

GMVUAC June 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

Members Present:

Steve Hiester	Lorraine Blacklock	Rhys Sterling	Hendrick Haynes
Peter Rimbos	Adam Sterling	Sue Neuner	Celia Parker
Warren Iverson	Luke Hansen	Stephen Deutschman	

Members Absent:

LarKen Buchanan, late 7:15 PM

Susan Harvey, late 7:18 PM

Mike Thompson

Approve Agenda: motion, second, approved.

Public Comments – 7:10 PM

Kim Brighton, Cedar Hills Landfill: At the last meeting Hank was an advocate for Cedar Hills Landfill project. I'm not giving up. Hank has given me a lot of your resources. (Thanks) **Phil, Janet, Kathy:** This covers from the preserve to the canyon on the other side. We need sponsors. I truly believe in this. I really want to see this through. It will be a win/win for everybody. **Peter:** where do you live? **Kim:** I live in Maple Hills. I don't have kids. **Peter:** are you in Tahoma school district? No. **Kathy Sweeney:** I'm anxious to see this through. I have a 30-year-old daughter who has friends that do not want children because of climate change. The world would be a horrible place when it plays itself out. **Steve:** even though you are not in Tahoma School District you can be on one of our committees. **Peter:** you are allowed to join our committees. **Hank:** you can even chair a committee. **Kim:** how do you take action? **Peter:** letters written, oral comments, and testimony. We talk to officials. **Steve:** see our bylaws. Get a hold of a person on a committee. Get a request to be approved by [this] council to be on a committee. ... **Lorraine:** the public has a voice. If you are on a committee it is easier. A committee is where the action is. It's a rallying point.

Val Paganelli, Tahoma School District:

- Les Miserables, Drama team production was nominated for 12 separate awards.
- Girls Track won State.
- All seniors did oral boards last weekend. You community members are welcome to be voting members of the board.
- Graduation is next week is for several hundred students. (See Tahoma Facebook page) 15 of 18 aren't equipped to graduate because of special needs they stay 1 or 2 more years. Some are finding their own employment.

The levy failed 2 years ago. The State levy system parcels out money from state budgets, the measure will allow districts to collect up to \$2.50 for every thousand dollars in property value, up from \$1.50. We are not in favor of this because we do not have as big a tax base as Bellevue or Issaquah. **Warren:** is that Statewide? **Val:** yes, for all districts. They all can go that high. Ours does \$1.50/\$K in property value. We did not want it to go up because we're going to fall behind. We have reserve so it would take a while. We need to measure it in sustainable infrastructure: here is the \$ amount we can afford to do 1 on 1 technical access. It accumulates over time. Some teachers embrace tech. Others say no thank you. There is a minimum threshold for technology. So, there is some training that has to be done. **Steve:** we may need additional financial information. **Val:** First we provide. Second, we collect feedback. April/May is on technology subject. We are looking to staff to present those topics. The local levy dollars are in a different bucket with a whole new accounting system.

Cedar Hills Landfill & Waste, Janet: The expansion has not been approved. King County and Ecology has to approve the expansion. We are against it. They are going to get people behind it to make Cedar Mountain a preserve and get committee enlistment to help.

Phil Mc Kaplan: I was 21 years on the **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**. The County pushes a specific agenda. I'm originally from Germany, went to Issaquah High School. Germany spends less than ¼ of what King County spends. Their recycling is nearly 70%. They proved moving away from landfill is needed. Landfill costs goes on 10's to 100's of years. When you put all recyclables in one system it is very ineffective. We really have no idea what happens to the stuff. We are well below 30% of waste recycled. **Sue H:** have you partnered with Bill Gates? **Phil:** They go to Africa. I talked to Sean Green from the Gates Foundation. He said our main focus is Africa. We have a serious issue right here in our back yard. **Janet:** The problem is getting in the door. **Sue H:** Make jet fuel out of vegetables and bricks from plastics. **Phil:** if you want every detail, I can tell you. All plastics break down to microplastics in the environment fish and other organisms eat. EU has recycling technology. The reality is that we shouldn't think in terms of silos on how to deal with it. The best technology of the 1980's landfill is considered cheap. But it has a long-term cost. **Sue H:** I thought it was a done deal. **Janet:** not yet. 75% of the population of 37 cities have to approve it Renton, Bellevue, Redmond, ...(etc.), not Seattle. Even if they don't, it goes through Ecology.

Council Business – 7:32 PM

Survey – Rhys: The survey is online and on paper. We would like to minimize paper ballots. We have about 46 responses online. It will be available till end of June. We serve Tahoma School District 12,000 people, the City of Maple Valley, 16000 residents, and registered voters in 116 square miles. Nothing is mailed. Google forms don't print consistently. **Steve:** any volunteers? **Rhys:** yes, 3 interested in becoming members. Now we have 3 vacancies. Adam goes to Anchorage in August. I'll leave at the end of the year. July 23rd my daughter is expecting. I'm going to Pullman area. ... several questions on membership, some on committees. We are very busy and do a lot of emails. We do a lot of work, it's time consuming. The survey gives us guidelines of what people are interested in. The focus this time is small local business and not so small business. What goes on in our area is business, zoning, transportation, etc.

