

Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council

DRAFT -Regular Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2007 at May Valley Alliance Church

Submitted by David Braswell, Secretary

Attending Members:

D1: Rick Spence O

D2: Eileen Lane X

D3: OPEN

D4: David Braswell X

D5: Tom Carpenter O

D6: Bette Filley X

D7: Marshall Brenden O

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 X

At-Large 4: Chuck Pillon O

At-Large 5: Karen Kidwell O

At-Large 6: Larry Wright O

Call to Order: Vice-President Larry Wright called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Police Report: Deputy Harmon reported there were 7 burglaries this month, up from 5 last month. However, he noted that one instance involved a seven-year-old, and another instance involved a civil dispute. Deputy Harmon also reported that a daytime burglary occurred last month off of SR-900. The suspects were seen driving away in a large (app. 30 foot long) motorhome, but were not apprehended. He also reported that there was one additional instance of auto thefts, acts of vandalism, and larcenies over the amounts reported last month. However, he noted that these slight increases were actually rather not so bad considering the fact that it is the summertime and school is out.

Deputy Harmon also reported that the eviction of the tenants of the “problem house” actually did occur. However, the tenants did leave a trailer on the church property before leaving. He noted that if it is determined that this trailer qualifies as a “junk vehicle,” then a form can be filled out to obtain a temporary license which would allow for the trailer to be towed away.

Doug. B. stated that he thinks the evicted tenants of the “problem house” just moved down the street on May Valley Road.

Deputy Harmon reported that he visited the site of the proposed YWCA site off Cedar Grove Road to check if there was any progress. He saw no signs of progress.

Deputy Harmon also informed the Council of the National Night Out program, which is held in neighborhoods to give neighbors a time to get together and raise community awareness of local law enforcement. This year’s National Night Out event will take place on August 7th. More information can be found at www.nationalnightout.org.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Edie Jorgensen provided the treasurer’s report, noting that the checkbook balance is \$2,137.02. She reported that the Council has paid May Valley Alliance Church, and that the Council has paid Secretary of State filing fees. Additionally, the Council has received preliminary general liability insurance. Last year, the cost of this insurance was \$1,632. The Council is required to have liability insurance under its agreement with the County.

Motion: Sharon moved, Dick seconded, that the Treasurer’s Report be approved, and that an allowance of an additional 20 cents for stamps be made. Unanimously carried.

Meeting Minutes: Secretary David Braswell read the draft of the minutes for the June 20th regular meeting.

Motion: Edie J. moved, Rich N. seconded, that Edie’s Treasurer’s Report for June be inserted in the June minutes. Unanimously carried.

Motion: Edie J. moved, Rich N. seconded, that the draft minutes, amended with the inclusion of Edie’s Treasurer’s Report, be approved as read. Unanimously carried.

Elections Committee: Edie J. noted that the deadline for placing a public advertisement to provide notice to prospective candidates in August, and so the Council has approximately 3 weeks to place such an ad.

The current members eligible to serve on this year’s Elections Committee were determined to be: David B., Eileen L., Bette F., Dick F., Doug B., and Rich N. Additionally, Sharon S., as the Chair of last year’s Elections Committee, will serve as an advisor to this year’s Elections Committee.

Edie J. noted that the Committee should set a tentative budget. She noted that the budget last year was about \$3600, and she pointed out that postage prices have since increased, therefore it may cost more this year.

Motion: Edie moved, Bette seconded, that the Elections Committee should hold a special meeting to discuss the schedule and budget. The meeting is to take place at Sharon's house on July 26th at 7:30 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Motion: In light of the fact that John Vukov has been absent from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Council, Edie J. moved, David B. seconded, that John Vukov be removed from the Council, pursuant to the requirement set forth in Article VI, Section D, Clause 2 of the Council By-laws. Unanimously carried (Doug B. abstaining).

By-Laws Revision:

Motion: David B. moved, Edie J. seconded that all numeric and letter headings and subheadings currently found in the Council's By-laws be removed, in order to facilitate the future revision and organization of the By-laws. Unanimously carried. (Note: 30 day notice of this motion was provided at the June meeting, pursuant to the notice requirements for amending the By-laws).

Car Show: David B. announced that the earlier plans to organize a community car show are cancelled. Perhaps this plan will be considered next summer. Rich N. suggested that the parking lot of the IGA Market on 128th be considered for a future venue, and Larry W. suggested that a committee be formed in the future if a similar event is proposed.

Charter Review Commission:

Rich N. informed the Council of the current activity surrounding the King County Charter Review Commission. Rich and Tom C. went to a Commission meeting in Black Diamond last week, which was attended by 4 Commissioners and 8 Support Staff. There were a number of speakers, including Dick Bonewitz of the GMVUAC. Two main issues were: 1) the desire to keep rural areas rural, and 2) the desire for better representation of rural areas on the King County Council.

Rich reported that he gave the Council's presentation in Seattle about two weeks ago, and that there were about 20 people on the Charter Committee. These people seemed very receptive to the presentation.

Rich noted that there is lots of desire for County Agencies (such as DDES and Health Services) to work more closely together, rather than acting as autonomous services. Rich provided an illustration of the shortcomings of agency autonomy, by recounting a story of one of his friends who found he needed 2 different permits from 2 different agencies just to put in one propane tank. Neither agency informed this friend of the need for the other agency's permit, and each permit cost around \$350.

Maple Valley Rural Island:

Edie J. talked about the issue of the Maple Valley Rural Island. Information about this issue can be found at www.maplevalleydonuthole.org. Basically, the county is contemplating an exchange of land with developers. This could result in 2000 homes being built in Maple Valley, at a density of 12 homes/acre. There is strong concern that

Maple Valley's roads and infrastructure can not handle such rapid development. There also is concern that King County is not including the City of Maple Valley in the process. A meeting on this issue will be held on July 23rd at the Maple Valley Lodge.

Citizen's Participation Initiative: Edie J. reported that she attended a meeting in which representatives of Solid Waste Division came and reported that new rates have been approved to rebuild the facility at Bow Lake. Also, there is a proposal to close the Renton Transfer Station (i.e. the Renton Dump). However, this is still in the proposal stage.

Doug B. suggested that the UAC could raise community awareness about this proposed closure. He felt this issue would be important to large numbers of people in the community. He also suggested that the Council try to bring people from Solid Waste Division to the October meeting of the FCUAC to discuss this matter more.

Survey: Larry W. reported that he is working on creating a survey to find out what is important to people in our community. He is working on developing 10 issues to have survey participants rank in order of importance. Larry will try to have the survey drafted so that a vote can be taken at the next meeting.

Potential Survey Issues that were suggested are: Potential Closure of the Renton Dump; School District Utilization of Winterbrook Farms; Drug Houses; Parks; Increased Traffic on SR-900; Increased Traffic on Coal Creek Parkway; Zoning/Development; Disaster Preparation; and Annexations.

Larry will update the draft survey and put it up on the Council's website. Council members are encouraged to take the draft survey and report back at the next meeting. He thinks that the finished survey would be about 2 pages.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.