

Minutes – DRAFT

Four Creeks Unincorporated Council

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2006 at May Valley Alliance Church

Submitted by David Braswell.

Attending Members at Start of Meeting:

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| D1: Rick Spence | X |
| D2: Eileen Lane | X |
| D3: OPEN | O |
| D4: OPEN | O |
| D5: Tom Carpenter | X |
| D6: Bette Filley | O |
| D7: Marshall Brenden | X |
| D8: Dick Fackenthall | X |
| D9: Sharon Schimke | O |
| D10: OPEN | O |
| D11: John Vukov | O |
| At-Large 1: OPEN | O |
| At-Large 2: OPEN | O |
| At-Large 3: Edie Jorgensen | X |
| At-Large 4: Dave Dahlin | X |

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Rick Spence at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Police Report:

No law enforcement representatives were present to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Edie Jorgensen reported on the current status of the FCUA Council budget. She contrasted the 2005 budget against the current 2006 budget. She noted that election material expenditures were reduced in 2006 as the Council sent out one ballot per voter household in 2006 versus sending out one ballot per registered voter in 2005. Treasurer Jorgensen further noted that the Council currently has approximately \$2000 left in the budget for this year, which would have to be spent by the end of the year or forfeited to the County. She noted that King County runs on a January to December fiscal year. Various discussions of how best to use the remaining funds followed.

Because there were funds available, she asked the Council to consider reimbursement for costs of 2005 election which weren't submitted during that fiscal year. This request was made because the Treasurer is authorized to pay usual and customary bills but is required to request permission for payment of unusual items.

Motion: Dave D. moved, Edie J. seconded: that Dick Fackenthal's purchase of a 2005 Four Creeks Area Registered Voters list for approximately \$15 be authorized. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Tom C. asked whether we could donate money to the May Valley Alliance Church in appreciation for the use of the space for all the meetings held there. It was clarified that we cannot make donations but we can pay invoices if the church were to invoice us for use of space.

Motion: Dave D. moved, Edie J. seconded, that he be authorized to discuss with the church folks whether they would want to invoice us for \$720 for use of the church's meeting rooms for 2006 and 2007. Motion unanimously approved.

Various discussions of how best to use the remaining funds followed, and primarily covered ways to communicate with the community and encourage involvement. Ideas included creation and distribution of a brochure about the Four Creeks UAC, paid publications of information in local press, developing and utilizing a subscription service for folks who indicate interest in Area Council subjects. Edie pointed out that the money must be spent before the end of the year, and President Rick Spence suggested it might be better to hold a special meeting to act on the available budget balance.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports given, except the Election results which follow.

Main Topic – Election Results and Seating of New Council Members:

Tom C. reported that the votes were counted on November 14 by Council Members John Vukov, Marshall Brenden, Edie Jorgensen and Tom Carpenter. Committee Chair Sharon Schimke was unavailable due to a family emergency. Tom C. explained that roughly 90 to 100 ballots were received by the Council, representing an approximately 1% total turnout for the 14,184 registered voters in Four Creeks. He further noted that IF the February vote for annexation of the East Renton Plateau is approved, the number of registered voters would drop by about 3,000 and there would need to be re-definition of Districts for the Area Council.

The results of the elections were announced.

Tom noted that 8 ballots failed to qualify for counting due to lack of address or late post office date.

In Districts 2, 6 and 8, candidates ran for the positions and won as follows.

District 2, Eileen Lane, 8 votes; there were no write-in candidates.

District 6, Bette Filley 22 votes; there was one write-in candidate with 1 vote.

District 8, Dick Fackenthall, 7 votes; no write-in candidates.

District 4: there were no ballot candidates but there were write-in candidates. David Braswell received the most votes for both the open District Four seat and an open At-Large seat, which was a situation unanticipated in the by-laws. A discussion of which seat David B. would take followed. This discussion occurred prior to naming of the candidate involved in the situation.

Motion: Dick F. moved , Tom C. seconded, that in situations where a write-in candidate wins both the district in which he/she resides and an open At-Large position, that such a candidate be assigned the seat for the district in which he/she resides. Dick F. noted that it is more difficult to find members to serve specific districts than it is to find members for At-Large positions in his motion. The present Council Members unanimously approved the motion.

Following the motion, David B. took the open seat for District Four. As he won the election, his term is for two years.

At-Large Vacancies:

Rich Nelson was on the ballot for and received the most votes (66), securing him an At-Large seat for two years.

At this point the votes for the remaining At-Large position were disclosed. Mr. Douglas Bandelin assumed this two year position as he received the next highest number of votes (6). Thereafter, Tom C. voiced his intention to resign from the FCUA Council and left the

meeting. Any vacated seat is to remain unfilled for a minimum period of at least two weeks while public notice of the vacancy is given.

