

# GMVUAC December 3, 2018

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order – 6:58 pm**

**Members Present:**

Steve Hiester	Lorraine Blacklock
Peter Rimbos	Rhys Sterling
Adam Sterling	Susan Harvey
Celia Parker	Hank Haynes
Luke Hansen	Sue Neuner
LarKen Buchanan	Mike Thompson

**Members Absent:**

Warren Iverson (proxy to Rhys)  
Stephen Deutschman (Dutch) (alternate also absent)

**Agenda:**

Lorraine moved to approve the agenda, Rhys seconded.

**Motion passed**

**Public Comment Period:**

Melissa Earl: I'm a farm and brewery owner in Maple Valley (MV), Lumber House Brewery, we've been in operation since 2014, it's an agricultural-based business. I wanted to discuss our concerns with Woodinville and the Adult Beverage Ordinance, some businesses have been working on the issue for years. We have some concerns with the ordinance, the striker version has gaps, it would kill rural businesses. We were told we cannot do tasting, 54 businesses have been shut down because King County (KC) did not have rural regulations in place. We are a licensed and legal business, but they tried to revoke, we had to reduce our buildings in Hobart and moved our tasting room to Black Diamond, this moves revenue to the cities when only 3.2% of transactions are rural sales in KC. We want to know if you'd be willing to look at some documents from the Brewers Association, other breweries have been taken out, if we produce we should be able to sell, we would be happy to talk with you after.

Peter: We're not associated with the city of MV, but we are aware of the KC draft ordinance. (Other questions)

Melissa Earl: We are in RA-5 zoning, and we have been licensed to do business.

Peter: We wrote a letter in support of the Friends of Sammamish Valley, but we haven't heard your concerns, let's talk later.

Mike: (Other questions)

Melissa Earl: Breweries were also removed as a home occupation for the entire county.

Bob Steele: Wanted to discuss the asphalt plant, I have a letter from KC Executive Dow Constantine to the EPA sent on September 24, saying he's proud of KC's job, it was intercepted by Brett Fish, this could be instrumental in triggering an environmental impact study, KC is saying one thing and doing another, precautionary approach is the opposite of what is happening at the locks. The asphalt plant would be at a wild salmon spawning area, I brought a topographical map model, there's a choke point at the bridge, in summer there is no air circulation so emissions will drop in the area, I wanted to give you the letter and you're more than welcome to follow through.

Peter: Have you provided comments to the Department of Permitting and Environmental Review (DPER)?

Bob Steel: No, KC Council was receptive but their information was incomplete, the new site was compared to the locks, and KC Council's onsite visit did not see the nearby creek nearby, only shown that there were no houses next to site.

Peter: They are vested, but you can still contact DPER with comments, but that letter from Dow Constantine might be unrelated to the asphalt plant.

Bob Steel: Dow's letter said that the EPA is undermining the precautionary approach, waiting until a species is endangered to list it as such is too late, must take into account cumulative effects, the whole letter is very condemning when looking at KC Council's approach to the asphalt plant.

Peter: KC Council, DPER, etc. all believe there would be no impact from the new asphalt plant, we think they're wrong.

Rhys: We've tried to enlist the Muckleshoot tribe, we've submitted detailed comments, it went through the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and application process, we're being ignored too, but it looks like in the next few months DPER will issue permits.

Bob Steel: There needs to be an environmental impact study, there are people in the area.

Rhys: Should press those concerns on the Department of Ecology (DOE) and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), but we'll take what you have.

Val Paganelli: Tony Giurado is on the agenda tonight, but I wanted to share some information from the Tahoma School District to be proud of, men's soccer and women's soccer did well, women's volleyball was in the top 5, and men's cross country won state, top 25 in the nation. I also invite you to come see the performing arts center at the new high school.

