

**Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2007 at Starbucks Coffee on Sunset Blvd.**

**Submitted by David Braswell, Secretary**

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**Attending Members:**

**D1: Rick Spence            O**

**D2: Eileen Lane            X**

**D3: OPEN**

**D4: David Braswell        X**

**D5: Tom Carpenter        X**

**D6: Bette Filley            X**

**D7: Marshall Brenden     X**

**D8: Dick Fackenthall     X**

**D9: Sharon Schimke       X**

**D10: OPEN**

**D11: John Vukov            O**

**At-Large 1: Rich Nelson    O**

**At-Large 2: Doug Bandelin X**

**At-Large 3: Edie Jorgensen X**

**At-Large 4: Chuck Pillon   O**

**At-Large 5: Karen Kidwell X**

**At-Large 6: Larry Wright   X**

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**Call to Order:** Vice President Larry Wright called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Police Report:**

Deputy Sheriff Jeff Harmon distributed an informative Monthly Newsletter which he prepared especially for Four Creeks Community members. He reported there were 13 burglaries (commercial and residential) in March, which is slightly up from the 12 burglaries in February. He also reported the arrest of a prolific burglar in the area this month.

Deputy Harmon reported that the numbers of larcenies and auto thefts were the same in March as they were in February. (11 larcenies, 1 auto theft). He also noted there was one larceny arrest earlier this month. Additionally, he noted that we can probably expect the number of auto thefts to increase, as there is traditionally a spike in auto thefts in the summer.

On a more positive note, instances of vandalism were significantly down. There was only one in March, compared with five in February.

Karen K. asked Deputy Harmon about the lack of action in relation to the problem house in our community. He advised her to call in more and more.

David B. asked Deputy Harmon if the monthly crime statistics reflected the total instances of all crime in the Four Creeks Community. Deputy Harmon stated that it did not. David B. noted that the present reports are somewhat misleading, as they only tally burglaries, larcenies, auto thefts, and vandalism, suggesting that there is no other crime in the area. David B. asked Harmon if he could provide more complete crime statistics in future meetings, and Deputy Harmon assured him that he could.

**Meeting Minutes:** The approval of last meeting's minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting.

**New Business:****- Guest Speaker: Linda Rasmussen, South King County Regional Director, YWCA**

Ms. Rasmussen informed the Council of a proposal to use the old Cedar Hills Alcohol Treatment Facility as the site for 70 units of housing for women released from jail and prison to "get back on their feet" and reunite with their children. She reported that King County has allocated about \$4 million for this project, but the project will require about \$16 million total.

This housing provided is to be transitional – not permanent. The County will subsidize this housing, requiring the women utilizing it to pay 30 percent of their gross income for the service.

This project is set to open around the spring of 2009. There are plans to have a Child Watch program on-site, which will be an alternative to daycare. This will require many child care volunteers.

Dick F. asked why this particular location was selected. Ms. Rasmussen explained that it was selected because it was a surplus facility. Dick also voiced his concerns about the effect this site would have on the local schools.

David B. asked about transportation for the women living in this facility, noting that the location is rather remote and many of the women just released will not have cars. Linda noted that there is a commuter bus stop nearby the site.

David noted that this bus route has limited operating hours, and that there may not be adequate 9 to 5 employment prospects for these women in the Issaquah, Maple Valley, and Renton areas.

Tom C. stated that the Council should identify who the Councilmember representing the area where this project will be is, and have him/her follow up on this issue and represent the community.

**Committee Reports:** All committee reports were deferred until next meeting.

**Announcement:** Vice President Larry Wright called for a Special Meeting to take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the May Valley Alliance Church so that the Council could address the business deferred at this meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**