

## GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING – February 6, 2023

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held at the KC Precinct 3 meeting room and virtually via Zoom was called to order by Hiester at approximately 7:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2023.

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

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: Haynes- proxy Rimbos.

Absent: N/A

Resignation: N/A

Logistics Note: The meeting was held in person and virtually over Zoom.

Agenda Items:

Addition agenda item: N/A

Motion: Iverson- Move to approve agenda as written. Second: Rimbos, Approved – All.

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1. Public Comments (7:02): N/A.

2. King County Dept of Natural Resources (7:03):

- Solid waste -- Pat McLaughlin (Director)
- The life of the landfill is determined by the tonnage sent to the landfill.
- 70% of material in a landfill should not be going to the landfill.
- Need to try and divert these recyclables so they do not end up in the landfill.
- Recycling & Environmental Services -- Andy Smith (Interim Manager)
- 10-15% of curbside pickup is contaminated.
- 12% is rejected and 88% is bailed.
- Once Bailed it is sold to who ever is in demand.
- \$2 million competitive grant program to support waste prevention and waste diversion.
- 28% of landfill is organics.
- Recycling & Environmental Services – Eliza Kruszynski (Project Manager)
- King County only composts 18% of single-family food waste.  
50% or 60,000 don't have organics bin service.
- Policy options:
  - Require organics service to everyone on garbage service.
  - Reduce garbage to every other week.
  - Implement a food waste disposal ban.
- Public engagement approach.
  - February - Survey.

- March – Analyze responses.
- March/April – open house/ focus groups.
- Question and Answer:
  - Q. Is there a plan yet for what will happen when CHRLF reaches capacity?
    - A. Currently there are no plans.
  - Q. If the recycling plan is successful, how would that impact how much gas is produced?
    - A. It would reduce it, we have a contract to provide natural gas, but we do not have a contract for how much is produced.
  - Q. Concern of micro-plastics in commercial compost, how do we know the compost is not contaminated?
    - A. Try to educate the public about what can be composted as well as work with manufactures to change food packaging to reduce plastic and make more packaging compostable.
  - Q. Currently composting goes to Cedar Grove, is that where you are planning to send the food waste?
    - A. Cedar Grove does not have that much capacity, so we will try and diversify, different types of compost, different facilities.
  - Q. Lots of recyclables end up at transfer stations, are we doing anything to divert that before it goes to the landfill?
    - A. Try and have people make better choices and look at technology to pull out recyclables.
  - Q. Are you going to have the infrastructure in place before you start collecting more food?
    - A. Just because there is an increase it does not mean it has to go to Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove has made a lot of investments to improve quality of product and remove plastic.
  - Q. If a contaminated item is recycled but could be compost is it sent to the compost?
    - A. All contaminated recycling is sent to the landfill, it is not sorted further.
  - Q. How often is food waste going to be collected? Don't want it around to attract bears.
    - A. Depends on your jurisdiction. Please submit your concerns in the survey.
  - Q. What can we recycle? What do the #'s mean?
    - A. Not all the numbers are recyclable.
  - Q. Did you have a chance to review our letter sent November 17, 2022? Zoom meetings are inadequate, now that covid is over can we have in-person meetings again? Relationship with the community is not good. Allow for more public comment.

#### Council Business (8:44)

1. 2024 KCCP update:
  - Rimbo:
  - One week ago, KC put out a conceptual plan for what they want the comp plan to look like
  - We have to submit comments by February 24, 2023.
  - Please send all comments to Rimbo.
  - Rimbo will send us our comments one week before we submit them.
2. Meeting Locations:
  - Should we move our meetings to the fire station?

Motion: Rimbo- Motion to move our regular monthly meetings to the fire station. Second: Hansen.  
Approved – All

- Buchanan Volunteered to schedule the meetings.

Updates to Committee Reports:

Executive: N/A

PR: N/A

Joint Team: 2024 KC Update.

Growth Management: Had a meeting, everyone has the meeting minutes.

Environment: Next meeting Flood Management Plan.

Transportation: N/A

Hiestler adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.