Minutes – Draft

Four Creeks Unincorporated Council

Regular Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2007 at May Valley Alliance Church

Submitted by David Braswell, Secretary

Attending Members:	
D1: Rick Spence	\mathbf{X}
D2: Eileen Lane	О
D3: Karen Kidwell	\mathbf{X}
D4: David Braswell	\mathbf{X}
D5: Tom Carpenter	\mathbf{X}
D6: Bette Filley	\mathbf{X}
D7: Marshall Brenden	О
D8: Dick Fackenthall	O
D9: Sharon Schimke	\mathbf{X}
D10: Larry Wright	\mathbf{X}
D11: John Vukov	О
At-Large 1: Rich Nelson	O
At-Large 2: Doug Bandelin	n X
At-Large 3: Edie Jorgense	n X
At-Large 4: Chuck Pillon	\mathbf{X}

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Spence at 7:08 p.m.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

Police Report:

King County Deputy Steve Maxwell reported that there were 11 Burglaries (down from 14 in November), 7 Auto Thefts, and 14 Larcenies (down from 17 in November) in this area this month. Deputy Maxwell also spoke about the increasing pressure in the legislature for increased sentencing for auto thefts, noting that one proposal calls for a one year minimum sentence for individuals convicted of a second auto theft charge. He also addressed the issues of prison overcrowding, while noting that over one half of auto thieves are juveniles. On a personal note, Deputy Maxwell informed the Council that he will be retiring soon, and that this will be his last report to the Council. He hopes to be able to introduce his replacement at the February or March regular meeting

Meeting Minutes:

As all members had not had the opportunity to review minutes, their approval was deferred until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Edie Jorgensen reported that King County had been fully invoiced for the full \$10,000 allocated to the UAC. Included in the invoicing was 2006 payment for use of the May Valley Church facilities for meetings; items related to the 2005 election, and pre-billing for mailing services associated with a community survey. Because the account was over-invoiced, Marissa Alegria, KC Community Service Representative, indicated we could re-submit invoices against the 2007 budget. \$5404.09 was deposited in December and \$6153.91 was paid out of the account. Items paid included the Directors and Officers insuranceweb and election expenses.

Treasurer Jorgensen requested that there be an additional signer on the account in the even of financial items needing to be done in her absence. It was suggested that it should be another officer who would be willing to do the required in-person visit to the bank. Larry Wright indicated willingness to assume that role.

Jorgensen moved, and David B. seconded that Washington Mutual bank remain the UAC's bank of record and that Vice President Larry Wright be designated as the second signer on the checking account held there. Unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker – Reagan Dunn, King County Councilmember (District 9)

Mr. Dunn began by noting that last year was the first year that he had the opportunity to represent this district, 40% of which is Unincorporated King County.

He then detailed some of the progress that has been made in the following year, including:

- -Changes to Home Business Regulations: home businesses can now have up to 4 vehicles, and can now have up to 3 employees on site.
- Success of 'Meth Watch': 100% success rate currently 15/15 on meth busts.

- Unanimous Passage of Ordinance by King County Council to remove Social Security Numbers and Dates of Birth from County on-line sources.
- Mr. Dunn was appointed Chair of both Transportation Committees, and plans to work on making I-405 into a 4 lane route, and fixing the I-167 interchange problems.

Rick Spence raised the issue of I-605, and voiced his opinion that there is need for an emergency transportation corridor. He suggested a new high capacity highway without subsequent overdevelopment, as this would serve to protect both the people of the area in case of emergency, and the environment.

Tom Carpenter questioned Mr. Dunn about future Affordable Housing Issues. Mr. Dunn said that an analysis on this topic would be done in the future.

Larry Wright provided a Report of the Four Creeks UAC Emergency Committee to Mr. Dunn and the Council, in which Mr. Wright presented the following ideas:

- 1) In cases of Emergencies, Local Schools can serve as Places of Refuge for people in the surrounding community. Individuals in the community could serve as volunteers to open the schools in times of emergencies.
- 2) Local Government should work with gas stations to ensure that the stations all have emergency generators, so that gas can be pumped in times of emergency. Incentives could be offered if necessary.

Larry Wright had drafted a letter outlining the ideas above, and presented a copy to everyone present.

Motion: Doug Bandelin moved, David Braswell seconded, that the letter drafted by Mr. Wright be submitted to the King County Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Spence suggested sending the letter to the King County Executive as well, and Edie Jorgensen suggested asking the other Unincorporated Area Councils to endorse the letter.

Guest Speakers – Paul Reitenbach, Senior Policy Analyst, King County Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) and Stephanie Warden, Director of DDES.

Mr. Reitenbach distributed copies of the King County Comprehensive Plan update, which applies only to Unincorporated Areas. He noted that 2008 is the next year for major Updates, and went through the Plan's topical issues, before addressing questions and comments from the Council.

Rick Spence opined that the County should expedite permitting for building on farmlands, further noting that excessive fees (e.g. inspection fees) are a problem. Stephanie Warden responded by noting that the County has reduced Barn permit fees.

Rick Spence also addressed the need to streamline permitting, and mentioned the possible assumption of liability to be taken by engineers or inspectors to facilitate this effort.

Tom Carpenter inquired about the process for moving Urban Growth Boundaries, and Paul Reitenbach explained the process in detail.

Rick Spence also noted the need for more Community Spaces and Parks, suggesting that the County should use mitigation fees from developers to pay for this.

Rick also pointed out to Stephanie Warden that a nearby trailer park had three different drain fields fail for their septic system, which poses health and environmental hazards. Stephanie reported that she would follow up with Public Health on this issue as it is an exception to the Health Code, not Land Use Codes, to have sewer systems extended to the rural areas.

Law and Justice Committee:

Karen Kidwell asked Stephanie Warden what actions are being taken in regards to the problem house on 164th. Karen said that she had photographs of the house's residents' dog attacking people, and license plate numbers of the cars involved in the suspected drug activities, yet no action seems to be underway. Stephanie reported that she would follow up on this issue.

Bylaws:

The Council agreed that proposed amendments to the Four Creeks UAC Bylaws should be send via e-mail to the Executive Committee, and Edie Jorgensen volunteered to manage these proposals (which should be sent to council@foourcreeks.org) and bring them to the next meeting for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.