

Community Meeting Summary

November 16, 2021

Proposed Rezone of King County Parcel # 3021079080 –
Palmer Coking Coal Col., LLP

Background

Palmer Coking Coal Company, LLP (Palmer) mailed out notices of application and public meeting to property owners 500 feet from the proposed rezone of King County Parcel number 3021079080, from RA-5 to Mining (M) located along the Enumclaw-Franklin Road SE. The notice announced the date, time, and venue for the meeting along with contact information for public comment. Palmer also mailed out notices to several local, state, and tribal agencies. See notice, a complete list, and map corresponding to local recipients, please refer to appendix 1. Palmer also published a notice in the “VOICE of the valley,” newspaper on November 2nd and 9th, shown in appendices 2 and 3, respectively. Palmer’s meeting was also featured in the Enumclaw Courier-Herald newspaper on November 8, 2021, see appendix 4.

Forum

On November 16, 2021, Palmer, along with ESM Engineering Consultants (ESM), conducted a voluntary community meeting to discuss the proposed rezone of King County Parcel number 3021079080, from RA-5 to Mining (M) located along the Enumclaw-Franklin Road SE with the public. The meeting was held in the banquet room of the Black Diamond Bakery, located in Black Diamond, WA starting at approx. 4:30 PM (PST) and ending approx. at 6:00 PM (PST). In a question-and-answer style, proctored by Laura Bartenhagen of ESM, Palmer’s three Managers Bill Kombol, Nolan Kombol, and Brett Morris answered questions and listened to comments. Sign-in sheets were provided and approximately 49 members of the public joined and some on video conferencing set-up by a few attending individuals, although many in-person attendees did not sign the sign-in sheets provided, refer to appendix 5. Palmer also provided sheets for public comments, shown in appendix 6, to be returned at the end of the meeting and Palmer’s email address (inquiry@palmercc.com) was announced again for comment after the meeting.

Discussion

Laura Bartenhagen opened the meeting with a brief discussion about the rezone process, the reason for the voluntary meeting, and Palmer’s desire to include the surrounding community in the discussion of the parcel proposed for rezone. The brief opening statements were followed by questions and comments from the audience. Concerns were raised regarding noise, wetlands, wildlife, coal mine hazards, and flooding downstream areas.

Summary

The community meeting questions were answered as much as possible for this phase of the project. Comments and concerns were heard and it is anticipated that the completed SEPA checklist and associated reports in the rezone application package will address these comments and concerns. No public comments were returned at the end of the meeting and only one comment was emailed, see appendix 7.

Photos of the Meeting



Laura Bartenhagen and Bill Kombol



Audience photo 1



Audience photo 2



Audience photo 3

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

Application for Rezone of King County Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining).

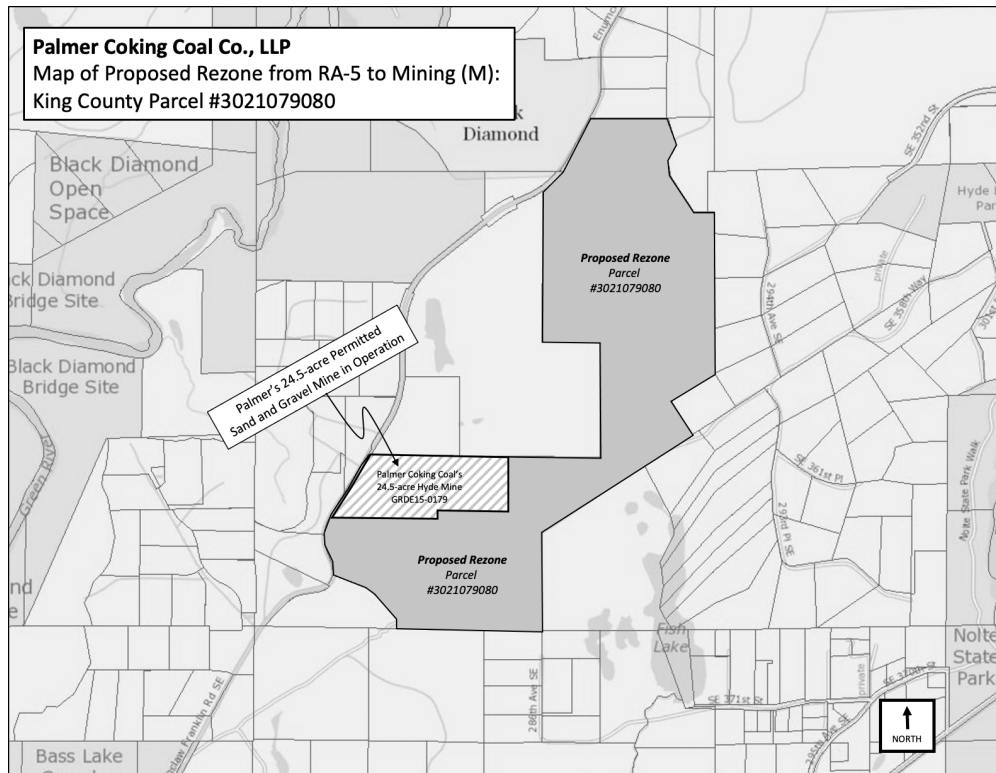
Applicant: **Palmer Coking Coal Company, LLP**
P.O. Box 10 / 31407 Highway 169
Black Diamond, WA 98010-0010
telephone: 425-432-4700
telephone: 360-886-2841
fax: 425-432-3883
website: palmercc.com
e-mail: inquiry@palmercc.com

