

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 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, November 4, 2019.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Neuner, Rimpos, Harvey, Sterling, Hansen, Iverson, Haynes, and McDonald.

Absent, But With Designated Proxy: Blacklock (proxy to Sterling); Buchanan (proxy to Harvey).

Absent: Keller (out of the country)

Note that the Council acknowledged and accepted the resignation of Mike Thompson. A ‘thank you’ to Mike for his service is noted for the record.

Logistics Note – No video projector was available for the meeting due to technical difficulties.

Agenda Items

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

Public Comments

Val Paganelli (TSD Board Member) gave a brief status update regarding the District’s search for a new Superintendent and the February 2020 ballot measures. The Board has approved Mike Maryanski as interim Superintendent through June 2020, and will accelerate its search for a permanent Superintendent. Two funding measures will be presented for vote in February 2020 – one for education/operations for 4 years at a rate of \$2/\$1000 Assessed Value; the other is a tech levy for 4 years at an initial rate of \$.40/\$1000 AV with an intended reduction to \$.30/\$1000 AV. There will be no transportation measure at this time. The Board is still making funding decisions based on an evolving State’s addressing the *McCleary* decision, and population projections.

Kim Brighton gave a brief introduction to the Cedar Hills Landfill matter that will be later on the Agenda.

Guest Speaker

7:20 PM Mike Birdsall, GMVUAC Transportation Committee Vice Chair, presented the results of his study conducted on the traffic impact of the County’s recent month long closure of the Cedar River Landsburg Bridge for maintenance/construction. Mike’s final Report and slides have been posted on the GMVUAC’s website on the Transportation Committee’s webpage; moreover, this information has been submitted to key County and State officials and staff in the hope that they will find this analysis useful in their continuing efforts to fund and solve our area road/traffic problems. For example, Mike found that, when comparing pre- to post- bridge closure traffic counts, there was an estimated 76 percent reduction in traffic through Hobart, and an 85 percent reduction in traffic heading north from the Ravensdale/Kent-Kangley Road intersection. Public must press elected officials to take action, and our JTI should also get involved and use Mike’s Report as a fur-

ther means to educate both the public and our local/State officials. The bridge closure emphatically underscored the fact that neither SR 169 nor Issaquah-Hobart Road can carry heavy traffic demands.

Regular Agenda / Council Business and Committee Reports

1. Adult Beverage Ordinance Update (8:10 PM)

Rimbos gave a brief update re KCC's forthcoming December 4 hearing on the latest effort to craft an Adult Beverage Ordinance to regulate the County's winery/brewery businesses. The GMVUAC intends to submit another letter to the KCC, and will again coordinate with other UACs to present a unified position that (a) a new and complex Ordinance to address an issue that actually only affects the Sammamish Valley wine region is unnecessary and unwarranted, and (b) the issues arising in that region can be most effectively addressed and resolved under existing Code and effective enforcement. A Special Meeting was called for November 18 at 7 PM to be held at the Lumber House Brewery in Black Diamond. Sterling will also check with the PSRFA to see if the Station 81 Conference Room is available on that date and time as an alternative – more details to follow.

2. KCC Docket Process (8:20 PM)

Rimbos briefly described certain issues relating to the current Docket process used by the KCC. Rimbos will craft a proposed letter and present it to the Council at our December 2 meeting that will recommend Code changes to (a) remove site specific zone changes from the Docket process and place such requests under the Hearing Examiner for hearing and review; and (b) require the KCC itself respond in writing to public comments submitted regarding updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

3. Cedar Hills Landfill (8:35 PM)

Haynes discussed the many environmental and health issues presented by the County's proposed plan to continue the use and expansion of the Cedar Hills Landfill. Haynes gave the Executive Committee a copy of the video presentation he has prepared, and asked the Committee to approve its posting on our website for public viewing. Haynes graphically depicted the region's geography and geology and indicated that the proposed use/expansion plan has impacts that have thus far gone unaddressed and unresolved.

