

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 5, 2025

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station and virtually via Zoom was called to order by Hiester at approximately 7:00 PM on Monday, May 5, 2025.

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

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: Buchanan- proxy Harvey.

Absent: N/A

Resignation: N/A

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

Agenda Items:

Addition agenda item:

- Iverson: Future Speakers.

Motion: Neuner- Move to approve agenda. Second: Iverson, Approved – All.

1. Public Comments: N/A

2. Sub-Area Planning—Kaitlin Harris, Susan Mclain (7:06):

- Project Update:
 - Two project managers have left to other jobs.
 - Currently recruiting.
 - PRR Consulting firm has been contracted.
- Schedule:
 - Lot of work in the background.
 - Late summer/early fall: Preliminary Draft Plan.
 - In-person event winter 2025/2026 for PRD.
 - Continue to meet with GMVUAC.
- PRR Consultants:
 - GMV/CR work program.
 - Work plan refinement and coordination.
 - Deep engagement.
 - Equity Impact Review (EIR) phase 2 and 3 support.
 - Survey development.
 - Engagement reporting.
- Planning Schedule:
 - Preplanning.

- Community Scoping Plan.
- Preliminary Plan (we are currently here).
- Public Review Draft.
- Transmittal June 2026.
- Less than 6 months between public review draft and transmittal to King County Council.
- Community Conversations:
 - February 19, 2025 – Equity/Vision/Principle.
 - March 5, 2025 – Environment/Park/Open Spaces/Culture Resources.
 - March 19, 2025 – Economic/Housing/Human services.
 - April 2, 2025 – Land Use/Zoning/Utilities.
 - April 16, 2025 – Transportation.
 - These meetings are for those that live/work/play in the Sub-Area Plan area.
- What We Heard.
 - Environment/Parks and Open Space/Culture resources/Economic Development/House and Human Services/Land use and Zoning/Utilities and Services we discussed.
- Barriers and challenges Results.
 - Participants:
 - Mostly white/Caucasian.
 - Mostly 65+
 - Mostly English speakers.
 - Top Barriers and challenges:
 - Parks/Green Space- not enough parks.
 - Community and Public Safety- slow emergency response times.
 - Safe Roads- not enough space to walk.
 - Clean and Safe Environment- some areas experience more pollution and health risks.
- Deep Engagement:
 - PRR support for person power and ground work.
 - Identify community connectors.
 - Food Bank.
 - Backpack Buddies.
 - TSD.
 - Faith Based.
- Next Steps:
 - PRR hosting 1x1 small group conversations.
 - Integrating community conversation feedback.
 - IDT/SME.

Council Business (8:10)

1. Reserve Silica Draft Letter (8:10):
 - Rimbos:
 - Michael Brathovde has drafted a letter we would like to submit to Leon Richardson DLS Director.
 - Letter is big picture that gives the history of the Reserve Silica Site.
 - Michael provided a summary of the letter.
 - Discussion was had about history of the Reserve Silica site/letter.

- Rimbos would like to ask Leon Richardson to have a meeting with Rimbos/Greg Wingard/Michael Brathovde.

Motion: Rimbos- Motion to add invite to Leon Richardson and approve letter to be sent to Leon Richardson. Second: N/A.

Motion did not get a second and is tabled for now.

- Discussion on the motion- GMVUAC wants to make sure the letter is accurate, wants more time to review the letter.
- Do we want to review letter and vote on it next meeting or have the executive committee vote to approve the letter?
- Rimbos will review the letter and get back to the executive committee to vote on letter.

2. May 1st Forum (9:08):

- Rimbos:
- Five people from King County including Leon Richardson.
- Members from every UAC in the rural area were there.
- Rimbos is going to put out a set of Minutes- once approved we will send to King County to make sure we got it right.
- There were unanswered questions they committed to getting back to us on.
- Leon Richardson said he was wanting to have more meetings like this.

3. Future Speakers (9:20):

- Hiester:
 - Who did Iverson want for the June 2025 meeting?
 - Also going to invite the Mayor of Maple Valley Sean Kelly.

Updates to Committee Reports:

Executive: N/A

PR: N/A

Joint Team: N/A

Growth Management: N/A

Environment: N/A

Transportation: N/A

Hiester adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:22 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.