Public Meeting Location, Date, and Time: **Black Diamond Bakery in the Banquet Room**
32805 Railroad Ave., Black Diamond, WA 98010
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM

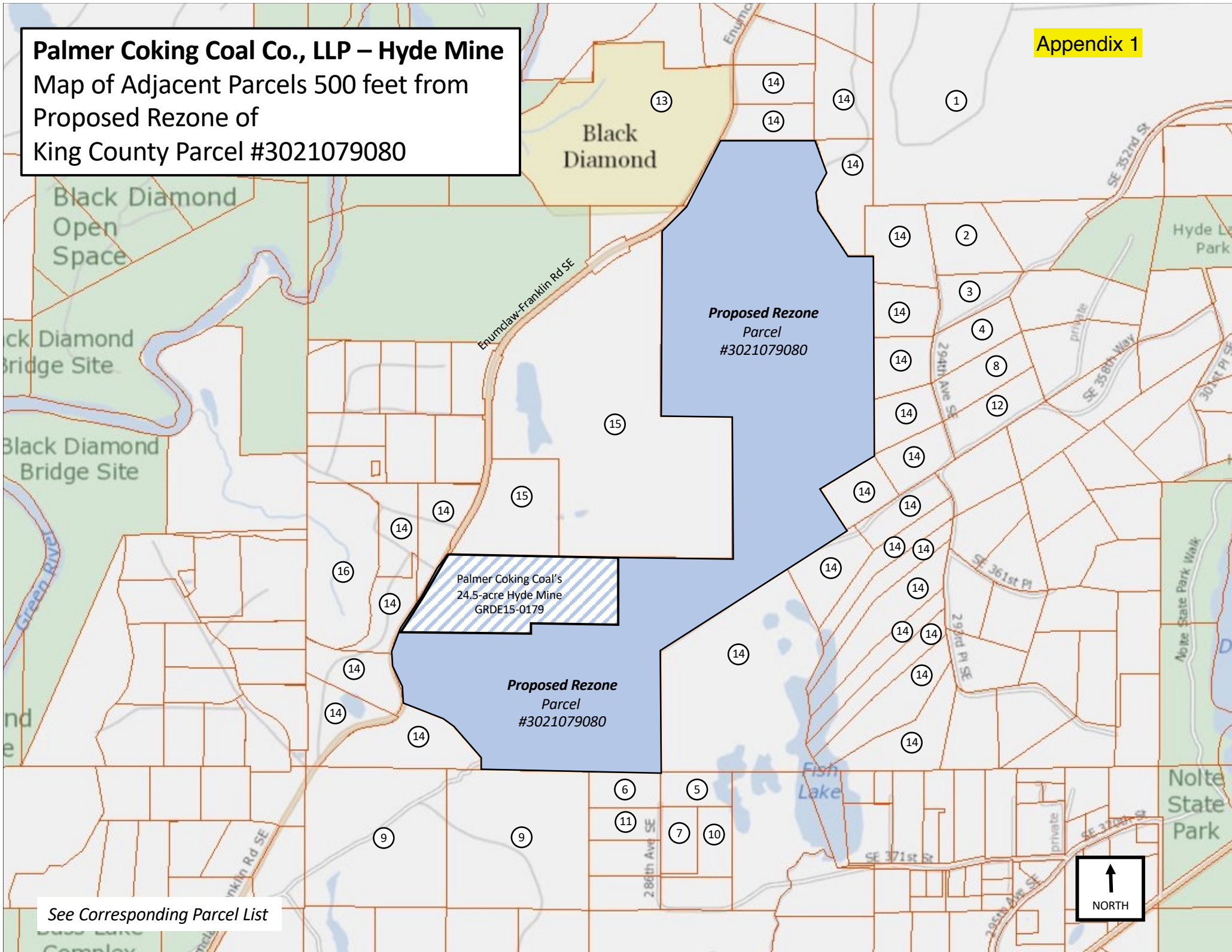
Project Location: **Located on one parcel totaling 240-acres about two miles south of Black Diamond on the Enumclaw-Franklin Road (STR: 30-21-07).**