Kim Brighton joined in the presentation and discussed with us in more detail the specific issues arising from the proposed continued use and expansion of the CHLF. Environmental and health impacts arising from the landfill's location over a portion of an EPA designated sole source aquifer that supplies water to the Cedar River and its fisheries and also to the KCWD #90 well field used for public water supply; fault lines have not been adequately assessed and mitigation provided; and gas/odor emissions that have not been evaluated for their chemical constituents and effect on area schools (including the TSD Shadow Lake elementary school located several miles distant southwesterly of the CHLF). The TSD and the public should make and take every effort and opportunity to file complaints with the regional clean air authority and WaDOE every time there is

noticeable air quality degradation/odors stemming from the CHLF. Kim also noted that the aerated treatment of leachate has been suspended, and the County is merely adding deodorizers to stem objectionable smells from the landfill operation – such is inappropriate, and complaints have been lodged by neighbors with the government authorities. Kim and neighbors are scheduling future meetings with County and State officials to further discussions regarding the proposed plan as well as alternatives.

4. Committee Reports (9:00 PM)

Rimbos stated that the Growth Management Committee needed to meet. Meeting tentatively called for November 14 at 7 PM at the Hobart Community Church.

Hiester reported that the Train Show was a great success, with an estimated 800 persons attending the 2-day event.

5. Minutes of Prior Council Meetings

October Meeting Minutes were presented for approval:

M (Approve) - Rimbos S - Hansen Approved (Unanimous)

9:05 PM Council went into Executive Session at this time; public was excused.

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at approximately 9:35 PM.

Minutes by Sterling.

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9:05 PM Council Executive Session

1. Hiester reported the Train Show had a net (profit) of \$ 1,466 from the at-door contributions by the public attendees. To this will be added the 2019 CSA Grant awarded to the Train Show Committee in the amount of \$ 2,000. Thus, thanks to the Train Show, the Council has added \$ 3,466 to our treasury.
2. Council vacancies were discussed, of which we at this time have 3 vacant positions. A discussion of Mike T was had and, based on Mike's email that was received by Hiester and summarized to the Council, the Council considered and accepted Mike's resignation from the GMVUAC effective immediately – thus making the number of current vacancies equal to 4.
3. A replacement for Mike T as Council Vice Chair was opened for nominations; and Andy McDonald volunteered to be Council Vice Chair on an interim basis until the January 2020 officer elections would be conducted for Calendar Year 2020. The Public Relations Committee must also select a new Chair.
4. Hiester reported that the 3 CSA Grant Applications for Calendar Year 2020 were timely submitted to Marissa Alegria with the KC Department of Local Services - CSA Program Coordinator/Manager. The three Applications are for funding of GMVUAC's Train Show, Public Relations Committee, and Public Outreach Program. If approved by the County, the Council should receive a total of \$ 5,000 in grant assistance for use by these programs.
5. Sterling reported that the Public Relations Committee submitted its Report on fulfilling the commitments made under its 2019 CSA Grant award of \$ 2,000. Marissa Alegria, KC Department of Local Services - CSA Program Coordinator/Manager, accepted this Report on November 4 – we should thus receive the grant moneys within the next month.
6. The need for a meeting of the Environment Committee was discussed and underscored. The Asphalt Facility and the CHLF matters are issues that the Committee should have direct input to the Council; and should be first addressed in a separate Committee meeting. Committee Chair should call a meeting asap.
7. The status of the WaDOE Public Participation Grant (PPG) offer was discussed. Harvey gave a brief assessment of its pros/cons – especially in light of the fact that Mike T is no longer on the Council and will not be available to oversee and administer this grant and all of its numerous requirements. Also, Sterling is leaving at the

end of this year, so he, too, will be unavailable to help with the PPG. Harvey also noted that the Reserve Silica and Landsburg Mine MTCA Cleanup Projects have been and will continue to be, subjects of our Council meetings and public presentations – so the Council can and will continue to review and assess cleanup documents and have public presentations regardless of whether the PPG is accepted. Based on this review and our several prior Council discussions and, in light of the concerns raised by the possible acceptance of the PPG and its many contractual requirements, the Council determined that it was time to put this matter to a formal vote and to make a final decision. The following motion was made to decline the WaDOE’s PPG offer:

M (Decline PPG) – Rimbos S - Sterling Approved (Unanimous)

Sterling will promptly notify the WaDOE that, although grateful in its offer, the GMVUAC declines to accept the PPG – but will continue with our review and comment on these cleanup projects and continue with presenting this information to the public at upcoming monthly meetings, including inviting WaDOE and others to make presentations as they have done so in the past. This will all be done as normal Council and Committee business/activity without any special State grant assistance.

9:35 PM Executive Session concluded and meeting adjourned.