

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 6, 2016

The monthly meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station was called to order by Chair Hiester at approximately 7:00 PM on June 6, 2016.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Blacklock (and as proxy for Duckering), Neuner, Haynes, Rimbos (and as proxy for Long), Harvey, Iverson, R Sterling (and as proxy for A Sterling), Harer, and Deutschman. Absent: Sweet, Larson (Tara).

Minutes of Last Meeting: Deferred to July 11 meeting.

Agenda Items

Added items to Council Business regarding Iverson issue regarding water supplies and proposed language for R-309a, and announcement of Board of Health meeting.

Approve Agenda as amended: M-Iverson S-Blacklock P

Public Comments

Citizen expressed concerns and request for help regarding log jams in Cedar River placed by King County for purposes of improving fish habitat and for erosion control; however, with summer months approaching and use of Cedar River for swimming and recreation, these log jams pose a significant hazard to safety.

Attempts to raise County awareness to take measures to protect users have been futile thus far. Warren offered contact information for another person who had some success in the past to raise awareness. It was also announced by Marissa that a meeting of King County DNR Water and Land Resources staff is scheduled for June 8 at the Mercer Island Community Center to discuss the placement of wood in rivers to promote habitat and mitigate erosion – perhaps an appropriate place and time for citizen input regarding the clear and present danger posed by existing log jams before more wood is placed in the Cedar River.

Matter of potential use of certain warehouse facilities for MJ related operations was raised and discussed. Location of these facilities primarily in north King County. General discussion regarding the current moratorium and possible increase in buffers. Nothing new to report on the pending CSDP application for the MJP2 facility.

Regular Agenda

1. King County Comprehensive Plan Update

Growth Management Committee

Rimbos discussed his email addressing remaining issues regarding certain policies relating to water wells and matters thus far overlooked by County staff in their draft update. No real issue taken by members regarding comments regarding Policy U-109 relating to urban facilities in rural areas, F-236 regarding small public water systems, and I-203 regarding Reserve Silica. Discussion was had regarding proposed new Policy R-309a relating to the development in the RA-5 zone of undersized legal lots with private wells and onsite sewage facilities. It was suggested that Rimbos, Iverson and R Sterling work together to arrive at final language for 309a, and what should be included as a Policy in the Comp Plan and what needs to be addressed by the King County Council as an Ordinance in order to assert its control over land use and zoning in light of the Board of Health Code that prohibits the issuance of an onsite sewage system permit on a lot less than 5 acres in size that is served by a private well.

Harvey - Moved to adopt GM Committee comments, with approval to mini-Committee to finalize 309a

Iverson - Seconded

Passed -- with Haynes voted against

Discussion was had regarding the cover letter that will accompany the GMVUAC comments and recommendations. Rimbos has a draft cover letter but will be changed to address 309a and need for County Council to address this issue by Ordinance.

Haynes - Moved to approve cover letter with changes to be made by Rimbos, Iverson, and R Sterling

Iverson - Seconded

Passed

Economic Development Committee

Haynes presented EDC comments and recommendations regarding Chapter 10. Rimbos proposed that the EDC membership (hopefully enlarged with new members) meet again and make final recommendations to Council at July 11 meeting.

Blacklock - Moved to table matter to July 11 meeting

Rimbos - Seconded

Passed

2. MJ Moratorium and KC Council Proposed Ordinance

Rimbos presented his draft letter for submission to the King County Council's TrEE Committee regarding the GMVUAC position on the future of MJ operations in the Rural areas. Discussion was had by Council members regarding language and coverage as to all Rural areas, and a vote taken.

Haynes - Moved to adopt and submit letter as is

Harer - Seconded

Passed by margin of 7 for (Rimbos + Proxy, Iverson, Neuner, Deutschman, Haynes, Harer) and 5 against (R Sterling + proxy, Blacklock + proxy, Harvey).

3. Fire District August Ballot Measure

Iverson presented an update to the Fire District 43 Board of Commissioners' proposal to change its method of financing from the existing levy system to a Fire Benefit Rating System that would provide funding for 6 years and re-staff stations to the pre-cut 2008 levels. The District proposes to place this issue before the voters as part of the August ballot. According to information provided to Iverson, the average base charge under the proposed FBRS for a \$360,000 home would be \$5.40/month (\$64.80/year). Staffing the Hobart and Ravensdale fire stations would add \$8.70/month for each station, or a total increase of \$208.80/year for both stations staffed full time. However, the proposed ballot measure does NOT include staffing either the Hobart or the Ravensdale stations. Under the proposed ballot measure it does not appear that the rural areas will receive any added benefit from this change. As currently structured it was discussed by members that it would be difficult to garner GMVUAC support for the August ballot measure. Current levy and assessments will support District operations through 2017 so there should be time for the District Commissioners to make meaningful changes to any future proposed FBRS.

Iverson - Moved that Council vote NOT to support the District's August ballot measure proposing a 6 year FBRS

Rimbos - Seconded

Passed

Iverson will send Rimbos more details regarding the FBRS and GMVUAC's vote for publication in this next Voice of the Valley.

4. GMVUAC Website

Rimbos reported on efforts to find someone to maintain the GMVUAC website with the announcement that our present webmaster, Treesa, will shortly be leaving this volunteer post. It appears that our website can be programmed in such a manner that minimal effort and training will be required for future maintenance.

Blacklock suggested that perhaps this could be a high school project. Rimbos will keep the Council updated as to progress in resolving this matter.

5. Board of Health Meeting

It was reported by Marissa that the Seattle-King County Board of Health will hold a meeting at the Maple Valley Sheriff's Office on June 21, 2016, from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. It was suggested that Iverson attend and perhaps, with acute discretion and delicate manners as he is well known to possess, present the GMVUAC concerns regarding residential development of undersized legal lots on private well and OSS (this could be done simply by presenting the Board of Health with a copy of our final R-309a Policy and Cover Letter). Bottom line discussed is that the BOH needs to get out of its current practice of controlling land use through its OSS and Water Supply Regulations.

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at 9:35 PM.
Minutes by R Sterling.