Project Description: **Rezone from RA-5 (Rural Area, 5-acre min. lot size) to M (Mining) of parcel totaling 240-acres (of which 24.5-acres is a fully permitted, non-conforming use site for mining sand and gravel).**

Permits Requested in this application: **Rezone.**



Palmer Coking Coal Co., LLP – Hyde Mine
Map of Adjacent Parcels 500 feet from
Proposed Rezone of
King County Parcel #3021079080



See Corresponding Parcel List

Appendix 1

Palmer Coking Coal Company's Hyde Mine – Neighboring Lots up to 500 Feet from Proposed Rezone of King County Parcel 3021079080

1) 2021079001
Department of Natural Resources
Resources Planning and Asset Mgmt. Div.
Attn: Debi Van Buren
P.O. Box 47014
Olympia, WA 98504-7014

2) 2921079040
Chase and Michele Mahaffey
18621 139th St. E.
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

3) 2921079066
Timothy Jude and Victoria Timko Obrien
29420 SE 352nd ST
Enumclaw, WA 98022

4) 2921079067
TJ and Sydney Sevon
35220 294th AVE SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

5) 3121079040
Jacqueline Conklin
36828 286th AVE SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

6) 3121079036
Ryan M. Mallow
36829 286th AVE SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

7) 3121079041
Andrew D'Sylva
37026 286th AVE SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

8) 2921079068
Stephen J. Lang and Candace E. Lang
32302 McKay Lane
Black Diamond, WA 98010

9) 3121079005 and 006
Fonkalsrud Real Estate Trust
Eric W. Fonkalsrud
428 - 24th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90402

10) 3121079042
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glasscock
37032 286th Avenue SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

11) 3121079037
Derek Pederson and Megan Christine
Pederson
36921 286th Avenue SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

12) 2921079043
Omar Ibrahim
Enumclaw, WA 98022
440 Maple Ave SW #B103
Renton, WA 98057

13) 1921079022
City of Black Diamond
Water Department
P.O. Box 599
Black Diamond, WA 98010

14) 1921079063 +
Palmer Coking Coal Co., LLP
P.O. Box 10 / 31407 Highway 169
Black Diamond, WA 98010-0010

15) 3021079042 and 3021079025
Green Section 30, LLC.
PO BOX 1266
Enumclaw, WA 98022

16) 3021079018
State of Washington Dept. of Fisheries
Genl. Administration Building
600 Capitol WY N
Olympia, WA 98504

See Corresponding Map

Appendix 1

Indigenous Tribes, Local and State Agencies, and Neighbors Beyond 500' – Notification for Proposed Rezone of King County Parcel 3021079080

State of Washington Dept. of Fisheries
General Administration Building
P.O. Box 47703
Olympia, WA 98504-7703

Water & Land Res. Div.
King County Dept. of Natural Resources
Josh Baldi, Division Director
King Street Center
201 S Jackson Street, Suite 5600
Seattle, WA 98104-3855

3021079028 +
MFK Resources, LLC
P.O. Box 524
Black Diamond, WA 98010

(Palmer/Selleck)
Fire Protection Dist. #47
P.O. Box 206
Palmer, WA 98051

Black Diamond Library
24301 Roberts Drive
Black Diamond, WA 98010

2521069035 +
McKay Hill Management, LLC
P.O. Box 421
Black Diamond, WA 98010

Documents Dept. Librarian
King County Library System
960 Newport Way NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

