

# **GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 7, 2019**

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station was called to order by Chair Hiester at approximately 7:00 PM on Monday, October 7, 2019.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Neuner, Rimbos, Harvey, Sterling, Blacklock, Hansen, Buchanan, Iverson, Keller, and McDonald.

Absent, But With Designated Proxy: Thompson (proxy to Sterling); Haynes (proxy to Rimbos).

Note that Extended Leave of Absence was approved for Haynes.

### **Agenda Items**

No changes. M (approve) - Iverson S - Sterling Approved - Unanimous

### **Public Comments**

Jamie Fairbanks introduced herself as a candidate for the TSD #409 School Board in District 3. Lives in the Spring Lake area with family, and is running for the kids and to keep area affordable while maintaining quality education.

Jacquelyn Green introduced herself and her interest in the Cedar Hills Landfill and the impacts on her family. Ms Green expressed interest in membership on JTI and the Environment Committee.

Kim Brighton gave an update on discussion she had with KC Exec Constantine at a recent Climate Action Workshop. Ms Brighton told us that she was told that KC officials and staff have much respect for the GMVUAC and all we do in and for our service area's residents.

Bevel Hoffpaur introduced himself and stated that he is considering membership on the Council.

Iverson indicated that KC is still not considering the true costs associated with retaining and expanding landfilling operations at the Cedar Hills Landfill. Wonders what other cities and counties in our State do with their waste materials – send it out of State, WTE, or what?

### **Guest Speaker**

7:40 PM TSD Board Member Val Paganelli gave us an update re Superintendent matter and upcoming funding measures. Tony Giurado resigned unexpectedly and TSD Board appointed Lori Cloud as temporary Superintendent until the TSD Board hires an interim Superintendent. Might be up to 2 years to find a suitable permanent Superintendent. Discussed February 11, 2020, levy measures for Educational Programs & Maintenance/Operations and for Technology Plan/Technology Equipment. Two levies combined estimated to be a minimum of \$2.15/\$1000 Assessed Valuation and raise roughly \$20.5 million. No new transportation levy as State grants were available to cover much of the costs that would have been covered by prior failed levy. The TSD Board has been forced to use some of its reserve funds to cover excess costs, including funding a program to help students through difficult social and psychological issues. Even with new High School and Lake Wilderness

facility, student growth and classroom size will require use of at least 19 portables in coming years, while TSD Board determines how to manage this growth issue within its budget. Briefly discussed the TSD's Future Ready program to aid our students with getting ready for whatever the future may bring.

Buchanan brought up an issue re some students reportedly having to eat lunch outdoors rather than in cafeterias; wonders if there's an issue with space? Jamie stated that there is no issue with space; eating lunch outdoors is simply an option and is deemed pretty cool.

Segment ended about 8:30 PM.

## **Regular Agenda / Council Business and Committee Reports**

### **1. KCCP Mid-Point Update**

Rimbos gave a brief update re KC review of GMVUAC/UACs comments on the proposed Plan. The KC Exec has now transmitted the KC Exec Plan to the KCC – probably will not take any action on it until next year. GMVUAC Committees will review the revised Plan and offer comments – but not under any tight time frame.

### **2. KC Strategic Climate Action Plan**

Rimbos told the Council that KC produced a Climate Action Plan in 2015 and is now in the process of updating that Plan and conducting Workshops. GMVUAC Committees should review this Plan and offer comments before the Plan is submitted to the KCC next June.

### **3. WaDOE Public Participation Grant**

Sterling filled in for Thompson and discussed status with Council; read Thompson's email that emphasized need for final decision so that, if approved, Thompson can proceed with contractor agreement – Thompson has corresponded with several professional firms and it appears that a group headed by Sue Sander is the likely contractor for the work required under the PPG for both the Reserve Silica and Landsburg Mine MTCA Cleanup projects – Sander and group can do the required work within the available budget (\$35,000 total). Council decided (1) defer any decision on acceptance of PPG until next meeting on November 4; (2) Hiester and Rimbos definitely want to see proposed form of contractor contract before making any decision; (3) Buchanan concerned that only a single contractor appears to be under consideration; (4) Hiester, Rimbos, and Neuner still have concerns re potential Council liability if things go awry with contractor and/or WaDOE not satisfied with our work product produced under the PPG; (5) what's the big surprise with Reserve Silica and how does that affect scheduling and tasks under the PPG; (6) Hiester and Buchanan want to review the draft PPG contract that they didn't recall having received; and (7) Hiester wanted to know whatever happened with the 'planned' meeting/phone conference call with WaDOE to discuss all of the foregoing? Bottom line is that Members still have questions and not yet ready to commit to acceptance of the PPG.

#### **4. Train Show**

Hiester called meeting of Train Show Committee to follow adjournment of Council Meeting to discuss upcoming Train Show. Volunteers were recruited for various assignments at the Show. Some discussion between Hiester and Val re possible use of students to help at the Show. Public Relations Committee responsible for posters and handouts at the Show.

#### **5. 2020 Community Service Area (CSA) Grants**

Applications for 2020 CSA Grants must be submitted by November 4, 2019. Council decided to have Hiester (Train Show), Rimbos (Outreach), and Thompson (PR Committee) make applications – to be coordinated through Hiester and submitted by the deadline.

M - Blacklock S - Rimbos Approved - Unanimous

PR Committee needs to send Marissa the present (but not final) results of the 2019 Survey, newsletter, website management, and summary of time/costs and request payment of the 2019 CSA Grant to the PR Committee of \$2,000. Likewise, Hiester will need to submit 2019 Train Show report (\$2,000 CSA Grant), and Rimbos needs to prepare a report for the 2019 Outreach, Community Engagement, and Education program (\$1,000 CSA Grant).

#### **6. Minutes of Prior Council Meetings (9:20 PM)**

Sterling presented the draft September 9 meeting minutes for approval.

M - Blacklock S - Rimbos Approved – Unanimous

#### **7. Guest Speakers/Topics for Future Meetings**

Thompson to invite Mike Birdsall to our November meeting to discuss traffic and transportation issues.

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at approximately 9:15 PM.

Minutes by Sterling.