### **Guest Speakers:**

### **Fire District 43 Update:**

Aaron Tyerman, Fire Chief, MV Fire Department (MVFD)

Aaron Tyerman: I'm here for my quarterly report, MVFD successfully merged with the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (PSRFA) on October 1, very little has changed, we wear a different patch, and my job now is department chief in the PSRFA, but I'm still the fire chief for this area and our community liaison, my phone number and e-mail are the same, everything has gone well, the benefits of this merger are financial stability and an increased level of service. We established the MVFD Cares Unit, it's a community paramedicine unit, not everyone needs to go to the emergency room, there are also frequent fliers, so our goal is to prevent unnecessary calls, the unit includes firefighters and registered nurses, we're working to get the community the right things they need. The PSRFA also has a fulltime public information officer, Kyle Ohashi. I was asked about the SeaTac fire engine that's been seen around here, we had 2 engines go down for mechanical reasons, we only had 1 backup engine so the second came from SeaTac, it will be here until our primary engines are running again. We're seeing efficiencies from merging, now purchasing 3 new engines in service in July, our primary engines are 13 to 14 years old, usually on the front line for 10 years, which is why 2 broke down. You shouldn't see a lot different, but I wanted to address any concerns you have, we will continue doing things we do that make us unique, such as the Jerry Woods Holiday Engine collecting for the MV Food Bank, we also had an open house in September, so we still have our MVFD identity, there are some new faces but I'll still be here.

Peter: How large is the PSRFA?

Aaron Tyerman: It covers 126 square miles, going from SeaTac to Kerriston, which is about 10 miles from North Bend.

???: I go to the MV Heights station for blood pressure testing, but nobody's there?

Aaron Tyerman: It's staffed by volunteers, they're out a lot doing training so not always there, it can be hit or miss, but there's usually someone here at the MV station. All three outlying stations have residents, we've bolstered our volunteers so the lights are on, but there are times when they're out and sometimes they come here for training, all volunteers are looking for fulltime careers.

Susan: Do you reside here? Can you look online to find when to come for blood pressure testing?

Aaron Tyerman: I have offices in Four Corners and Kent, I'm rarely here in MV, but my phone's always on. We're working with Valley Com to create a live status update, but we have nothing that shows whether units are in quarters yet, that's still 6 months to 1 year away.

Rhys: Any new funding measures on the horizon? Are there any plans for the property across from the old Tahoma Junior High School?

Aaron Tyerman: No new levies for us, we had a levy lid lift in 2017, so we're still good there. The 216th station is 52 years old, we're looking to work with the city, create a public safety building or something, the city is looking for a city

hall, looking to the future, instead of just rebuilding the 228th Kent Kangley building we would share costs with the city. The building in Hobart was built by volunteers, it's in need of repair, we will need to do something eventually, we're interested in partnerships if we do decide to build.

Val Paganelli: How long term?

Aaron Tyerman: Within the next 5 years would be nice.

Mike: I called PSRFA to reserve rooms, was able to do it after a while. You said before that other firefighters would fill in from time to time?

Aaron Tyerman: There are some bumps in the road as for reserving rooms, it will take a little while, calls now come to me, I told them to just consider GMVUAC as though it was MVFD. We've had some firefighters come fill in from Kent, area demographics are different, it's been a great learning experience, there have been some adjustments. (Stories about firefighters) Our goal is when there is a 911 call to get 3 people at your doorstep.

???: Northern California wildfires, what training is there?

Aaron Tyerman: The potential for wildfires is not as high here, but we had a strike team go to California, the Santa Ana winds pushed fires there, spread 80 football fields per minute, trucks could barely outpace the fires. Wildfire certification is called a red card, quite a few are trained here, we have mutual aid agreements so departments will send resources between each other. Last year we had people from Australia and New Zealand come fight forest fires here. We do the best we can, there was a brush fire off SR-18, fires can move fast when there's no access to water, our hats are off to the forest firefighters, but it's always a possibility in the summer, especially east of 260th Street where there are no hydrants.

???: Taking care of property to prevent fires, should we be cleaning underbrush in woods? What type of roof works best?

Aaron Tyerman: You want 40-60 yards surrounding your home clear of underbrush, in California's situation there's not much you can do, but that is rare. Creating a 40-60 yard break will put you in good shape, clearing in nearby woods would not make a difference, you should only be concerned with the around your house. Metal or composite roofs are good, but old wood roofs are not.