Enumclaw Fire Department
1330 Wells Street
Enumclaw, WA 98022

2521069036 +
Gem Partners, LLC
P.O. Box 326
Black Diamond, WA 98010

Environmental Review Section
WA State Dept. of Ecology
P.O. Box 47703
Olympia, WA 98504-7703

Fisheries Division
Muckleshoot Tribe
39015 – 172nd Ave. SE
Auburn WA 98002

Mountainview Fire and Rescue
32316 - 148th Avenue SE
Auburn, WA 98092

Russ Ladley, Fisheries Biologist
Puyallup Tribe
6824 Pioneer Wy E
Puyallup, WA 98371

Snoqualmie Tribe
P.O. Box 280
Carnation, WA 98014-0280

WA State Ecology Dept./WQSW Unit
Linda Matlock
P.O. Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

Fisheries Habitat/Environment
Suquamish Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 498
Suquamish, WA 98392

Richard Young
Tulalip Tribe
7615 Totem Beach Road
Marysville, WA 98271

3021079074 +
Franklin Development, LLC
30533 234th Ave. SE
Black Diamond, WA

WA State Dept. of Wildlife
Habitat Mgmt. Division
P.O. Box 43155
Olympia, WA 98504-3155

WA State Dept. of Ecology
NW Regional Office
3190 – 160th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

3021079026
Washington State Parks
Resources Development
PO Box 42668
Olympia, WA 98504

WA State DOT
15700 Dayton Ave.
P.O. Box 330310
Seattle, WA 98133-9710

WA State Dept. of Wildlife
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Mill Creek, WA 98012

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Flags, families and numerous spectators will line Auburn's Main Street for the 56th annual Veterans Parade to be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. It will proceed west on Main Street from E Street to A Street NW near Auburn City Hall over a period of approximately two hours. The City of Auburn is proud to be celebrating its 56th anniversary of this signature event, which started in 1965. Over the years, Auburn's Veterans Parade has become one of the largest of its kind in the United States. The National Veterans Day

Committee and the US Department of Veterans Affairs have once again selected the City of Auburn as one of the few Regional Sites for Veterans Day Observance in 2021. The City of Auburn is pleased to be hosting this event and proud to also be a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner and will also be paying special tribute to the service, valor and sacrifice of those who served in the Vietnam War.

This year's parade boasts over 160 entries and nearly 4,000 parade participants showcasing American strength of will,

endurance and purpose. The parade will feature nearly over 10 marching bands, including American's First Corps Band from Joint Base Lewis McChord and Navy Band Northwest. Spectators will be treated to several local Junior ROTC units, honor guards, military units and antique military vehicles. Spectators will also enjoy the procession of veteran units, drill teams, community and scouting groups, intermixed with floats, antique and classic cars and other entries of interest.

Spectators are advised to arrive early, bring a

folding chair, a flag, their best salute and plenty of tissue. A handful of food vendors will be available on South Division Street, along with our media partners, Talk Radio 570 KVI, KOMO News Radio AM 1000/97.7 FM and KOMO 4. Parade emcees, Lee Stoll and Theron Zahn of KOMO 4 will be located at the corner of Main and Division. Denise Whitaker and Preston Phillips will provide shortened emcee comments at the corner of Main and B Street NE.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Veterans Parade will follow all current

mandates from King County Public Health that may be in place on November 6, 2021. As such, we will require all spectators age 5 and older to wear a mask while attending the parade, regardless of vaccination status. Parade participants are required to wear a mask in the parade line-up area.

Parade participants may remove their masks if inside a vehicle with only their direct household members. All employees are also required to wear a mask. The only exceptions are for people with medical conditions and when guests (Continued on page 3)

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An Encouraging Word

By Pastor Jason Katen

Taylor Creek Church

Not Discouraged by Discouraging Words

Don't you find it amazing at times how cruel people can be with their words, especially when you are trying to do the right thing? Unfortunately, it happens all too often. This shouldn't be a surprise to us in that the Bible tells us that "the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!" – James 3:5.

You may be one of those persons who use your words to gossip, discourage and tear others down. To you, God says, "The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell." – James 3:6. This means the mouth that tears down others has its origins not from above but below.

What about those who are on the receiving end? How should they respond? How are they to deal with discouraging words? First of all, they are not to lower themselves to the same depths. The Bible says, "He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding." ²⁸ Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is *counted* prudent." – Proverbs 17:27-28. So then, the best thing to do is to respond in the way Christ would.

