

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – December 2, 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 7:05 PM on Monday, December 2, 2024.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Rimbos, Buchanan, Neuner, Harvey, 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: Hansen- Move to approve agenda. Second: Neuner, Approved – All.

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1. Public Comments (7:08): N/A

2. On-Site Sewage System 2024 Code Revisions—Meagan Jackson (HE Investigator I) (7:08):

- Septic Code revisions:
  - Was here earlier this year, here again to discuss final revisions.
- State revised their codes so King County had to revise their codes to comply.
- January 2024- State Board of Health adopts revised state codes.
- February 2024- Technical Advisory Committee meetings.
- April 2024- Initial outreach interviews.
- May 2024- Public Comment meeting.
- January/February 20250 King County Board of Health briefing and possible vote.
- April 1, 2025- Code changes go into effect.
- Over the last 8 months:
  - Meeting with 711 registered voters.
  - Survey from 614 people.
  - 700 emails.
  - 10256 people visited the website.
  - Posted 47 Social Media posts.
- Codes that reduce cost:
  - Add waiver process to permit OSS replacement when sewer connection is not feasible.
  - Reduce inspection frequency for proprietary OSS.

- Remove some requirements for notices on title.
- Minor repairs no longer require permits.
- Codes that removed barriers:
  - Allow smaller pressure distribution drain fields.
  - Reduce ADU sizing requirements.
  - Reframe pumper certification as pumper/technician certification- allow to pump and inspect gravity OSS.
  - Extend TOS inspection timeline from 6 months to 12 months.
- Oversight aligned with risk:
  - Require that OSS failures are reported within 5 business days- no fee for this report.
  - Create bedroom definition.
  - Add code of Performance and Ethics- hold industry accountable.
- Next Steps:
  - Proposed Language and comments provided will be posted on OSS website.
  - The BOH will consider the proposal in January/February 2025.
  - The code will go into effect April 1, 2025.
  - Sign up for updates @ [www.kingcounty.gov/oss/alerts](http://www.kingcounty.gov/oss/alerts)

#### Council Business (8:15)

1. KCCP Major Update:
  - Rimbos:
  - December 3, 2024- Council members meet to review.
  - They were supposed to vote but the vote has been pushed back to December 10, 2024.
  - Might have to go to the PSRC to reject them, they are not following the GMA.
  - Rimbos gave update on the 2024 KCCP Major update.
  
2. Upcoming Council Elections/Nominations:
  - Buchanan:
  - Discussed if anyone wanted to do something different- either stepping down or taking something on.
  - Based on our discussion it seems everyone is ok with what they are doing.
  - We will discuss and vote on this at our January 6, 2025 meeting.
  
3. Sub-Area Plan:
  - Rimbos:
  - We want to make sure the Sub-Area Plan is reflective of our wants.
  - Want to recommend that our committees work with the Sub-Area Planner that is working on each topic.
  - Rimbos is volunteering to coordinate this effort.
  - We want to be involved in what is written, don't just want to comment on what they write.

#### 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 9:11 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.