### Tahoma School District Superintendent:

Tony Giurado, Superintendent, Tahoma School District

Tony Giurado: I'm the new superintendent for the Tahoma School District, I will be presenting on my background, common interests, etc. I looked at the GMVUAC vision statement, highlighted our common interests, strong local ties are important, we need a good understanding of what matters to communities, need good communication, support quality education, make sure students have the education they need, protecting the environment is a priority, we have green teams in schools, we want kids to understand how our environment works, our schools are large and we need to have to plan for growth, by responding with facilities or programs. As for rural needs, I

appreciate Val Paganelli coming to GMVUAC meetings regularly, we need to ensure we understand each community, also health and safety, I heard a lot about bus stops, we're a partner in the community, so we want to meet everyone's needs. What we're proud of, in the last few years we got art and STEM in elementary schools, the new high school allowed us to increase course offerings, alternate career pathways, industry certification, and running start, lots of options for students, and our We the People teams have done well for many years. State assessment test scores are also in the top 5%.

Susan: Career tech education opportunities are wonderful, very broad, what kinds are offered at Tahoma?

Tony Giurado: Video production, robotics, auto shop, welding, but we also want to expand pathways. There's also some trade education in Highline that students can attend. As educators, it's fortunate that we can make a difference in children's lives, great opportunity but a big responsibility. As for my background, I grew up in the Denver area, the most influential person in my life was my father, I learned the importance of working hard and doing it right the first time, but my dad also had multiple health problems, I learned that life is short, but you can overcome problems if you work hard. I wanted to play an instrument, my brother played sax, so I played clarinet, did orchestra for many years, I wanted to play professionally, but as I progressed I had a life-changing experience, was diagnosed with a type of lymphoma cancer, still went to graduate school for music, but I decided I wanted to contribute to my community, decided to go into education to make a difference. I started teaching music in Jeffco public schools, then became a principal, then community superintendent, had a large career/tech school there, so I hope to bring that experience here. After 23 years I wanted a job change, my wife is from Grand Junction so we moved there, but we wanted to move to Washington because we love the outdoors and nature, so I applied to the Tahoma job opening. Our future-ready vision, we want to prepare students with a pathway to personal success so they can do the things they want to do. There are 3 things important for kids to realize their paths, first they need a strong academic experience and foundation, to be able to graduate with choices, whether its college, tech training, or a job after high school. Second, they need future-ready skills, we were told by the community what students should have, such as quality producer, responsible decision-maker, etc., so we're working on ways to learn practice skills. The last is a future-ready plan, students need a good plan after graduation, we want to make sure they've thought about their next steps. In summer we met with all of our staff, 1,000 employees in Tahoma School District, said that failure to launch for graduates was not an option.

Susan: I participated in the senior plan, each has to explain their plan and financial aspects, if no firm plan then they cannot graduate.

Tony Giurado: It's a graduation requirement, the world is changing, children need to be ready. When I interviewed for this job I gave my transition plan, I wanted to build relationships with the community and staff, learn about the district's values and history, and get the school off to a great start. I did a series of

superintendent listening tours to identify priorities to make meaningful changes, 22 events from August to November 28, 902 participants total, met with PTA members, etc. My goal was to better understand our current reality and our desired reality, had 3 main questions, wanted to know what's working well, what needs improvement, and what's not working. Some themes of that feedback, we had small group and large group discussion, growth, facility capacity, and staffing were the most talked about. Support for students had all three aspects. What's working well, culture and climate I heard at every session, it's a positive environment with a high level of trust, collaboration and teamwork was the most common theme. Support for students, intervention aspects are working well, we hire quality staff, etc. For what needs improvement, a lot was school specific, scheduling such as how long periods are, but also growth and capacity, how to manage growth in the community, need to plan for the next 10 years, putting together a process to start talking about future growth and implications. Communication, face-to-face is important, but we also cannot ignore social media.

Susan: Concerned about growth in city limits, percentage of city dwellers will outnumber rural.

Tony Giurado: That's why we need to understand the needs of each community.

