

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 6, 2023

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station and virtually via Zoom was called to order by Buchanan at approximately 7:10 PM on Monday, November 6, 2023.

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

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: N/A

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Resignation: N/A

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

Agenda Items:

Addition agenda item:

- Haynes: Requested additional time to discuss program seen on channel 33.6.
- Rimbos: Approve Meeting Minutes.
- Rimbos: Move the first two agenda items to later in the meeting.
- Iverson: Discussion on Tahoma School District.

Motion: Hansen- Move to approve agenda as amended. Second: Haynes, Approved – All.



1. Public Comments (7:13):
 - Safety concerns in Unincorporated King County. Recent murder in Ravensdale, drug houses, concern of code violations at properties between Ravensdale and Hobart. Going to provide information to John Taylor to investigate.

Council Business (7:25)

1. Reserve Silica Update:
 - Rimbos:
 - On October 23, 2023 there was a Teams meeting with John Taylor and Ty Peterson.
 - John Taylor:
 - Department of Local Services was created about 5 years ago to combine all the services for the rural area.
 - Reserve Silica has been an issue for as long as John has worked for the County.
 - Everyone shares the same objectives- protect the environment.
 - How do we get there? Hold people accountable.
 - Waiting on direction on what to do.
 - Should have answers to the GMVUAC's submitted questions in a couple of weeks.

- Fred White:
 - Reserve Silica Site Manager
 - 33 loads of arsenic were dumped in violation of an agreement.
 - It was not supposed to be dumped.
 - They are also waiting to hear what needs to be done to fix the issue.
 - Reserve Silica has banned company from the site and has filed a lawsuit against them.
2. King County Council Audit of DLS-P:
- John Taylor:
 - Dept of Local Services is going through an audit of how code enforcement is done.
 - More information on that is to be coming out.
 - Potential change to make code enforcement more powerful.
 - On November 14, 2023 the KCC and GA&O committee will meet and results of the audit will be presented.
 - Rimbo asked about required Periodic Reviews of the Mining Sites.
 - Someone has been hired to do these, however some people will apply for a new permit instead of going through a Periodic Review.
3. Glamping Permit Application:
- John Taylor:
 - Last week the owner sent a letter to withdraw permit application for glamping.
 - They could still resubmit it later.
4. Black Diamond Traffic Model update and Analyses:
- Harvey:
 - Harvey Chairs the Joint Transportation Initiative (JTI) for traffic in Unincorporated King County.
 - Black Diamond has its traffic consultant (Parametrix) develop, validate, and use a new Traffic-Demand Model to evaluate traffic impacts for the full Master-Planned Development (MPD) buildout in 2032.
 - They found issues with the traffic on several King County roads and intersections, as well as along the Maple Valley Highway.
 - We need to take a more regional look at traffic.
 - John Taylor:
 - Dept of Local Services does not have control over the cities.
 - Roads is still expected to run out of money; possibly by 2027 or 2028.
 - John provided details on the roads department.
5. Community needs list:
- CNL is being pushed back one year.
 - There is a one-year budget and they want to wait again for a biannual budget.
 - Going to separate the CNL for the sub area plan.
 - Discussed how this would affect the grant we were given.

6. Thank you Letter to City of Maple Valley:

- Harvey:
- Can we send a letter to Maple Valley thanking them for their outreach and response this year to the Iron Man event.
- Buchanan will write the letter and Rimbo will submit.

7. Train Show 2023:

- Hiester/ Buchanan:
- Both food trucks donated \$100 to GMVUAC.
- Around 800 people attended the train show.
- GMVUAC will get the grant and the donations.
- Don't yet have the exact amount for donations yet.

8. Tahoma School District Discussions:

- Iverson:
- Has attended several school board meetings.
- Sexual assault lawsuits are coming to light.
- There was a news article in the Voice of the Valley.
- Hobart area school board rep missed 52% of the school board meetings.

9. Programs on channel 33.6:

- Haynes:
- 2 Sundays ago, there were a couple programs on channel 33.6 about Waste to Energy and Trash Breakdown in Landfills.
- With waste to energy, it is creating pollution that is causing increase in cancer rates.
- With trash breakdown in landfills, things are ending up in waterways.
- Haynes would like to have more people see these programs as both these issues may affect our area someday.
- Haynes will get more information on the programs and how they could be shared.

Updates to Committee Reports:

Executive: N/A

PR: N/A

Joint Team: N/A

Growth Management: N/A

Environment: N/A

Transportation: N/A

A discussion was had about the purpose of the committee reports.

It should be used for things that come up between when the agenda is posted and the meeting.

Buchanan adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:43 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.