

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 4, 2020

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 shut down was called to order by Chair Hiester at approximately 7:02 PM on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Rimbos, Neuner, Harvey, Hansen, Buchanan, Iverson, Haynes, and McDonald.

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: N/A

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Resignation: N/A

Logistics Note: Due to the COVID-19 shut down, the meeting was held virtually over Zoom.

Agenda Items

Add time for Tim O'Connor and Alan Noell to give an update on Reserve Silica.

Add time for a short discussion on GMVUAC website.

Motion: Haynes- Move to approve agenda as amended. Second: Iverson, Approved – Unanimous.

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1. TSD Update-- Val Paganelli (TSD Board Member) (7:05):
 - Grading is set by the state- No failing.
 - There are different options for grades, TSD is looking into these options.
 - Graduation and other end of year activities are under consideration due to Covid-19.
 - TSD is working on their budget, general fund still has surplus.
 - TSD had regular board meeting, but nothing major is being done.
 - Distant learning may continue into fall in some hybrid.
 - Currently online school is going, however not every home environment is the same, some are doing better than others.
 - Seniors are going to do their presentations online.

Council Business (7:15 PM)

1. Reserve Silica Update—Alan Noell DOE Site manager and Tim O'Connor DOE Hydrogeologist
 - Ground monitoring has been delayed due to COVID-19, hard to do testing due to COVID-19.
 - Leachate is still being treated, although they had to find alternative supplier for their carbon dioxide used to lower the PH which lowers arsenic levels.
 - Dept of Ecology has websites for both sites.
2. KC DLS Permitting Comment Letter—Queen City Farms Grading Permit Application

- Executive Committee voted and sent out letter.
 - Every GMVUAC member had already voted “Yes” via email.
 - Since there are no objections the letter stands.
3. KCCP 2020 Mid-Point Update
 - Public hearing scheduled June 9, 2020.
 - Major items are 4 to 1 and Transfer of Development Rights.
 - The Area Council is leading an effort with KC Rural Area UACs and UAAs to review, prepare, and submit comments on any of the above items deemed necessary.
 - Council planning on approving 2020 Mid-Point Update on June 30, 2020.
 4. Non-council Committee Member Bios
 - Couple of weeks ago Rimbo sent a request to 14 non-council members who serve our committees to find out if they are still interested and for their Bios to find out their skillsets.
 - Committee chairs to solicit non-council members to see if they are still interested
 - Bios/ skillset will be sent to committee chairs- Bios will not be made public and there will be no pressure to provide them.
 - Due to concern over confidentiality non-council member Bios will not be put on website, Rimbo will send follow up email to them with explanation of how Bios will be used.
 5. DLS Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Last meeting was May 1, 2020, lasted about 1 hour.
 - Iverson, Harvey, and about 30 others participated in the meeting run by John Taylor and his staff.
 - Big focus of the meeting was how to get small business financing during COVID-19.
 - COVID-19 is impacting funding for the rural area.
 - King County is shorthanded, permitting has gone online, and about 150 workers are on the roads.
 6. Hank’s KC DLS Comment Letter
 - Haynes gave a summary of his letter to KC DLS regarding Queen City Farms.
 - Historic description of the site, what the area used to look like.
 - Creeks have turned into gravel pits, old riverbeds and wetlands were buried, trees were removed.
 - Would like area returned to original state.
 - May be possible to reintroduce salmon if grading is done correctly and ditches are changed into stream/ pools and wetlands are restored.
 7. GMVUAC Website
 - Rimbo- only a few people maintain the website, suggests each committee has someone monitor their own page.
 - Due to time constraints postpone discussion to another meeting.

Committee Reports (8:56 PM)

Economic: N/A

Environmental:

- Erickson trench, overfilling and not watching runoff, concerns were sent to King County back in October 2018 .
- Want to expand site up to 4 times.
- Site has been shut down, no word if they are still shut down.
- Ty Peterson, Joe Barto, and Jim Chan of DLS Permitting and Ravensdale residents, Mike and Donna Brathovde and Harvey initially planned an in-person meeting to discuss lack of transparency, but due to COVID-19 the meeting never took place. Instead, Harvey is sending an information gathering letter to Ty Peterson regarding filling, expansion, and change in wetland definition.

Executive: N/A

Growth Management: N/A

Grants: N/A

Public Relations: N/A

Train Show:

- Due to COVID-19 not sure if the train show will happen.
- Train show grant was approved, however grant money only comes if Train Show actually happens.

Transportation:

- Historical Hobart/ Ravensdale road signs -- relocated the Hobart signs and the one that was cut down, these should be up next week.

9:16 PM Council went into Executive Session at this time; public was excused.

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at approximately 9:31 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.