LarKen: I went to Tahoma, did running start, future farmers is a great program.

Tony Giurado: We had strong agricultural programs in Colorado, have them here too. For things that are not working, they're similar to the needs improvement list, specifics around instructional practices, also care for students, social and emotional support, had several tragedies around the beginning of this year, two student suicides, looking at mental health awareness, it's an issue for students and the broader community.

LarKen: I'm afraid it will be more problematic moving forward with more urban developments.

Tony Giurado: We're looking at training for children and adults.

Chad Magendanz: Suicide rates in Washington are higher than other areas, do we know why?

*(According to the CDC, Washington's 2016 suicide rate was 26th in the nation, 14.9 deaths per 100,000, national average was 13.5, rural areas in general tend to have higher suicide rates due partly to lack of access to health care, states with the lowest suicide rates have larger urban populations, such as New York)*

Tony Giurado: Mental illness and alcohol use is correlated, bullying can be a factor.

Hank: What about the weather?

???: Is the school district calling in professional help on this area? Many just need a safe place to talk.

Tony Giurado: We partnered with the city of MV and Enumclaw School District, brought in a doctor from Renton for a mental health aid session with the R.E.A.D.Y program, 250 community members attended, trained on how to recognize when someone is in crisis and how to get them help. We also had a suicide prevention session with Enumclaw, and we're working with the UW suicide prevention center, we want to strengthen our curriculum around wellness, how to build community support. Children and adults often don't

feel comfortable talking, isolation makes mental illness worse, everyone deals with challenging moments, another issue is ensuring others know what to ask and how to get them help, need to have a direct conversation, usually people beat around the bush, but need to ask directly if they're thinking about suicide, then call the hotline.

Susan: Cliques in schools looking down on rural children? I think there's a lack of respect.

Tony Giurado: We have to pay attention, make sure the environment is safe for all.

LarKen: I was bullied, but never got suicidal because I had good teachers.

Tony Giurado: We're also looking to build relationships between adults and students in schools.

Peter: Growth capacity, what are the specific issues?

Tony Giurado: Long-term planning around facilities, all of our schools are large, need to be flexible if MV continues to grow, need to advocate for responsible growth to serve the community, also whether we have same the amount of resources for each school, some is equally but not equitably allocated, elementary schools are larger, staffing must reflect size, also need to plan around revenue. I'm new here, but I've heard stories of apartment buildings popping up unexpectedly, need to ensure growth is managed appropriately.

Susan: How will the McCleary fix affect Tahoma funding?

Tony Giurado: A new funding formula was implemented last year, we found out that it worked better for some than others, Tahoma School District is put at a disadvantage compared to other districts, we need to talk to the legislature. More money was put into education, but distribution is unequal, I might want to come back sometime to talk about that with you. Our vision, what we hope to accomplish, we want our organization performing better and meeting goals, to add value to the communities, and make sure students are prepared for life.

Peter: New high school, based on growth projections, when will you meet capacity? Are you familiar with the taskforce Dow Constantine convened regarding high school siting, placing high schools in rural areas. It's in the comprehensive plan, I can send you more information.

Tony Giurado: The high school is not there yet, registered enrollment is around 2,500, but with running start not all kids are there every day, capacity is around 3,000. I don't know the exact numbers, but we have some room to grow, we haven't worked with a demographer, looking to hire one to get better projections, including other factors like birthrate, we want to get a better handle on projections then get the community together to decide on a plan. There's work to be done, we need to have a better idea than that, but it's challenging because growth has been unpredictable, rapid changes. I'm not familiar with those school-siting policies, please share them with me.

Chad Magendanz: Can send you the slides too?

Lorraine: I'm music person, but typically sports get more funding.

Tony Giurado: I'm a big supporter of arts, we have strengths and weaknesses, the music program is stronger for the high school, performing arts is exceptional, the band program has grown, we need to grow an orchestra, elementary

school music is patched together, not enough resources, did not hear much about vocal.

Val Paganelli: In middle school choir becomes a full-year commitment, some might be interested if it was available on a more friendly basis.

