

Minutes of 7/8/97 Meeting of the Four Creeks U.A.C.

The meeting began at 7:08 p.m. In attendance, were Members Leonard J. Davidson, Norm Green, Ray Griffin, Mary Ellen Hamblin, Rich Harris, Kathryn J. Kaluzny, J. Patrick Spencer (arr. 8 p.m.), Jack Steidl, and Everett Wilcock. Also in attendance was Bong Santo Domingo.

1. Minutes of Meeting for June 10, 1997. Consideration of the June meeting minutes was deferred to the next UAC meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report. [There is nothing in the Secretary's notes about this.]

3. Site Alteration Code Citizens Oversight Committee. Ray reported that Bob attended the Site Alteration Code Citizens Oversight Committee. There were no resolutions passed. The last meeting was June 26th.

4. Telecommunications Towers. Everett said there are two more permits for telecommunication towers, at 18370 Echo Lake Cutoff and 16302 S.E. Renton-Issaquah Road. Rich said there are eight cellular companies. Nextel pays \$500 per month rent for the tower on Water District 90 land and wants to erect a second tower. The county wants these to be exempt from a special use permit.

5. Cedar Hills Landfill and Cedar Grove Composting. It was reported that the Cedar Grove Composting facility reversed their air quality control system in May 1997, having wet grass and a greater volume of waste than allowed. (Cedar Grove applied for a permit to expand their facility in March 1997.) Greg Bishop, supervisor of the Solid Waste Division of the King County-Seattle Health Department, said Cedar Grove was liable for fines of up to \$11,500 per day for violations. The Health Department has issued four notices of violation to Cedar Grove and is ready to impose serious sanctions. A motion, seconded by Jack, was made to share the information we have about the facility with the Maple Valley UAC. The motion passed 7 to 0. Everett said he would ask Greg Bishop and someone from Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency to attend our next meeting. Rich made a motion that the UAC have all interested parties at our next meeting, which passed 6 to 0, with one abstention.

6. Possible Merger of Water District 90 and Water District 107. Lucy Copass, of Taylor/Consulting (232-7687), made a brief presentation about a proposed merger of Water District 90 and Water District 107. (Ray and Norm are commissioners for the former.) District 107, Coal Creek, covers territory north and west of District 90. She said that water districts fade or merge as cities spread. She noted that any merger would be in the distant future. When asked, she offered no time line for any decision about the possible merger.

Leonard asked the reasons for a proposed merger. Ray said the district wants to know our concerns about a possible merger. He thinks the merger would allow for lower cost water and sewer services that the Cities of Bellevue and Renton.. He said that, if District 90 merges with District 107, it would protect Coal Creek from annexation with the Bellevue system. He thinks that the Burnsted annexation would impact District 90. He estimates District 90 is 50:50 urban rural and District 107 is more urban, so a merger would result in a district about 75% urban.

Ray said District 107 has greater debt than District 90. He said District 90 was installing new pipe and meters, and noted that sewers in District 90 were not costly as gravity plays a significant role. Ray said a merger would protect both districts from annexation by a city. He said small districts do not have the money to meet regulations. Re the requirement that a single city must cover 60%, Everett was concerned that interlocal agreements were being used to generate 60%.

Leonard asked who brought up the possibility of a merger. Ray said it was the commissioners. Ray said District 90 covers more of the urban area than the UAC. Pat, noting High Valley's board meeting was the next day, asked why the merger was proposed. Ray said that, if the Burnsted is annexed, then the gravity sewer system would be lost, sewer customers would turn to Renton, and there goes District 90.

7. Committee Reports. Leonard reported that May Valley Mobile Homes, a low income housing authority operation at 164th and S.R. 900, may be getting FEMA funds intended for those affected by our recent flooding.

There are about a dozen transportation projects in the UAC area.

8. Newsletter. Pat distributed a draft of the UAC newsletter, to be finalized and sent within a couple of weeks. A candidate list is to be published by October 10th. Bong has \$1,500, and Everett said that Brian Derdowski promised to provide additional money, though no amount was set. Everett wants the mailing sent to 13,000 households. There was discussion of \$30,000 to \$40,000 in funding, available to be spent to fight substance abuse, domestic violence, etc. Bong suggested we apply to get funds for the UAC newsletter. Pat was not sure the UAC should apply. Bong said the UAC could hold a forum about domestic violence and tweak the language a bit in the funding application. Kathryn contended that public bodies like the UAC should be like Caesar's wife, above reproach, not tweak language for a grant. Everett noted that we were interested in the funding, but could not act quickly enough. Bong said that he would convey the UAC's interest in applying for funding if more time could be allowed for the application.

9. Charter Review Commission ("CRC") Recommendations. Everett reported the CRC recommendations were dead on arrival. He said the chairs of UAC's are to meet, and the King County Council may appoint them and other interested persons to a committee to study governance of the unincorporated areas.

10. Newcastle Annexation. Pat said that he sent E-mail to five County Council members, Paul Tanaka, Deputy King County Executive, and Ron Sims, asking that the county support a request for review of the proposed annexation by the Boundary Review Board ("BRB"). The BRB accepted jurisdiction on July 2nd, and the matter is open for comment, so the UAC may do so.

11. Members Who Miss Three Consecutive Meetings. Rich made a motion, seconded by Pat, to remove Rick and Rod because they missed three consecutive meetings. Neither was contacted. Everett said Rod informed him by E-mail that he was getting married and moving away from the area. Kathryn noted that Gordon had missed three consecutive meetings. There was discussion of whether the reference to "Gordon Wilcock" being at the May 13th meeting meant Gordon or Everett; it was ascertained that it was Everett. There was a vote of 3 to 1 to add Gordon to the motion to remove Members who missed three consecutive meetings. The motion to remove passed 4 to three, with Everett breaking what was otherwise a tie vote.

Mary Ellen made a motion, seconded by Jack, to amend to bylaws [Article V] to provide that the UAC "may" remove Members who miss three consecutive regular meetings, instead of "shall."

Ray suggested instead that the three absences be "unexcused." Norm seconded Ray's motion and asked who would determine whether absences were unexcused. Ray said the UAC as a whole. Everett tabled the motions.

12. Miscellaneous Matters. Bong said the UAC has a telephone number now which is a mailbox for messages.

Records and Elections will hold elections only for eligible voters so, if the UAC wants that agency to run UAC elections, the Bylaws would have to be changed. The guidelines for the Voter's Information Pamphlet are available.

Everett said the Maple Valley UAC wants to receive our minutes.

Mary Ellen said get well cards should be sent to Gordon and Stan. There was agreement by consensus.

Mary Ellen said the Regional Finance and Oversight Committee was having a meeting on July 31st about annexation areas, at 1011 Western, maybe from 4 to 6 p.m. Norm and Kathryn might be available to attend.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn J. Kaluzny, Secretary