

**Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2003  
Submitted by Gwendolyn High**

**Attending:**

Rob McFarland  
Tom Tregoning  
Marshall Brendan  
David Rockabrand  
Cynthia Green  
Gwendolyn High  
Oscar Bandelin  
Denise Lochner Jones

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 18, 2002:**

Approved unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:**

Requested copies of the Election expenses invoices provided to Marissa Alegria  
Balance in WAMU account: \$2945.61  
King County Fund 2002: \$0.00  
King County Fund 2003: \$10,000  
Items Paid: \$2760.00 Insurance

**Correspondence:**

King County Council's next Justice Committee meeting has been canceled.

**New Members Announced and Seated:**

Bette Filley District 6  
Brian Thomas District 8  
Kelly Faoro District 11  
John Gillingham At-Large  
Matthew Hebb At-Large  
Michele Fisher At-Large

**Election of New Officers:**

**President:**

Denise Lochner Jones nominated David Rockabrand  
Oscar Bandelin nominated Marshall Brendan  
Secret ballot: David 6, Marshall 3, Absention 1-2  
Elected: David Rockabrand

**Vice President:**

Marshall Brendan nominated Gwendolyn High. She declined.  
Oscar Bandelin nominated Marshall Brendan.  
David Rockabrand nominated Oscar Bandelin.  
Secret ballot: Oscar 7, Marshall 2, Absention 3  
Elected: Oscar Bandelin

**Secretary:**

Denise Lochner Jones nominated Gwendolyn High  
Approved unanimously  
Elected: Gwendolyn High

**Treasurer:**

Oscar Bandelin nominated Cynthia Green  
Approved unanimously  
Elected: Cynthia Green

**President: David Rockabrand**

**Vice President: Oscar Bandelin**

**Secretary: Gwendolyn High**

**Treasurer: Cynthia Green**

**Deputy Sarver's Report:**

- ♦ The 'French Door' burglar seems to have stopped operating in our area.
- ♦ Traffic incidents at 168<sup>th</sup> and Cemetery/128<sup>th</sup> have increased
- ♦ Traffic complaints are down
- ♦ Member asked about incidences of mail theft. Deputy Sarver said he has seen no spike – incidents reported steady. Bellevue has a bigger problem than our area.
- ♦ Recommended all credit and banking type mail be received in locked mailbox or at a P.O. Box.

**David Irons on BPA news release:**

- ♦ Councilmember Irons described BPA's preferred alternative as the shortest and

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unanimous as amended*

cheapest option. The proposal is to run the new line parallel to the existing power line through the Cedar River watershed. He said that under this alternative almost 500 acres will be purchased from Plum Creek and preserved as mitigation for the 300 foot wide by 8 mile clearing (estimated 45 acres) that will be cleared for the new power lines. Additional details are available from BPA and a story in the South County Journal this week.

- ◆ Ray Griffon, Water District 90 Secretary, asked Councilmember Irons to ask City of Seattle for plans for more reservoirs to provide water capacity for the future. Mr. Irons said that King County has several decades of capacity from the Tolt and Cedar Rivers, and that both Pierce and Snohomish counties have capacity to provide one contracts would be arranged.

#### **Critical Areas Ordinance – Proposed Changes**

#### **Presentation by Stephanie Warden (Director of DDES) and Daryl Grigsby (Manager WLRD):**

- ◆ Issues of most concern and debate included:

##### **Aquatic Areas Reclassification and Notice:**

Councilmembers expressed concern and dismay over the methods by which a reclassification is triggered and the subsequent property owner notification process. Members expect that property owners will be caught in Catch 22 situations. Ms. Warden and Mr. Grisby agreed that the notification process should be reviewed and better specified. Ms. Warden said that the issue would be reconsidered by the Department and that they would keep us informed on that point.

##### **Adoption of State Aquatic Areas Classifications and Categories and Buffers definitions:**

Councilmembers expressed confusion over the specific changes of the standards to which property owners will be held responsible. The data presented did not provide sufficient information to clearly understand what the expect under the proposed changes.

##### **65/10 Rules:**

Councilmembers expressed vigorous concern that these rules will unfairly burden rural property owners and unjustifiably reduce their property values. Many present expect this will be indefensible in court as unconstitutional.

##### **Reduction of Protection/Enforcement Standards from 45 protected species to 15:**

Staff explained that the standards currently in force specify the protection standards for 30 species that the departments have determined are not usually found in the urban area. No answer was available when asked what standards would be enforced if one of the 30 species should be found after these standards are removed.

- ◆ Initial period for public comment ends February 28, 2003, at which time the proposed changes will be presented to King County Council for further consideration and modification.
- ◆ Adoption of eventual changes must occur by December 4, 2004.

#### **New Business:**

- ◆ Denise Lochner Jones presented a draft letter in support of Ron Sims' and King County Council's opposition to the proposal by DSHS to locate a sex offender treatment center at the site of the former Cedar Hills Alcohol Treatment Center. Council unanimously approved 4CUAC as a signatory to that letter.
- ◆ David Rockabrand set January 29, 2003 as the next Special Meeting to continue discussion of Transportation Issues. Meeting will be held at East Renton Community Church.

#### **Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.**

Submitted for initial review via email to the 4CUAC members on January 19, 2003. gh