Tony Giurado: One issue is scheduling, we don't want kids to have conflicts.

Chad Magendanz: Property taxes, Tahoma School District should have seen a 74% increase in net funding, there's a push now in Olympia to eliminate levy relief, will Tahoma be one of the districts asking for that?

Tony Giurado: You should ask our chief financial officer, Lori Cloud, she's not here, but she could answer that.

Val Paganelli: We have not talked about it in depth yet, it's one thing we're looking at, the McCleary definition of basic education does not include technical training, Tahoma has made a heavy investment, would like to make it integrated, but there's no state funding for that, basic levies are constrained, in many districts teacher contracts took a lot of that funding, but we were able to navigate around it because our salary structure was different.

Tony Giurado: I'm not an expert in the McCleary decision, money in education is being put to good use, but any time something is implemented on a large scale there are unintended consequences, there are good and bad things from McCleary that the legislature will look at, we will advocate for things that will help us, but I don't know the specifics.

Lorraine: What about pastors coming to schools for Good News Clubs?

Tony Giurado: We have facilities available for use after hours, communities can go through the reservation process, I'm also meeting with a pastors group on a regular basis.

Melissa Earl: Any encouragement for entrepreneurship in seniors? We've been trying to partner with the culinary program, we also did some internships.

Tony Giurado: Internships, entrepreneurial skills will be important in the future for kids, so is flexibility, I'm still learning about the school district, I believe it's an important skill, internships and mentorship are important, kids can practice in a work environment to figure out their interests.

Val Paganelli: Susan participated in oral boards for graduating seniors, that required some onsite experience with a professional.

???: Tahoma School District had a program for home-schoolers, Russell Ridge Center, it was closed in 2015, the community was told that one reason for its closure was because it was providing services for kids outside of the district.

Tony Giurado: As a community all children are ours, even if home-schooled, it's important for kids and families to have options, I don't know the history on this issue, we had one in Grand Junction, it provided resources and textbooks, there are models that can work, in general I want to support options.

### **Council Business:**

#### **Department of Local Services:** Peter Rimbos

Peter: We can defer the discussion on the Department of Local Services (DLS).



Rhys: I'm thinking of inviting John Taylor in February, January will be a business meeting, Jerome Cruz will also be coming in the spring, I will extend invitations.

Susan: The Joint Transportation Initiative (JTI) will need time to present our proposal as well.

#### Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050: Peter Rimbos

Peter: This is a multi-year process to update the PSRC's Vision 2040, last March we submitted comments, the next stage is a supplemental environmental impact statement by May, we will need to look at it, I also want to engage other unincorporated area councils (UACs), we need to make sure they get a rural perspective. PSRC might be issuing something in February, then accepting comments in May.

#### Reserve Silica Comment Letter: Rhys Sterling

Rhys: The DOE gave a special presentation on their draft agreed order and public participation plan for the Reserve Silica site cleanup, they're looking for comments on the 2 programs by December 7, Michael Brathovde submitted detailed comments that are posted on our website, Marcia Knadle from our Environment Committee is a former EPA hydrogeologist and she submitted comments, Peter also came up with some. We heard from Madeline Wall that as soon as the proposed work plan is ready DOE will let us know and we can submit comments on the work plan, because the 7th is coming up I would like to have a motion to allow Peter to put these together and submit them.

Hank: 2 days ago there was an article in the Seattle Times on the probability of an earthquake in the area, they might want to have a disaster plan.

Rhys: That might be more appropriate as a comment for the work plan, now we're just commenting on the agreed order and public participation plan.

Peter: Call me tomorrow, I can fit it in.

Rhys moved to have Peter put together a comment letter to submit to DOE no later than December 7, to support the comments submitted by Michael Brathovde, and to include comments from Marcia Knadle and other councilmembers, Hank seconded.

#### **Motion passed**

Peter: I will put something together and make sure Rhys sees it, then I will e-mail it to everyone when I submit it.

Steve: Please e-mail it to us before you submit it, we just want to see the final thing.

Peter: You've seen everything so far in our e-mails.

