

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 3, 2021

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 shut down was called to order by Hiester at approximately 7:02 PM on Monday, May 3, 2021.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Rimbos, Buchanan, Neuner, Harvey, Iverson, Hansen, 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:

Addition agenda item:

- Hiester: Add WARP to council business.

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

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1. Public Comments (7:04):

- N/A

2. TSD Update-- Val Paganelli (TSD Board Member) (7:05):

- We The People made it to Nationals- Placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- Board continues to work on goals and targets- update in May
- Graduation is scheduled for June.
- Learning Recovery Plan- required to be posted publicly to be eligible for federal funds.
- Full time K-12 in fall (current plan).
- Submitted Assets and Reservation Program for 30 year expected lifecycle of improvements.
- State legislation for 4-4.1 million for enrollment stabilization.
- Transportation budget is based on moving students, this did not happen.
- State legislation for 1.2 million for transportation stabilization.
- 575 students did not/ have not returned to the district, they are either home schooled, are doing online homeschool, or are attending private school.
- Q. How many students have failed?
- A. There is no state assessment this spring, going to happen in the fall- each student is being assessed for core learning at a classroom/ school level.

3. KC Green Building Project- Nicole Sanders (DLS- Permitting Division) (7:15):

- Nicole Sanders discussed the Green Building Program.
- Draft building code- specifically energy code- proposals.
- Why:
  - Primary objectives- State Law/ County 2019 clean energy Transportation- carbon neutrality.
  - Lot of energy comes from natural gas. Reduce gas pipelines in ground and buildings.
  - Increase efficiency and sources.
  - Health risks for asthma increase 42% for children with natural gas and propane stoves in house.
  - Emissions currently escape distribution system.
  - Natural gas leaks and explosions cause lots of property damage.
- What:
  - KC- for new single family and townhouses.
  - Codes apply to new buildings unless you add an addition, or large systems or retrofit.
  - 10% higher efficiency in lighting and windows.
  - Builders can't offer worse products.
  - Limit resistant heat.
  - Heat pump water heaters.
  - Solar panel ready- propose a small amount of solar right away.
  - Affordable housing might not have to do this.
- costs:
  - 1-1.5 % cost increase.
- Schedule:
  - Can still make comments for the next two weeks.
  - Comments go to KC Council in July 2021.
  - Council action in August 2021.
  - If needed can come back to let GMVUAC know how it goes.
- Questions:
  - Q. Will these codes apply to schools and churches?
  - A. Not sure, will have to get back on that.
  - Q. When will this be implemented?
  - A. Enactment within two weeks of approval.

4. CHRFL and CGC- Rory O'Rourke (Solid Waste Facility Lead) (7:39):

- CHRFL is the primary landfill for King County except for Seattle and Milton.
- Opened in 1960 and is around 920 acres.
- Oversees permitting and solid waste- compost, transfer stations, vehicles, etc.
- CGC is the only approved composter and CHRFL is only open landfill.
- CHRFL has two different permits.
  - One is a 10-year permit- compliance with long term items related to landfill such as gas systems, leachate ponds, water runoff, etc.
  - The other is a 1-year permit- to address issues that come up on the short term. - Concerns from public- water quality, noise, property damage, environment, birds, air quality.
- Landfill was designed in the 1960's before concerns for the environment.

- Solid Waste sees how garbage is handled on the site, monitor that odor is not leaving the site, that no litter is leaving the site, and that leachate is being aeriated.

#### Cedar Grove Compost.

- 250,000 tons of compost are produced.
- Comes from yard waste, wood waste, and curb side bins.
- We make sure environmental controls are in place to protect the environment and human health.
- Composting process uses microbes to break down and heat it up enough to destroy pathogens.
- Test samples- to test that the compost is not exceeding thresholds- are provided monthly.
- Monitor final product to limit odor and storm water runoff.

#### Question and Answer.

- Q. Concern that there seems to be a lot of plastic in the compost.
- A. There can be up to 2% plastic by weight allowed in in the compost.
- Q. Is the odor being masked or prevented.
- A. Complex question- odors are masked, solid waste goes to facility about once per month to monitor odors, meteorological conditions can change odors.
- Q. Why did you permit leachate ponds in the buffer zone where waste is not allowed?
- A. Different interpretation on waste.
- Q. Who picks the samples from CGC for testing?
- A. CGC picks their own samples.
- Q. Does the 10-year permit already exist?
- A. yes, the 10-year permit was issued in 2019.
- Q. Do you schedule your site visit to CHRLF/ CGC?
- A. Normally it is unscheduled, except for during Covid-19.
- Q. What are the permits based on?
- A. State Solid Waste- table 220-B, and State and Federal requirements.
- Q. Is CGC required to report methane gas?
- A. That is not something solid waste sees, may go to Clean Air Agency.
- Q. Have any health studies been done at local schools or communities?
- A. No health studies have been done. There are regulatory requirements. Don't have resources to do a health study.
- Q. Why do they not monitor the uncovered active areas, these produce the most gas?
- A. There is too much oxygen for decomp to occur and produce gas.
- Q. Are interlocal agreement participants updated on the issues from CHRLF?
- A. Interlocal agreements are negotiated by Solid waste.

#### 5. CHRFL Community Meeting- Janet Dobrowolski (8:39):

- Dobrowolski gave a brief summary of the April 22, 2021 CHRFL Community Meeting.
- BEW plant continues to separate and capture about 75% of the methane.
- Provides enough gas to power 13000 homes.
- Area 9 was the last expansion area.
- Area 7 will have final cover this summer.
- Still having problems with arsenic- surface water leaving site is clean.

- If there was a disaster that prevented them from getting to the landfill there is no backup plan in place.
- Overall meeting was about public relations and was not very substantial.

#### Council Business (8:48 PM)

1. CPP update and PRD Comments:
  - Rimbo:
  - Been working on policy update for 7 months.
  - Have submitted multiple comments we have approved.
  - We have been reviewing the PRD for the last month.
  - Due date is Wednesday May 5, 2021.
  - How should GMVUAC proceed, would like to submit tomorrow.

Motion: Hansen- Move to approve comments on the CPP update and give Rimbo latitude to make minor changes based on feedback from other UACs and Karen Wolf for submittal to Karen Wolf and Rebecah Maskin with KC GMPC on Tuesday May 4, 2021. Second: Harvey, Approved: All

2. Puget Sound Regional Council's School Siting Briefing Paper- Val Paganelli:
  - TSD continues to grow- 10-year plan reconvened January of 2021.
  - No boundary adjustments this year.
  - The 10-year view is expected to have siting impacts.
  - No discussion of site planning.
  - Rimbo requests Mike Hanson (Superintendent of TSD) to come give update on this as school siting was not discussed last visit.
3. KC Code Enforcement Strategy Group:
  - Harvey:
  - Serena Glover is forming a KC Code Enforcement Strategy Group.
  - First meeting was on April 19, 2021. Next meeting likely in the middle of the month.
  - Study how KC is not enforcing the code on specific incidents.
  - Trying to figure out how to proceed and speak as one rural voice.
  - Rimbo will forward April 19, 2021 meeting notes to GMVUAC.
4. KC Strategic Climate Action Plan SCAP:
  - Rimbo:
  - GMVUAC did not submit comments.
  - SCAP did pass as submitted unanimously, but they the did add two amendments.
  - Rimbo is going to find out about the two amendments.
5. GMVUAC Policy Framework:
  - Add WARP to next meeting's agenda.

Updates to Committee Reports:

N/A

Chair Hiester adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:31 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.