The Area Council took a brief recess after which Edie continued the Election Committee report indicating the highest vote recipients in order.

There was a question as to whether the open positions could be filled. Marshall B. proposed that they could be since they were on the ballot. Edie followed by stating that the Bylaws required at least two weeks notice of open positions as well as notice as to the meeting during which the positions would be filled, if there were interested candidates. Because these were specified on the Ballot mailed to all registered voters, it seemed that the requirements were met. Members concurred with this interpretation.

Seats for District Three and District Ten were still vacant at this point. No votes were received in the election for either position.

Motion: Rick S. moved that Karen Kidwell take the open seat for District Three. Karen K. received the next highest write-in votes (4) for the At-Large position on the ballot. All Council members present unanimously concurred. This appointment has a one year duration.

The seat for District Ten was still unfilled. Edie noted a group of 6 people who each received 2 write-in votes. Mr. Larry Wright, a write-in candidate for the open ballot's At-Large positions, was in attendance, and was nominated to serve as the Council member for the District Ten position. This motion was unanimously approved. This appointment has a one year duration.

Larry Wright and Karen Kidwell are to serve as Temporary At-Large representatives for Districts Ten and Three until such time as a candidate residing within those districts is nominated and steps forward to fill the seats.

Thus, the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council following the election is:

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| D1: Rick Spence | X |
| D2: Eileen Lane | X |
| D3: Karen Kidwell | X |
| D4: David Braswell | X |
| D5: Tom Carpenter | O |
| D6: Bette Filley | O |
| D7: Marshall Brenden | X |

D8: Dick Fackenthall **X**

D9: Sharon Schimke **O**

D10: Larry Wright **X**

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: Open **O**

Thereafter, the newly seated council members provided the Council with some of their background information.

Dick F. proposed that the previously seated Council members introduce themselves and provide their background information to the newly seated members. This was unanimously approved, and the previously seated members provided such information.

Election of FCUAC Officers:

Rick S. moved that he continue as President of the FCUAC. Karen K. seconded the motion. This motion was unanimously approved by the other Council members.

Doug B. moved that David B. take the position of Secretary. This motion was unanimously approved by the other Council members. Rick S. noted the many responsibilities of the Secretary and made sure David B. was aware of these many duties.

Dave D. moved that Edie J. take the position of Vice President. Edie J. voiced her desire not to assume the position of Vice President. Thereafter, Dave D. motioned that Edie J. retain her position as Treasurer, Dick F. seconded the motion, and Edie J. agreed to this position. This motion was unanimously approved by the other Council members.

Doug B. moved that Larry Wright take the position of Vice President. Dave D. seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved by the other Council members.

Immediately following the election of the FCUAC Officers, Dave D. resigned as a member of the FCUAC, as he will be moving to Georgia shortly.

Thus, the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council Officers are:

Rick Spence: President

Larry Wright: Vice President
Edie Jorgensen: Treasurer
David Braswell: Secretary

Committee Chairs:

With Dave D. leaving the Council because of moving out of the Four Creeks area, , there was a vacancy for the Chair of the Law and Justice Committee as well as a one-year at-large term vacancy.

Rick S. proposed that he would appoint Karen Kidwell take the Chair for the Law and Justice Committee, noting her previous experience with such issues. This was given assent by the Council.

Following this, Rick S. discussed the open Chair for the Growth Management Committee. Rick S. noted the heavy responsibilities that this position entailed, and noted the previous accomplishments of this Committee. Rick S. noted the need for a patient, rational individual to fill this position, and that the responsibilities of this position would include knowledge of the Critical Areas Ordinance and rural economic development issues. Tom C. dealt with these issues previously. No decisions as to the chairmanship of this Committee were made, and the Council will consider future volunteers from among the Council.

Other Business:

Rick S. called for a Special Meeting to take place on Wednesday, November 29th, with the purpose of deciding how to best make use of the left over money in the FCUAC budget. The Special Meeting will take place on Nov. 29th.

The issue of who will assume responsibility for arranging the opening of the May Valley Alliance Church for future meetings came up, as Dave D. (who was previously responsible for this) has resigned. Doug B. said that he will assume responsibility for this, as his wife, Mary Alice, is a member of the Church.

Motion: Rick S. motioned that the FCUAC write a letter to King County commending Ms. Marissa Alegria for her valuable assistance to the Council as the Community Service Representative. This motion was unanimously approved. Rick said he would draft the letter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Addendum- 11/16/2006

Following the meeting, President Rick Spence spoke with Tom Carpenter and asked him to reconsider the resignation. Tom Carpenter agreed to withdraw his resignation, and the Chair will appoint a Joint Chairmanship to the Growth Management Committee.

Addendum- 11/29/2006

The special meeting scheduled for 11/29/2006 was cancelled on account of the snow.