This reminded me of a story I read about a man who purchased a paper at a newspaper stand. He greeted the newsman very courteously, but in return, received gruff and discourteous service. Accepting the newspaper, which was rudely shoved in his face, the customer politely smiled and wished the newsman a nice weekend. A friend observed all of this and asked, "Does he always treat you so rudely?" "Yes, unfortunately, he does." "And are you always so polite and friendly to him?" "Yes, I am." "Why are you so nice to him when he is so rude to you?" "Because I don't want *him* to decide how *I* am going to act." That is some good advice.

Second, you must understand that those who bring words of hurt toward you are not your judge. It is what the Lord thinks that matters most. When we understand this, then such discouraging words from others become disarmed and unimportant. The Bible says, "The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, but He overthrows the words of the treacherous man." – Proverbs 22:12. So don't be discouraged by discouraging words, take them before the Lord and let Him decide. It is His word that matters most!

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Black Diamond Police Reports

Black Diamond Police Reports Oct. 22 to 23, 2021

On 10/22/2021, an employee of the City of Black Diamond advised officers that a citizens mailbox had been pried open. Officers made contact with the residents and verified their mailbox had been forced open and mail had been stolen. There is no suspect information or investigative leads at this time.

On 10/22/2021, officers responded to the 24700 block of Mason St for a welfare check. Officers were advised an elderly male had been knocking on doors asking for assistance. Officers contacted the subject and determined he was suffering from mental health issues. The subject was being cared for by a family member who was on location.

On 10/22/2021, an officer on patrol in the 31500 block of Lake Sawyer Road located a reported stolen vehicle in a parking lot. A subject was removing parts from the vehicle when he was contacted. The subject was detained and it was found he had multiple warrants for his arrest. The subject was booked into jail and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

On 10/23/2021 Officers responded to the scene of a single vehicle collision in the 29700 block of 224th AVE SE. Subsequent investigation determined that the driver of the vehicle was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was transported to a medical facility for evaluation, and was charged with DUI.

On 10/23/2021, an Officer was dispatched to a parking problem at the 32100 block of Bruckners Way. The Officer answered questions regarding parking in the neighborhood.

On 10/23/2021, an Officer was dispatched to a standby in the 30800 block of 228th Ave SE. The Officer was present while the complainant checked her home to verify that her husband was not there. The complainant was taking possession of the home per a court order issued by the Superior Court.

On 10/23/2021 Officers were dispatched to a civil standby at the 29000 block of 220th PI SE. The issue was a landlord tenant dispute and the land lord was informed of the laws and the proper method to handle disputes.

On 10/23/2021, officers responded to the 32200 block of 3rd Ave for a welfare check. A subject was found yelling for help. The subject couldn't remember his name or where he came from. The subject was identified with a fingerprint scanner and transported to the hospital for evaluation.

On 10/23/2021, officers were dispatched to a loud music complaint near the 32500 block of 3rd AVE. Upon arrival, the subjects were advised of the noise ordinance and the the music was turned down. Officers cleared the call without incident.

Rezone Meeting Open To The Public

Notice Of Application And Public Meeting for Rezone of King County Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining). Applicant: Palmer Coking Coal Company, LLP, P.O. Box 10 / 31407 Highway 169, Black Diamond, WA 98010-0010. telephones: 425-432-4700 and 360-886-2841: fax: 425-432-3883 website: palmercc.com - e-mail: inquiry@palmercc.com Public Meeting Location, Date, and Time: **Black Diamond Bakery in the Banquet Room, 32805 Railroad Ave., Black Diamond, WA 98010. Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.**

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Two other events are being held as part of the annual Veterans Parade & Observance:

**American Legion
Community Breakfast**

Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 – 9:30 a.m., Auburn Senior Activity Center

Co-sponsored by the American Legion Post #78 and the City of Auburn, the annual American Legion Community Breakfast is held at the Auburn Senior Activity Center, 808 Ninth Street SE, on **Saturday, Nov. 6 from 7 - 9:30 a.m.** A generous breakfast for \$9 includes pancakes, eggs, ham and juice or coffee. Tickets available

in advance or at the door. Verification of vaccination and/or negative COVID-19 test is required by Public Health Seattle & King County to enter the breakfast. All customers are also required to adhere to the prescribed indoor mask mandate, wearing a mask/face covering over their nose and mouth while in the facility, unless eating or drinking.

