

**Minutes- DRAFT**

**Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes- December 20, 2006 at May Valley Alliance Church**

**Written by Dick Fackenthall for David Braswell, Secretary**

**Submitted by David Braswell**

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**Attending Members:**

<b>D1: Rick Spence</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>D2: Eileen Lane</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>D3: Karen Kidwell</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>D4: David Braswell</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>D5: Tom Carpenter</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>D6: Bette Filley</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>D7: Marshall Brenden</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>D8: Dick Fackenthall</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>D9: Sharon Shimke</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>D10: Larry Wright</b>	<b>O</b>
<b>D11: John Vukov</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>At-Large 1: Rich Nelson</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>At-Large 2: Doug Bandelin</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>At-Large 3: Edie Jorgensen</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>At-Large 4: OPEN</b>	<b>O</b>

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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Rick Spence at 7:00 pm, December 20, 2006

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Police Report:**

Deputy Steve Maxwell reported there were in summary, 16 Burglaries, 6 Auto thefts, and 17 larcenies in the area this month. In addition, there has been much work done by his department to identify and bring into compliance two cases in which loose and possibly vicious dogs, loud parties, excessive auto traffic at the houses, and possible drugs are involved. Thanks to the reinstatement of an animal control and Drug Enforcement unit, more can be done and is being done.

**Vacancies:**

Chuck Pillon was appointed by Rick Spence, President to fill a vacant seat on the Four Creeks UAC. It will be an at-large position and if anyone from district 3 expresses an interest in the seat, Mr. Pillon will have to yield to that person.

**King County Demographics Report:**

Chandler Felt, King County Demographer presented a Report on the growth of King County in general, and the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area in particular.

He left a printed report with each council member for their use and indicated that a copy of the report can be obtained from King County. It is entitled "2006 Annual Growth Report"

A synopsis of the report would indicate that the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area is diminishing in size due to annexations by surrounding cities. It is losing population due to the same event. Nearly every time a portion of the unincorporated area develops moderate to high population density, it is incorporated into an adjoining city. It is by conscious effort and design that the King County DDES discourages population growth in the unincorporated areas of the county. In addition, it was pointed out by Mr. Felt that there is a very large portion of King County which is held in the public domain. Mr. Felt opined that about 80% of the County is either rural or publicly held as forest, park, watershed etc.

Mr. Pillon asked a) how much of the rural county is publicly held, and Mr. Felt said he will find out and supply the council with that information. The thrust of Mr. Pillon's question was that there is a huge amount of publicly held land in King County, yet, it is the rural people upon whom the GMA and other restrictions are being imposed while no mention is made of the vast holdings in like property the county has. Mr. Pillon asked if there is follow-up study being made by the county regarding the effects of its policies on the quality of life of the citizens both in the cities and the rural areas. Mr. Felt said he does not do those studies, but perhaps Lisa Voight does, at any rate she publishes a yearly Benchmark Report which is used by the Growth Management Committee to set policy. It was his opinion that the Benchmark Report focuses on cities mostly because that is where the population growth is being directed.

**Transportation:**

A transportation study group was appointed by President Rick Spence. Sharon Shimke is to be chairperson, Chuck Pillon; Doug Bendalin volunteered to be members.

Tom Carpenter reported hearing plans being circulated to extend 156<sup>th</sup> from Cemetery Road as far north as Coal Creek Parkway. It will pass through several large tracts of land which developers could buy and subsequently annex to a city, or petition to have the Urban Growth Boundary moved out to include new lands. This would enable developers to eventually build there. Tom stated further that local stakeholder committees are asking for a corridor mitigation plan in which residents are protected from the noise of a new transportation route, are isolated in some way from it, beautification of the easement is part of the construction plan, and impact on the communities it passes through are minimized.

There has been local discontent regarding the use of mitigation fees supposed to be used to offset the transportation impact caused when housing developments are allowed into a neighborhood. The actual fact has been that the neighborhoods have suffered mightily from increased road use, traffic jams, accidents, and long delays. The County claims it does not have to use the revenues collected for mitigation fees in the areas they are collected in but can use them anywhere they see fit for transportation. Area residents claim this is a misuse of the mitigation funds and would like an accounting of the moneys and where they are spent. Rick Spence suggested that an appeal to the Council Members would be a place to start.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

Doug Bandelin expressed the view that in light of the recent wind storm disaster more attention should be paid to keeping service stations open so that people could get gas for their generators and cars, and would go a long way toward supplying the general population with alternative energy while the electricity is out. He suggested that service stations have generators to give themselves emergency power. Chuck Pillon said a modest increase in gas price would be warranted to provide the funds to provide this added facility.

Motion: Mr. Pillon introduced a motion and Karen Kidwell seconded it to request Mr. Reagan Dunn to study the merits of requiring gas stations to have auxiliary power. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Bandelin suggested that schools might also have these auxiliary power sources so that people could have warm shelter in emergencies such as this or an earthquake. Edie Jorgensen suggested that Reagan Dunn had an Email to that effect on the web right now. It was decided that Mr. Bandelin would write a letter to Mr. Dunn regarding his ideas, bring it to the council for approval before sending if it is going to be written in the name of the council.

**East Renton Highlands Annexation:**

Tom Carpenter reported that there will be a vote on February 6, 2007 regarding annexation to the city of Renton. He said that not all of the area is included, only about

35% of it. However that 35% has about 2/3 of the population of the PA (Proposed Annexation) area.

**Issues:**

Larry Wright will develop a questionnaire which will be sent to the area residents using the resident list used to send out the ballots for UAC elections. This Questionnaire will be used to solicit the questions and concerns of the area residents in their interactions with the County. These questions and concerns will be used by the UAC to develop action plans which will most reflect the needs and wishes of the residents they represent. It is expected that this questionnaire will be completed soon, vetted by the entire council, and sent out in February.

**Bylaws:**

The UAC Executive committee will address a revision of the UAC bylaws. It has been a long time since this was addressed and some members feel changes are needed. When bylaws are changed, the procedure is for the committee to submit the proposed changes to the council. The members are given 30 days to peruse the proposal and a vote is then taken in the next regular meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**