

**FOUR CREEKS UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 13, 1999**

Called to Order:

7:00pm on January 13, 1999

Members Present:

Marilyn Carlson, Mary Ellen Hamblin, Norm Green, Dorothy Knitter, Daniel Leonard, Del Moore, David Prochazka, Stephanie Proulx, Stan Rabe, Everett Wilcock

Minutes:

- Edits to December 1998 minutes:
 - "Discussion of **concern** of housing on wetlands"
 - Robin Sullivan**, King County Counsel Staff, shared her slide presentation on community unincorporated areas
- Discussion of King County Arts Initiative and applications for funding
- State Incentive Grant to fund prevention program discussed
- Three 195-foot lattice towers to be erected on Tiger Mountain
- ADA Advisory Committee – discussion regarding interest of serving on this committee
- Mary Ellen Hamblin announced that six people are interested in FCUAC vacancies: Jeff Early, Judy Gottlieb, Marlene Griffin, Leslie Morgan, Greg Rand and Stuart Whitaker. More details are needed on the applicants, i.e. what area or precinct are they from, etc.

Public Comment:

- Claudia Donnelly stated that the Sewer Comprehensive Plan is ready for review at the King County Library and the Issaquah School District. Impact fees assessed at \$161.
- Roger Paulson announced that a meeting to discuss the BRB will be held at Briarwood Elementary School on February 23 at 7pm. A hearing on this matter requires 5% of registered voters and the costs is around \$200.
- Reminder: King County Dept. of Licensing is offering pet licenses at the following locations the week of February 27 through March 2, 1999: QFC, Albertsons, Safeway, and the Community Service Center in Lake Wilderness
- Request that members have or wear name tags at FCUAC meetings repeated.
- Maps of the various precincts were requested

Neighborhood Police Officer's Report:

- Mel Miller re-emphasized that there have been several burglaries in the Mirrormont development. There have been reports of stolen cars in the Lake MacDonald area - four have been recovered by the "Y."
- Major Fay Brooks spoke on Community Police reporting in the Four Creeks area. Informational handout issued by the King County Sheriff's Office focusing on the goals, problem-solving, crime prevention and implementation of Community Policing. Maj. Brooks reminded members of the upcoming **Citizens Academy** sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and encouraged those interested to request an application packet. Starting **March 18, 1999**, the Citizens Academy will be held **Thursday evenings from 6 to 9pm** at the Police precinct in Maple Valley. **This program is 13 weeks long.** The program is limited to **25** people, and the slots fill up quickly, so a prompt response, along with a strong commitment to attend, is encouraged. There is no cost to apply or enroll in the Academy. **For more information on the Citizens Academy or to request an application packet, call Detectives Charles Douglas or Craig Sarver at (206) 296-3883.**
- Question raised regarding the necessity of obtaining an officer's crime report before contacting the insurance company (in the case of burglary/property damage). The Police will personally take statements. Motion by Dan Leonard regarding opinion for approval and support of the MVPD. More information can be obtained from accessing the following web site: **www.MetroKC-gov.sheriff**

Other Topics:

- FCUAC Newsletter: Featured article reported on the Salmon Recovery/Endangered Species Act. Any decisions and course of action to counter the demise leading to the decline of natural environment and quality of life needs to go before registered voters.
- Submissions on any subject (upon approval) for the next newsletter are due February 28
- How is the newsletter approved? The Board reviews the articles before the Newsletter is sent out. Question and discussion of whether a disclaimer stating that the articles are 'not necessarily the views of the Board' should be added to the Newsletter.

Bylaw Changes:

At last month's meeting, an amendment was proposed that no more than one person per address be allowed to serve in capacity as a board member of the FCUAC. A discussion was held this evening before the vote on this amendment. Concern raised whether the Board would be perceived as lopsided, and the perception that interest is concentrated in one area. Vote count: 3 for, 4 against, 2 abstaining. Motion denied.

Budget:

The King County Department of Community and Human Services ("KCDCHS") will disburse funds in the amount of \$10,000 to support the "unincorporated area council activities" of the FCUAC (see 1999 Memorandum of Understanding attached). Last year, approximately \$8,100 in funds were allocated to production of the Newsletter; approximately \$600 in funds went to secretarial support. Producing the newsletter quarterly instead of 3 times a year would cost approximately \$2,500 per mailing. A request was made for volunteers to help with mailings to lower costs. Door-to-door delivery was also suggested.

KCDCHS: should it consist of community governance? KCDCHS is funded by King County, but you have to apply for funding.

1999 KC Tax Revenues, Council District 12 Property Taxes memorandum distributed.

Work Program Plan:

Ideas, problems and suggestions were discussed in regards to the Four Creeks community. What does the community want/need? Area representatives should be consulted. FCUAC members were asked to pick 3 or 4 problems to work on in the community (i.e., sidewalks?). It was suggested that the placement of a questionnaire in the Newsletter might improve outreach. Responses could be returned by pre-paid postage on the questionnaire, email, a web site, etc.

Some suggestions included:

- A Community Center?
- The old QFC is closing - proposals include a smaller grocery store, an ice-skating rink, indoor soccer arena
- A Bookmobile in the area? In the summer?
- Traffic Safety / Reader Boards?
- Liberty High School: parking and speeding issues – should school taxes be used to support these issues/

A suggestion was made by Mary Ellen Hamblin to hold a function ("Get Acquainted" party) to gather more interest in FCUAC.

Stan Rabe suggested that members deal with problems in our own areas.

A motion on the Work Program was proposed on the above ideas and suggestions. They may be possible to explore more fully in the next year. It was proposed that members focus more on neighborhood problems and gathering responses from the questionnaire.

Old Business:

FCUAC is against a proposal to fill in the wetland across from the old QFC. A veterinary hospital was suggested.

New Business:

- How to budget mailings to stay under \$8,000.
- How to stay in touch with constituents and find out what issues are.
- Home Owners Association
- School sidewalk fund – KC issue
- Highway safety – KC Roads

Meeting Adjourned:

9:00pm