PPG Grant, Rhys: Application submitted for Reserve Silica and Landsburg two mine cleanup sites that are complex and will go on for years to come. The dollars are to assist and to educate the public. From time to time we will have public officials to speak and tell us about them. Also, to let us participate in the process. The other dollars are for "consulting services" so we can become better educated on these cleanup sites. I got a call that we have been approved for grant assistance. In June, the Dept. of Ecology will come up with a contract for the grant and a work schedule for us to participate. It will be a lot of work. Lynn will be working to put together the written contract via conference call with Rhys and Mike. We are to discuss formalities and dollars available after 1st of July. The problem with Reserve Silica is for 5+ years. Landsburg also is long term. We will work over that time. We'll have more information next month. **Steve:** we need to have that conversation with them on the scope of the project and how many years it will be. **Dane:** how much was asked? Rhys: \$35,000. **Peter:** Thank you for applying. ...

Coming Meetings

Town Hall June 18th, and with **Four Creeks the 19th** at the Hobart Church. **Peter:** all King County department heads will be there.

Kim: there are 3 meetings on the 20th, Bi-annual meeting Cedar Hills, ...

Adult Beverage Ordinance – 7:48 PM

Peter: we've been working for about 2 years on code, laws, zoning, etc. There are 6 members on a task force Warren, Mike, Peter ... We met with members of Hollywood Hills and Friends of Sammamish Valley. We have sent a letter in email to King County to submit comments. The committee approved to make a decision this morning. We have a new version. We will not change the basic message. Where we are now is that there are 3 councils to sign: Green Valley, Enumclaw, and Upper Bear Creek UAC. Up to 2 days ago Hollywood Hills and Friends of Sammamish Valley had a problem with it. Hollywood Hills wanted their lawyer to look at it before signing. It is not yet to the lawyer. I'll continue to work with them. If I can't get them to sign on, we have a real problem. Comments from the Farm Bureau, WA State Breweries ... are working on it. All are unhappy and do not agree on the solution. **Rhys:** is it more important to get FOSV or get the language right? **Peter:** I've not been told what bother's them. I pulled out what I "thought" they objected to. **Rhys:** it's more important to get them all to sign on. It's not important what the language is. **Peter:** anyone can give oral testimony. We are waiting for an answer. To change a few words, is okay, but not a complete paragraph. That's a problem. **Steve:** it is fairly important to find out what. If the lawyer says "xyz" they don't want to mention it. They haven't talked to the lawyer about home occupation. **Peter:** I have 2 days to do this. **Steve:** It is not an easy letter to read. **Melissa:** There are so many conflicts. Keep it to less than a page. If it's more, they won't read it. Why we don't want to say more because it has all been said through personal testimony. Friends of Sammamish Valley sent a rewrite of the Ordinance. It went over like a lead balloon. **Dane:** there was a lot we aligned on. I'm not sure why they wanted it taken out. **Peter:** we can discuss tonight. I hope to vote. **Warren:** after we're done, you're going to contact them on what we are voting on. **Sue H:** Kathy Lambert is proposing a STRIKER, what money is behind it. **Melissa:** Executive office asked her to do this. **Peter:** multiple parties: business, land speculators,

etc. They all had a stake in the rural area production, etc. ... **Steve:** it is lack of code enforcement. **Melissa:** "Police" power is a trigger word. ... more discussion on hot words... **Peter:** I'll provide those changes.

Warren: moved to approve the letter. **Hank:** second. Approved.

Reports on Committee Meetings – 8:17 PM

Rhys: my recommendation is we merge the bylaws committee with the Executive committee, that it no longer should be a separate standing committee. Agreed.

Peter: I was concerned that there are too many on the same committees. Anyone should not be on more than 2 committees. If you don't have time, don't be on more than one committee. We need more chairs and vice chairs. **Dane:** (offered a centralized communication system as opposed to email, somewhat like a blog or forum discussion) to structure our conversation and assign tasks. **Melissa:** I'd be willing to help train. Dane: it would have a log in with access to the committee you are working on. You won't see feeds from other committees that you are not on. Includes important documents too.

Sue H: An application? **Dane:** a website. Peter: we can't solve our problem with multiple committees. ... more discussion. **Steve:** let's go over the committees. (We had each person speak her or his committee preference.) Mike Birdsall to be Vice Chair of Transportation Committee. **Peter** recorded and is to make the changes in the committee matrix. ... **Steve:** let's dedicate every other meeting to let committee leaders get together.

Warren: I move we discuss Susan's letters (Sue H, JIT Ravensdale issue), second, approved.

JIT – 8:55 PM

See draft JIT letter handout with 4 recommendations. There was a roundabout to be put in Ravensdale. People did not want a roundabout. **Sue:** I called **Ruth Harvey**, Assistant Director of the Roads Services Division. She said let's have a meeting in Ravensdale. May 10th was the meeting. I wanted to include the owner of the Ravensdale Market.

unbeknownst to me they have a website and they communicate. People overflowed the meeting at 1:00 PM on Friday May 10th. Ruth could not come. Rose LeSmith came, the senior communications person. **Tom Goff**, legislative Aid II, was sent, **Debbie Hutchinson** (?) put out a report and "calmed the waters". She handed out the summary of the May 30th JIT meeting. There are 9000 cars that go through the Ravensdale intersection per day.

Accidents are a serious problem. There are 6040 + Enumclaw +574 + 800 more apartment buildings that creates a serious safety issue. Could they go for a mini-subarea plan? **Peter:** I've checked. In the past it has been done. **Warren:** I move that the transportation committee go for a subarea plan. **Larken:** second. ... for Peter to contact Ivan Miller. **Steve:** discussion? All in favor, Approved. Peter: I would ask Ivan, "Is it done?" **Susan H:** I think proactively Hobart should try to protect itself.

Motion that this letter gets sent to King County Road Dept. Second. Approved.

Adjourn – 9:21 PM