

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 2, 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 7:04 PM on Monday, November 2, 2020.

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

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: Iverson, Proxy- McDonald.

Absent: Buchanan.

Resignation: N/A

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

Agenda Items

Addition agenda item: N/A

Motion: McDonald- Move to approve agenda. Second: Rimbos, Approved – Unanimous.

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1. TSD Update-- Val Paganelli (TSD Board Member) (7:08):
 - All TSD board members now have mentors, Val's Mentor is TSD High School Junior, Olivia Tamer, and she is attending this meeting.

 2. Mike Hanson (TSD Superintendent) (7:10):
 - TSD Superintendent Mike Hanson and his wife were both raised in Maple Valley and went to Tahoma schools.
 - Taught in Port Angeles and Kirkland, moved back to Maple Valley and started teaching at the high school mid-1990's.
 - Four of his children attended TSD schools.
 - Taught science and served as a Science Coordinator for TSD.
 - Was Dean of high school and received his Administrative credentials.
 - Was Vice Principal at Glacier Park Elementary School and Principal of Shadow Lake Elementary School.
 - March- July worked at interim Superintendent.
 - On March 13, 2020 schools were shutdown due to Covid-19 pandemic.
 - With in one week there was some support to students- started support/ training for teachers.
 - TSD provided ~1,200 laptops by the end of March.
 - Initially all school districts in the state were being treated the same regardless of the Covid cases in their counties.

- Now the State provided a “Decision Tree” regarding the pandemic and its impact with a more localized approach by County. It defines high (more than 75 new cases per 100,000), moderate (25-75 new cases per 100,000), and low rates of cases (less than 25 new cases per 100,000).
- Initially TSD decided to do remote learning.
- Thought about going back to in-person learning, but cases have started going back up.
- In order to go back to in-person learning cases have to be low (less than 25 new cases per 100,000).
- TSD board had approved recommendations for modified outdoor athletics, but not with cases as high as they are now.
- Want to improve student experience- big focus on racial equality.
- Met with former/current students of color to hear their experience.
- TSD also is addressing student mental health and wellness concerns- has hired a Wellness Coordinator for the district.
- Tech levy highlights:
 - There are ~1,500-2,000 Zoom meetings held per day between teachers and students.
 - By spring 2,000 computers had been distributed to students, by fall an additional 3,000 computers were provided.
 - TSD also has provided over 400 hot spots for families who have poor or no internet access.
 - 1,500 calls in the first two weeks for tech support.
- Economy:
 - Economy on edge- increase focus on health and human services.
 - Revenue forecast for state and not good, by 2023 there may be a \$8 billion shortfall.
 - Will be looking for budget cuts, may make cuts to education.
 - There are impacts to the TSD Budget as there has been a reduction of 473 students (e.g., home schoolers, online schools, private schools, delaying starting kindergarten, etc.), which amounts to ~\$5.5M shortfall.
- The discussion was then opened to Questions:
 - Could a new governor force schools to open up if he chose to?
 - Local school boards should be able to look to public health recommendations.
 - How has Covid-19 affected college scholarships?
 - Athletics is a small part of scholarships, though some coaches outside of the school district have been trying to put clinics together. Academic scholarships really have not changed.
 - What have been the impact to teachers?
 - Large stress levels on teachers, as this is a massive change in teaching, teaching has become much harder, plus the fear of exposure is real among teachers.
 - McCleary Decision?
 - State Supreme Court ruled the State is required to fully fund basic education. The State Legislature, in response to the ruling, provided a specific amount of funding to be spread out equally throughout the state. Due to this “equalization,” some district’s taxes went up, some went down. It also limited local levy rates.

1. Cedar Hills Comments:
 - Last Monday GMVUAC voted to approve the comments. Between Monday and Friday, a lot of comments were changed.
 - Normandy Park asked Solid Waste Advisory Committee for GMVUAC to present something to them.
 - Letter was to point out issues with assumptions and omissions in the Draft EIS.
 - Maple Valley Mayor Sean Kelly would like Rimbo's to do a presentation to the Maple Valley Council sometime in January.

2. Wagner Erickson Trench Filling:
 - Harvey:
 - Newly approved permit mid-summer, went ahead with a re-designed project, designated non-significant w/o public hearing and approved permit.
 - Type 1. Permit- no administrator review.
 - King County Superior Court is the only recourse option.
 - Harvey is looking at going to ombudsman's office.
 - Would like to get GMVUAC support on a letter (a formal complaint) to the King County Ombudsman (Elisabeth Hill).
 - Executive Committee could vote on this before next meeting.

Motion: Harvey- Motion to proceed with ombudsman application regarding GRDE18-0114-Erickson Expansion and provide to Executive Committee for approval. Second: Haynes, Approved – Unanimous.

Committee Reports (9:08)

Economic: N/A

Environmental:

- 2,000,000 of Sockeye Salmon, 98% don't make it out of Lake Washington. 23,000 made it back to lake Washington, only 3,000 make it back to the Cedar River

Executive: N/A

Growth Management: N/A

Public Relations:

- Facebook: Can we add what we post on Nextdoor and GMVUAC website to Facebook?
- PR will consider posting to Facebook what we post elsewhere.

Train Show: N/A

Transportation: N/A

Chair Hiester Adjourned the Meeting at approximately 9:42 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.