhys Proxy for Nikki Long Peter Proxy for Warren Iverson, Todd Mitchell

7:15 PM: Public Comments (limit 5 min.) Joe Notch spoke about Fundraiser of Maple Valley Community Center

7:30 PM: Transportation Issues and Solutions

The Area Council's Transportation Committee reviewed its year-long efforts, in conjunction with members of the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council, to research key issues, related to King County roads. The Upper Bear Creek Unincorporated Area Council also supports this effort. Several Issue/Solution Papers (ISPs), prepared through this effort, were detailed:

Concurrency Adequacy: The State GMA requires transportation concurrency, to insure Level of Service (LOS) commitments are met or financial commitments for improvements are in place within a reasonable time (6 yr.) to respond to transportation service impacts from approved development. There are concerns this amount of time is too long before improvements are in place to meet needs. Also, all too often, "financial commitments" are based on not-as-yet-secured Grant monies. Finally, and possibly most importantly, there appears to be no Concurrency enforcement mechanism.

Usage/Funding Imbalance: In general, a combination of revenue sources, primarily from unincorporated area residents, is used to fund/maintain King County road infrastructure. King County primarily relies on property taxes (over one-third of the revenues dedicated to County roads) and, to a lesser extent, on gas taxes (state motor vehicle fuel tax is shared among cities, counties and WSDOT). To compound the problem, Rural Area taxpayers tend to subsidize (through property taxes) urban drivers who use King County roads and comprise the majority of vehicle miles driven on major King County roads connecting urban areas (e.g., Issaquah-Hobart Rd.). By not focusing on the actual "users," a funding/usage imbalance is created and perpetuated.

The Area Council voted to approve these two ISPs, but called for further research to be done on two other ISPs: Annexation Debt Transfer and Assessing Requirements Accurately. Once the latter two ISPs are finalized and approved by the Area Council, all four will be released to local State Legislators, as well as County officials.

A meeting with State officials to discuss potential solutions that could necessitate changes in State law will be held on Tuesday, September 16, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the King County Library Administration Building at 960 Newport Way NW in Issaquah. The Public is encouraged to attend. A formal meeting announcement will be posted on the Area Council's web site and in local newspapers.

Moved and seconded to vote by email on a revised version of Assessing Requirements Accurately within a week. Passed.

8:30 PM: Action items UPDATES – Susan they remain as is.

Committee reports

Executive Committee, Steve

Growth Management, Peter

Outreach, Survey,

Election Rob not meeting

Transportation, Susan report above

Council By-Laws, Rob

Flood Control/SWM, Warren-did not meet. Steve attended the latest CRC meeting.

Train Show, Steve-cmte is working on – Gracie Hansen has been reserved. Set for Oct. 18-19

Natural Resources/Parks, Les-did not meet, Susan Harvey reported that the Ravensdale Meadow team met to prepare for clean-up. Steering Committee met to prepare for clean-up of Ravensdale Meadow on August 24th. They will be meeting again this week.

9:00 PM: Council Business

Approval of Minutes next month

By laws change next month

Maple Valley Emergency Management and Operations Committee Representative

9:30: Adjourn