#### Officer Elections: Steve Hiester

Steve: We're required to form a nominating committee according to our bylaws.

Rhys: I will not be running for any office next year, but I will be on the nominating committee, I might not be here next year, Adam will not either.

Lorraine: I can also be on the committee.

Rhys: Just us two will act as the nominating committee, we will report who's running for which office in January.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Economic:** Hank Haynes

Hank: I would like to get permission to give 2 sentences to the PSRC Economic Development Board meeting this Wednesday.  
(No motion)

#### **Transportation:** Susan Harvey

Susan: JTI is working on a proposal to go to the KC Council on a transportation benefit district (TBD), it's more activist than what we've done before, we're advocating for a corridor approach, I-90 through Black Diamond, on April 24 Edie Jorgensen, Dutch, and I went to the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce to hear a presentation on the Front Street/Issaquah-Hobart Road Corridor Study, heard that no data south of SR-18 was gathered, but 30% of traffic is from the south, we were fortunate to have Chad Magendanz approach us with the TBD option, would create a taxing area from Issaquah to Black Diamond, would take into account a realistic traffic count. Our main goal is to use the TBD to fund the Issaquah bypass, it may not impact us here now, traffic bearable south of May Valley Road for now, but if a TBD is created then we can vote to tax selves with 60% approval, we believe what helps some eventually helps all, and if we're not at the table then urban leaders will make decisions for us. We will continue to work on our proposal, Reagan Dunn will meet with us on December 11, we'll discuss our draft, then we'll perfect it and present it to the council in January.

Lorraine: I'm opposed to taxes, but I'm going after this one, 216th backup unbelievable.

Susan: We have to make Black Diamond accountable for its growth.

Chad Magendanz: SR-18 is a major priority, but even with the investment by the state we will still have a problem on the Issaquah-Hobart Road, Issaquah dropped the ball when it walked away from the bypass before, the proposed Tiger Mountain development was eliminated, including inflation the cost should come close to 2008 estimates.

???: Do we need a new arterial? Will SR-18 be shut down to revamp?

Chad Magendanz: The I-90/SR-18 interchange is fully funded, it will proceed in phases, the 4-lane widening project started in 1990. SR-169 does not have anything invested yet.

Mike: Should we combine this taxing district to include SR-169? I don't understand why the state invests in SR-167 but no money for others?

Chad Magendanz: The SR-167 flyover is only for high-occupancy toll (HOT) traffic, not part of the main arterial plan, MV City Council Councilmember Les Burberry's plan was larger, but the problem is trying to get all municipalities on board, this TBD would include 3 cities and KC, SR-169 is also a state road of significance, improvements should be paid for by the state, if we create a TBD then the state will expect other local communities to fund their own infrastructure. A TBD does not have to have the area defined, it's just an inter-local agreement between municipalities and counties, a board will tackle minutiae, so this is just the first step to look at the problem.

Susan: The area covers 25 miles with 4 agencies responsible, we need a regional traffic study for this whole area, a 10-year plan.

Val Paganelli: If you just focus on that one corridor, it will soon become 3 lanes each direction.

Chad Magendanz: The City of Issaquah will not support anything that will move congestion to Issaquah, no support for widening to 4 lanes, this suggestion is just to bypass the traffic light in front of Issaquah High School.

Susan: There was \$500,000 allocated to improve the May Valley Road intersection, maybe funding for another.

Chad Magendanz: Reagan Dunn doesn't have that yet, we need a traffic origin study, look at where people are coming from, so that those who use it will pay for it.

Hank: I wanted permission for my comments to the PSRC, also I think we should create an equestrian focal point with Celia in charge.

Steve: You can bring that up in the January meeting.

### **Approve Minutes:**

Rhys moved to approve the November meeting minutes, Lorraine seconded.

**Motion passed**

### **Open Discussion:**

Rhys: Our 2019 budget discussion has been deferred to January, I haven't received any additional items.

Steve: Our budget will be redone once we hear about grants.

Marissa: That should be in mid-February.

Chair adjourned.

**Meeting Adjourned – 9:17 pm**