

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – March 4, 2024

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 7:08 PM on Monday, March 4, 2024.

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

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: N/A

Absent: Haynes

Resignation: N/A

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

Agenda Items:

Addition agenda item:

- Iverson: Met our Subarea Planners at the Hobart Market.

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

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1. Public Comments (7:12):
 - SEPA Report Segale Mining Operation Application- 90 trucks an hour, 680 trucks a day coming through 4-corners- Going to cover this as part of the agenda.

Council Business (7:16)

1. 2024 KCCP Major Update:
 - Rimbos:
 - 2024 update is a 10-year update and the most important thing we do.
 - February 5, 2024 meeting, we voted and approved comments that Rimbos submitted the next day to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.
 - Rimbos and the Joint Team provide started giving oral testimony in January 2024.
 - Been to every meeting about every two weeks.
 - Meetings will go through May 2024.
 - Then there will be Striker Amendments.
2. Event Centers:

- Rimbos:
- KC has a lot of different permits, conditional use, temporary use, special use.
- Temporary use permits are used for event centers, mostly in Carnation and Snoqualmie, for concerts, weddings, etc.
- 52 events per year, up to 4,000 people per event.
- Not really rural events- not rural attendees.
- Not paying for roads because not Unincorporated KC residents.
- Going to submit comments from the Joint Team.

3. Letter on DLS to KC Executive Constantine:

- Rimbos:
- Time for a fundamental change at DLS.
- DLS is supposed to support the local community.
- Permitting is how they make their money.
- KC does not give them enough money for enforcement.
- On the road side there is not enough funding.
- Cities get most of the Gas Tax.
- Does not have money to fix bridges.
- Joint Team made a letter to Dow and KCC asking them to change the mission of the department.
- Director John Taylor has been promoted to DNR+Parks, DLS is going to need a new Director.
- Permits are often issued when they should not be.
- Code enforcement can't keep up.
- Letter was sent one week ago; we have not gotten a response.
- Depending on response, we could send the letter to the Seattle Times for more publicity.
- Rimbos is going to follow up for a response.

4. Reserve Silica Outstanding Questions:

- Michael Brathovde:
- Reserve Silica finished silica mining in 2007, for 16 years they have been in reclamation.
- Four attempts to up-zone the property to residential.
- 403 acres Property.
- 2016 Cement Kiln Dust was brought to the property.
- Clearcut 40 acres that was not to be cut without a permit/ lied about the permit.
- Once clearcut they started dumping on it.
- In January 2022 they suggested they would like an asphalt or concrete processing plant.
- In April 2023 we sent a letter of questions about what was happening.
- 33 truckloads of Arsarco Waste were dumped on the site.
- Arsenic, lead and other heavy metals were likely dumped.
- Current updates:
- Questions from letter are still unanswered.
- Reserve Silica has been shut down "for maintenance"
- Not sure what/ who shut them down, they are not accepting new dumping.
- DOE Toxic Cleanup- There was a release of hazardous stuff on site.
- 33 truckloads spread out over 40 acres and then covered with 20 ft of fill.

- Since the Arsarco Waste has been mixed with fill it has been diluted.
- Contaminated dumping does not pose a health threat.
- Has been added to known hazards sites and Reserve Silica will have to continue to monitor it.
- Re-sent unanswered questions in a letter back to the County.
- Reserve Silica likely has made money from the timber sale and dumping fees.
- Will there be any penalties?
- All evidence was nothing was approved.
- Would like to get answers to our questions first.

5. Segale Mining Operation Permit Application:

- Tim O'Brien (President, Enumclaw Plateau Community Association:
- Proposed Cumberland Mine Complex and Asphalt Plant.
- Four parcels (approximately 1,000 acres) close to the Green River surround one square mile of DNR land.
- Want to trade three of the parcels (West, North, and East) closest to the river for the DNR land.
- Trade has been proposed for a few years, but KC has not approved the trade.
- Unlikely they would get permit for the three parcels they would like to trade.
- Permit application is for 5 mines and an asphalt plant.
- They want to take out 55 million tons of rock over 25 to 35 years.
- Then they would have to reclaim in by bringing in 55 million tons of fill.
- Fill is supposed to be clean but often does have contaminates.
- They would need 250,000 gallons of water per day to wash the rock.
- They don't have water rights.
- They would have to truck in or pile in water, where are they going to get the water?
- They want to go to Cumberland Water Coop to get the water.
- To truck it in would take 25 trucks a day each with 10,000 gallons.
- They are asking for all 5 mines and the asphalt plant on one permit, not 6 permits.
- There is a lot of animal migration through the site.
- What is GMVUAC going to do?
- Do we want to submit a set of comments?
- Comments would be due by March 12, 2024.
- Do we want to submit a comment to request Determination of significance which would require an environmental impact study?
- We reviewed our comment letter we submitted in 2017 about Lakeside Industries for comparison.
- Could we submit a letter in Support of private citizens making their public comments in place of submitting our own?
- These ideas were discussed and a motion was made:

Motion: Buchanan- Motion to submit letter calling for a Determination of Significance referencing letters from Tim and Mike. Second: Neuner, Approve – Hiester, Rimbo, Buchanan, Harvey, Neuner, Hansen, Reject—Iverson, Motion Passes.

Updates to Committee Reports:

Executive: N/A

PR: N/A

Joint Team: N/A

Growth Management: N/A

Environment: N/A

Transportation: N/A

Buchanan adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:34 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.