

Minutes of 12/18/96 Meeting of the Four Creeks U.A.C. as changed per UAC meeting 1/15/97

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. In attendance, were Members: Gordon Christensen, Leonard J. Davidson, Norm Green, Ray Griffin , Mary Ellen Hamblin, Rich Harris, Kathryn J. Kaluzny, Bob Rhoades, J. Patrick Spencer, Jack Steidl, Ken Ulrich, Jr., and Everett Wilcock. Also in attendance was Bong Santo Domingo.

1. Minutes of Meetings on November 20, 1996 and Special Meeting of December 2, 1996. Kathryn Kaluzny had received one correction to the minutes, that Rick Kofmehl represented the 10th District. With that change, Ray Griffin moved and Norm Green seconded a motion to approve the minutes. It passed 11 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report and UAC Budget: Mary Ellen Hamblin reported that the treasury had \$40.71, owed \$10.31 for a bill she had just received leaving a net of \$ 30.40.

Everett Wilcock said Brian Derdowski requested a budget for this UAC of \$3,500, enough money to send one newsletter to everyone in the UAC area, so people can subscribe to it. Everett said the UAC would need a newsletter chairman. Everett said, in the interim, each Member should ask neighborhood associations for a contribution of at least \$25. Mary Ellen said that the UAC should have a fundraiser someday to generate money and solidarity. Leonard Davidson suggested Members chip in, instead, to save time. Mary Ellen collected \$130 from the Members.

3. Agenda; Meeting Management: Everett Wilcock explained that, since he had been ill, he was unable to set the agenda in advance of the meeting. He then set the agenda at the meeting, taking up matters suggested by Members present. Everett said that he runs meetings with a heavy hand, that he will let opponents speak, that he does not want any repetition; he asked that, if anyone feels that he is unfair, the person should let him know, that he has a thick skin.

Bob Rhoades said that the last UAC meeting was like another meeting he and Mary Ellen Hamblin had attended, that the presentation was interrupted with questions, which led to fragmentation and wasting time.

4. New Meeting Day: Ray Griffin said that he and Rod Dembowski had a conflict on the regular UAC meeting day. There was discussion about: meeting on a different day of the month, whether the By-laws needed amendment, and notifying the public that the meeting day would be changed. Bob Rhoades made a motion, seconded by Ray Griffin, to explore the possibility of meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at our next regular meeting, on January 15, 1997. The motion passed 9 to 0, with two abstentions.

5. Structure of UAC Committees and Purpose of UAC: Pat Spencer said that we needed to consider specialties and create an internal structure for the UAC to cover matters like landfill, surface water management, parks, and roads. He passed around a copy of the North Highline UAC committee structure. That UAC's committees include: capital improvement, community relations, county services, county annexation, law, executive, ad hoc, and committee of the whole. Bong Santo Domingo said the Maple Valley UAC has committees which parallel King County Council Committees, with a contact person on the Council for each. The Members discussed what committees our UAC should have. Norm Green made a motion, seconded by Ray Griffin, to create a committee on committees, to study the matter. The motion passed 11 to 0. Everett Wilcock appointed Ray Griffin, Gordon Christensen, Bob Rhoades, Norm Green, and himself to this committee.

Later in the meeting, Rich Harris said that we needed more discussion of what the UAC is trying to do. He noted we need to focus on communication with the county and our constituency. Mary Ellen Hamblin said that state legislation in the upcoming session was important. Everett said that he receives his information from 1,000 Friends of Washington, a group that lobbied for the Growth Management Act and reasonable growth management. Ray Griffin said that we should not become known as a group of nay-sayers. Everett said that, in negotiations, he tries to come up with an alternative that is acceptable to each side. Pat Spencer said the committee on committees should do a statement of purpose. Everett read the statement of purpose from the Bylaws.

6. Maps of UAC: Bob Rhoades said he needed a map with a better delineation of UAC districts, by streets. Everett Wilcock said Records and Elections has metes and bounds for every precinct. A Member said people usually know in which precinct they reside. Leonard Davidson gave Bob a map that he said could be annotated with street names in a couple of minutes.

7. Tape Recording and Transcription of Meetings. Some time after the meeting began, Everett said that the meeting was being recorded. Kathryn Kaluzny said she did not know the meeting to this point was being recorded. Everett and Bong Santo Domingo said that taping was needed to have an accurate record, that county employees would listen to the tapes, try to make sense of what was said, and put it in a minutes format. Jack Steidl expressed concern about the expense this entailed. He was told by several Members that there was no expense because the county would do the transcription. Bong said one other UAC was having minutes drafted by county employees. Leonard Davidson said that he understood that, once the tapes of meetings were made, they had to be maintained forever. Bong said he had only one tape to use for our UAC meetings. Everett said that he would purchase additional tapes for Bong. Bong told Kathryn she would have the draft minutes by Friday and they would be done on the latest word processing system of "Word," so they could be edited on a disk.

8. Stonegate Variance on 148th Ave.: Kathryn Kaluzny gave a report of two telephone calls from Tom Bertek.

He said he had asked for additional information concerning the regrading of the road before he made a decision; and he would get in touch, once he had a more complete file.

9. Cedar Hills Regional Landfill: Everett Wilcock said that he forgot to bring in the letter sent on behalf of the UAC to the county and summarized the contents. He said the letter cited the odor, noise, wetland on the south, and a guarantee of closure when Areas 3 and 4 were filled, all phrased in the form of questions. Kathryn Kaluzny requested a copy of the letter for the UAC files and, after many Members requested copies, there was a consensus that a copy should be sent to each Member with the minutes of this meeting.

10. Copies for Meetings: Gordon Christensen offered use of his copier for meeting materials for the cost of the paper. He said the machine enlarges and reduces copies.

