

Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council

Regular Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2007 at May Valley Alliance Church

Submitted by David Braswell, Secretary

Attending Members:

D1: Rick Spence X

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 X

At-Large 2: Doug Bandelin X

At-Large 3: Edie Jorgensen O

At-Large 4: Chuck Pillon X

At-Large 5: Karen Kidwell X

At-Large 6: Larry Wright X

Call to Order: President Rick Spence called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Police Report: Deputy Sheriff Harmon spoke about crime in the Four Creeks Area. He fielded several questions on the Eviction process in regards to the problem house in our community. He reported that the Sheriff's Office is the only entity that can physically evict a person once the landlord has taken all the necessary steps. He also stated that the Sheriff's Civil Unit could provide more information about this. A member of the audience asked Deputy Harmon if he could arrange for a Civil Unit representative to meet with us in the near future, and Deputy Harmon said he would look into this. As far as crimes, Burglaries were down slightly (12 in April compared to 13 in March), and Larcenies were down as well (8 in April compared to 11 in March). However, Auto Thefts were up (3 in April compared to 1 in March), and Vandalism was up significantly (12 in April compared to 1 in March). Deputy Harmon noted that with the warmer summer months approaching, more property crimes can be expected based on historical trends.

Meeting Minutes: Secretary David Braswell circulated drafts of the minutes for the meeting of 3/21. Sharon S. pointed out a mistake about her attendance in the draft – she moved that the draft be amended to reflect that she attended, and this motion was carried. David B. moved that the draft be approved as amended, Tom C. seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Edie Jorgensen was absent, so there was no Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

1) Law & Justice Committee Report by Karen Kidwell

Karen spoke about the issues surrounding the problem house. She reported that she has been talking with the landlord about twice a week, and that she has contacted various Eviction Service groups. She reported that there will be a 'Show Cause' hearing on May 25th. Tom C. asked Deputy Harmon why the DEA is not investigating this activity, but Deputy Harmon did not know the answer to this.

2) Charter Review Commission Report by Rich Nelson

Rich N. and Tom C. informed the Council of their recent efforts to develop the FCUAC's contribution to the Proposed Revisions to the King County Charter. Rich and Tom distributed print-outs of their draft powerpoint presentations to the Council members. Rich and Tom emphasized that Unincorporated Areas of King County make up approximately 82% of the County's total area in acres. Thus, they proposed for greater representation of incorporated and rural concerns.

The proposal calls for: 1) Modifying the department structure on the KC Executive side (by creating a cross-functional Department of Unincorporated and Rural Affairs); 2) Requiring comprehensive subarea planning; and 3) Modifying the Organization of the KC Council (by adding one member and then splitting the council into two bodies of five members each, with one body apportioned by population and one body apportioned by land). These proposals are aimed at providing residents of Unincorporated Areas with greater representation in County's governance, and with ensuring that the future needs and planning of Unincorporated areas are not ignored.

The official presentation to the County's Charter Review Commission will be given on Tuesday, May 29th. Rich and Tom will provide a further report at next month's meeting.

3) Growth Management Committee Report by Tom Carpenter

Tom C. briefly reported that he has worked with Renton in the past, and will now be making proposals to King County Department of Development and Environmental Services. We will attempt to get 'Set-Back' requirements instituted, and will argue for the establishment of a Transition Plan, as discussed at last month's meeting.

4) Agriculture Committee Report by Rick Spence

Rick S. reported that he was drafted and submitted a proposal to the Drainage Manual. This proposal would allow for the land under rural buildings to be included when calculating total drainage areas. Additionally, this proposal would allow for rain water to be combined with fire suppression systems. Rick has discussed this proposal with county officials, who have responded favorably. Rick formally submitted this proposal to Bob Forbes of King County Natural Resources and Parks and Steve Folley of Water and Land Resources.

5) Elections Committee Report by Tom Carpenter

Tom C. circulated a proposed amendment to Article VI of the FCUAC Bylaws. This amendment would allow the Elections Committee to include the prior year's Election Committee Chair in all activities up to, but not including, ballot distribution, ballot collection and handling, vote counting, and election results reporting. Tom C. would like for us to vote on this amendment in a future meeting.

Tom C. noted that the purpose of this proposal is to pass down the knowledge of past chairs' experience, and he noted that previously Dick F. and Sharon S. did an outstanding job of organizing and documenting results, and that this information should be made available to future Elections Committees.

6) Community Car Show Report by David Braswell

Motion: David B. moved that the Council assign \$250 from our budget to pay for the application fees, facility use fees, and initial advertising expenses necessary to organize a Community Car Show to take place on Saturday, July 14th, 2007, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Liberty High School Parking Lot. Tom C. seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Announcement: President Rick Spence announced that we will try to have representatives from Water District 90 speak with us at next month's meeting. He also called for a Special Executive Council Meeting to take place before the next regular meeting. The date, place, and time is to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Addendum: Rick Spence later notified the members of the Executive Committee that the Special Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 13th at the Starbucks in the Renton Highlands on NE 4th. Rick has also asked Tom C. to attend this meeting.