

Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Forum
City of Lake Forest park
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2009
2:00-3:30 PM

Members Present

Mayor Jerry Smith (Chair, City of Mountlake Terrace), Don Fiene (Vice-Chair, Lake Forest Park City Council), DJ Wilson (Edmonds City Council), Janet Way (Shoreline City Council), Jared Bond (Stormwater Program Manger and Alternate Forum Member, City of Lynnwood), Chris Eggan (Shoreline City Council)

Staff Present

Mike Shaw (Surface Water Program Manager, City of Mountlake Terrace), Curt Brees (Public Works Director, City of Mountlake Terrace), Noel Miller (Public Works Director, City of Edmonds), Aaron Halverson (Stormwater Technician, City of Lake Forest Park), Gina Auriemma (Stormwater Intern, City of Lake Forest Park), John Caulfield (City Administrator, City of Mountlake Terrace)

Others Present

Mayor Dave Hutchinson (City of Lake Forest Park), Jessica Christofferson (Otak, Inc.), Eric Parks (Legislative Aide, Snohomish County Councilmember Dave Somers)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Jerry Smith called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm in the City of Lake Forest Park City Hall, Council Chambers. The agenda for the meeting and minutes from the June and Special July meetings were approved unanimously. Handouts for the meeting included an agenda, meeting minutes and a Staff Committee memorandum regarding future action recommendations.

II. Staff Committee Memo on Future Action Recommendations

1. Mike Shaw stated that at the recent staff committee meeting there were more questions than answers regarding future governance. The existing interlocal agreement (ILA) expires in July 2010 and there are a number of options to continue the work of the Forum including a new ILA. Although, joint funding issues need to be addressed that are outside of the existing ILA for projects that may overlap the boundaries of the member jurisdictions. DJ Wilson stated that a separate entity outside of the existing ILA is an option. The separate entity could be a taxing authority elected by elected officials such as a municipal corporation or a group similar to the Lake Ballinger Authority. Chair Smith suggested that cost sharing could be based on percentages similar to SNOCOM. Mayor Hutchinson stated that government has been moving in a direction to consolidate and that creating a new small taxing authority may not be appropriate. Jared Bond explained that cost sharing based on a Lake Management District may not work for Lynnwood. Vice Chair Fiene announced that in November he will be meeting with state legislators and agencies seeking funding for the Forum. The Metropolitan Municipal Corporation (METRO) was discussed. METRO was a direct taxing authority and all of the elected bodies in the area. **Chair Smith requested that the issue of future governance be kept on future agendas.**

2. Bond discussed the issue of administrative assistance for the Forum. He stated that there could be two funding mechanisms for the Forum, one for administrative assistance and the other for capital projects. Each jurisdiction could contribute the same amount for the administrative assistance. **The Forum asked that the Staff Committee prepare options related to administrative assistance for presentation at the next meeting.**

3. **Wilson stated the he would work with City of Edmonds Legal Counsel regarding funding mechanisms for future governance and for administrative assistance.** An agreement to solidify cost sharing was discussed. Chair Smith stated that he would be in Washington D.C. to lobby in September and he could include the Forum in his efforts. Use of previous funding request documents was discussed. Wilson stated that going back and asking again has value but a clear agreement regarding future governance would be very beneficial.

III. Next Steps for the Forum

The Forum agreed that a meeting on September 22, 2009 would be necessary and helpful and that the agenda should include future governance. **John Caulfield stated that he would prepare a letter to be signed by the Forum Members that he would take to Washington D.C. in September.**

III. Public Comment

There was not public comment

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

The next meeting is on September 22, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm and will be hosted by the City of Mountlake Terrace.