11. Roads: Ray Griffin said a certain levee had not been cleared recently. It was suggested he call Rod Matsuno at 296-8100. Everett Wilcock gave Kathryn Kaluzny an organizational chart for the Road Services Division for the UAC files. Each member was given two single-page pamphlets, one called "Need Something Done?" produced by the King County Dep't of Transportation, Road Services Division, and one called "Snow & Ice/We're all in it together," produced by the City of Seattle Engineering Dep't, Transportation division, King County, and Washington State Dep't of Transportation.

12. Water Basin: \$6,000,000 is budgeted for the Issaquah Creek basin, several million dollars for the Coal Creek basin, and the regular budget amount for the May Creek basin. On January 14, 1997 at 7 p.m., John Lombard, phone 296-8051 and fax 296-0192, will be at the May Valley Alliance Church to discuss the May Creek Basin Plan. Everett Wilcock said that John Lombard wanted to attend the December 18th UAC meeting, to talk to us in advance of the meeting January 14th. Pat Spencer made a motion that he or his representative attend the UAC meeting on January 15th. Ray Griffin said that he understood John Lombard preferred that we attend the meeting on the 14th and not have to make a second trip to the same area the next evening. Someone said the primary focus was to make things better for Paul Allen by repairing May Creek where it washes the gully. Someone said that John Lombard may have a regularly scheduled meeting the evening of the 15th. Everett said the plan is to attend the briefing on the 14th and ask the hard questions on the 15th at the UAC meeting. Bong said we needed to get the agenda out ahead of time. The vote on Pat Spencer's motion was 10 to 0, with one abstention.

13. Regional Finance and Oversight Committee: Mary Ellen Hamblin, expressing concern over the lack of citizen involvement, reported she and Bill Elder were the only regular citizens to attend a recent meeting of the Regional Finance and Oversight Committee ("RFOC"). At its meetings, the RFOC considers how to divvy up city and county services and makes plans to go to the legislature with taxing proposals. Rich Harris moved

and Kathryn Kaluzny seconded a motion that, at future RFOC meetings, Mary Ellen announce she is an elected representative. Everett Wilcock said there are other committees out there making changes to county government and we needed to make our presence known. Rich Harris brought up the Issaquah bypass, saying there was input from the City of Issaquah and the county roads dep't but no regular citizen input for the unincorporated area. Everett said we need to rock the boat, e.g., at the Charter Review Commission meeting. A Member noted unincorporated areas were left out under growth management. The motion passed 11 to 0.

14. Issaquah Bypass. Rich Harris said the EIS process was starting now and that consultants were hired. He offered the Members Scope & Comment forms. He said that no changes were under consideration for the Issaquah-Hobart Road and that there was no plan to relate the two for planning purposes. Everett Wilcock said that, if the bypass is done, development will follow. There are no future meetings scheduled. Comments must be postmarked by December 31st. Rich said he would put the UAC on the mailing list.

15. Annexations. Everett Wilcock said there was a proposal to change the Growth Management Act to make annexations easier. He thought the next Land Use Study Commission meeting is January 9th.

16. Access near Apollo School. Bob Rhoades said that access to a private road at the southeast corner of Apollo School has been denied for six years by the owner placing a chain across the road. He did not know if there was an easement for use of the road. Everett said he should keep the UAC informed about this.

17. Mailing List. Bong Santo Domingo said he could give the UAC a disk with data for mailing labels for about 200 of the 300 people who signed in for UAC ballots; he said that about 100 names were illegible.

18. Locke Farewell Tour. Bong Santo Domingo said Gary Locke is doing a farewell tour beginning January 8th. The following Members indicated to Bong their interest in it: Gordon Christensen, Bob Rhoades, Bob Ulrich, Mary Ellen Hamblin, Leonard Davidson, Kathryn Kaluzny, Rich Harris, and Norm Green.

19. Timely Information from King County. Everett Wilcock said he receives the Agendas for King County Council meetings on the days of the meetings. Gordon Christensen asked when the UAC should be informed of County government activities by, for example DDES, County Roads. Bong Santo Domingo said the UAC should be informed before it happens. He said that Vashon Island wrote a letter to the King County Council asking to be informed of all pending matters. Everett said that Gary Locke was busy and Ron Sims, the new county executive, was more amenable to better communication with the UACs. Rich Harris suggested we send a letter requesting better communication. Pat Spencer asked who would draft a letter in line with this motion. Everett said the motion was to write a letter to Ron Sims and Jane Hague to keep us informed. The motion passed.

20. Package of UAC materials. Norm Green suggested that Bong Santo Domingo provide us with a standard package of UAC materials, including the executive proclamation, the motion by the King County Council, the Bylaws, an Organization Chart, a map, a phone list, a committee chart, and a copy of the letterhead.

21. 1,000 Friend of Washington and Time for Presentations to the UAC. Mary Ellen Hamblin will invite a speaker from 1,000 Friends of Washington to speak at the February UAC meeting, which would be on the second Tuesday. Bong Santo Domingo suggested we have committee reports and new business in the first half of UAC meetings and presentations in the second half. Pat Spencer suggested a 20-minute presentation and 20 minutes for questions and answers. Ray Griffin suggested we handle UAC business first and speakers second. Mary Ellen Hamblin was concerned about jumping around. A motion was made to hear speakers at 8:00 p.m. for a specified period of time. Everett Wilcock tabled the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

22. District 2 Representative. After formal adjournment, Stan Rabe, who was at the meeting and lives in District 2, said he was willing to serve as representative for District 2. The UAC resumed the meeting briefly, and voted unanimously to appoint Stan to represent District 2.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn J. Kaluzny, Secretary