**Downtown Auburn
Cooperative's Beer
Garden
Saturday, Nov. 6, 10:00
a.m. – 4:00 p.m. B Street
Plaza, adjacent to 144 E
Main Street**

NEW this year! A partnership between the Downtown Auburn Cooperative and the Auburn VFW Post 1741 will fill the B Street Plaza with a Beer Garden and Poppy Sales. B Street Plaza sits along the parade route, just east of the Grandstand. The Beer Garden will be featuring a beer called 'Uncommon Valor' by Rail Hop'n Brewery that was made as a fundraiser for the Auburn VFW. It's a single malt, single hop, citrus IPA brewed by Vets for Vets. Other beers and a hard seltzer also available. 12 oz. pours will be \$5 each, with 50 cents for every beverage sold being donated to the Auburn VFW Post 1741. Cheers!

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



Lily English is shown comforted by her sons, Jim (left) and Jerry (right) two days after her husband, Harry English was trapped by a cave-in on Jan. 6, 1954 at the Landsburg mine. Mrs. English clung to hopes that a miracle might spare his life while awaiting word on the fate of the lost coal miner. Co-workers of the 40-year-old miner continued digging through rubble and said they would not give up hope until his body was found. Included in the rescue crews were English's father-in-law, Harold Lloyd, and brother-in-law, Harold Lloyd Jr. Another miner, Roy Coutts, working with English tumbled to a safe spot and was rescued the previous day lending hope that English may

still be alive. Harry English and Roy Coutts plunged when a brow of coal broke off the hanging wall from a mine level below where they worked. Coutts was miraculously spared, though fell a considerable distance on top of the coal. Different attempts were undertaken to find Harry English and continued for eight days. On Jan. 14, a meeting was held to determine what other actions might be taken to recover his body. However, the committee of eight including Sam Nicholls, Albert Donati, Frank Stebly, Clarence Holmes, Robert Pierce, Bud Simmons, E.J. Grillos, and Louis McGuire were unanimous in their decision to stop further recovery efforts due to the

great endangerment facing English's fellow workmen. Harry English's body was left, interred in the collapsed rubble of the Landsburg Mine, opened in 1941 by Palmer Coking Coal Co. Three months after the fatality, the initial plan to erect a tombstone above the accident site was abandoned by Lily English. Instead a lighted cross was presented to the Black Diamond Presbyterian Church on Lawson Street. Finding comfort in courage, Lily told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "But I'm not sad. I'm happy. I know this is the way Harry would have wanted it." This United Press International photo comes courtesy of JoAnne Matsumura, an Issaquah historian.

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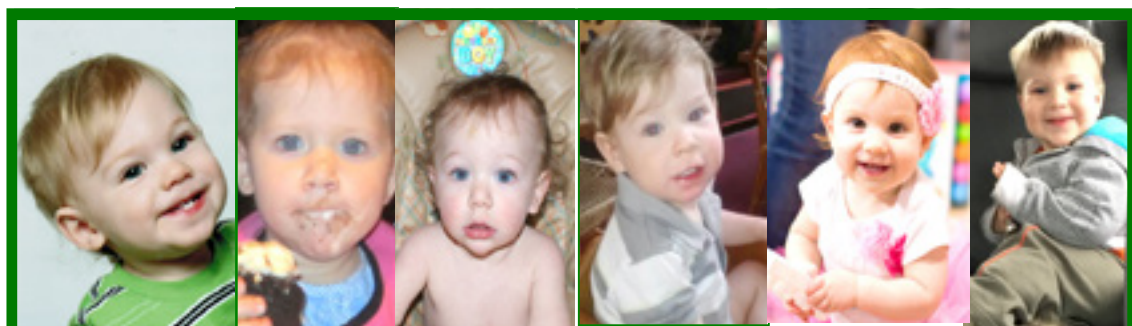
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
Thursday, November 4, 2021
 @ Noon / Viewing @ 11:30 a.m.
Payless Towing & Recovery
 29805 Pacific Hwy S.
 Federal Way, WA 98003
 253-941-4565
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
Lincoln Towing Enterprises Inc., 1201 North 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98133. 206-364-2000. **Saturday, November 6, 2021.** 3 hour preview @ 7-10 a.m. Auction @ 10 a.m. For list of vehicles see: www.roadonesattle.com
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ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION
Tuesday, November 8, 2021
 @ Noon / Viewing @ 11:30 a.m.
Payless Towing & Recovery
 29805 Pacific Hwy S.
 Federal Way, WA 98003
 253-941-4565
 (Published VOICE of the Valley, Tuesday, November 2, 2021)

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Transportation Planning

By Peter Rimbos, GMVUAC Corresponding Secretary

The Area Council held its regular monthly meeting virtually on *Monday, November 1*. Major topics discussed were: Regional Transportation Planning; Countywide Planning Policies; and Mining Proposals.

Tahoma School District (TSD) Update

TSD Board member, Val Paganelli, provided a summary of recent TSD activities:

- A State District 2 School Directors Meeting—Regional consideration for shared legislative priorities such as Federal COVID Funding, Special Education funding, and apportionment for prototypical model for basic education.

- A Joint Meeting with the Maple Valley City Council and State District Legislators—Potential priorities for the upcoming State Legislative session.

- Two-Day TSD Retreat—Tahoma CARES (Climate/Culture; High Expectations; Partnerships; Equity; and Wellness) theme of year one of five-year goals and targets for the district, communications audit review, equity goal work, facilities capacity, budgeting, directors roles for 2022 and redistricting based on 2020 census.

- Equity Steering Committee Meeting—Established drivers upon which TSD work will be grounded.

Regional Transportation Plan

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is the State's designated Regional Planning Organization (RPO) for the central Puget Sound region, including King County. As the RPO, it is tasked with planning for regional transportation, land use and economic development, under authority embodied in state and federal laws.

In 2010, 2012, and 2014 PSRC developed and refined **Transportation 2040 (T-2040)**, which described how the region will meet transportation needs out to year 2040, addressing both *existing* needs and *expected growth*. **T-2040** laid out a balanced set of investments and strategies to accommodate growth and meet the region's transportation needs. The plan included investments in bike and pedestrian facilities, local and regional transit, auto and passenger ferries, city and county roads, and state highways. Originally adopted in 2010, **T-2040** was built upon the foundation of **VISION 2040** and, thus, was guided by its regional growth strategy and multi-county planning policies. The objectives for **T-2040** included reducing congestion and improving mobility for people and freight, within a balanced financial strategy, and while protecting the region's environment. The plan's investments were focused on maintaining and preserving the existing system, enhancing safety and security, improving efficiency, and prioritizing investments in strategic capacity.

In 2017 PSRC began to update **T-2040** and renamed it the 2018 **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**. After careful review, in January 2018 a *Joint Team* of King County Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils, Associations, and Organizations led by the Area Council submitted Comments to PSRC on the 2018 **RTP Update**. PSRC adopted the 2018 **RTP Update** on May 31, 2018.

In 2021 PSRC started to update the **RTP** through 2050 to be in concert with **VISION 2050** (adopted in 2020). The 2022 **RTP Update** is meant to respond to **VISION 2050** priorities and describe how the region will meet future transportation needs. The plan outlines investments the region is making to improve all aspects of the transportation system—from roads, transit, rail, ferry, bicycle and pedestrian systems—and ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. The Area Council again will lead a *Joint Team* of King County Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils, Associations, and Organizations in conducting an in-depth review of the PSRC's **Draft RTP**, which is due to be released to the Public in January

2022. Detailed Public Comments will be submitted to PSRC early in 2022. Please see: <http://gmvuac.org/psrc-rtp/>.

Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) 2021 Update

The CPPs serve as the guiding principles and policies for all Comprehensive Planning for King County and its Cities. The CPPs, which cover Environment, Development Patterns, Housing, Economy, Transportation, and Public Facilities & Services, currently are undergoing an update.

The Area Council has lead a *Joint Team* of seven Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils/Associations to review draft policies and to prepare and submit Comments throughout an 18-mo process.

The *Joint Team* submitted Written Testimony to the King County (KC)

Council's Mobility & Environment (M&E) Committee on August 25 and again on October 27 meetings, which addressed: Siting of Urban Facilities in the Rural Area (*AGAINST*); Infrastructure Responsibilities of Private Investment (*FOR*); School Siting in the Rural Area (*AGAINST*); and the Four-to-One Land-Use Program (*FOR*).

Public Hearings will be held on

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Pacific Raceways along with ML Racing Legends hosted the 3rd Annual "Trunk or Treat" at the Northwest's Place to Race on Sunday October 31st.. With 160 decorated trunks and the drive through course set at Pacific Raceways the kids came to see the displays, the characters and of course to collect the goodies. At last count 4,000 costumed youngsters and their parents made their way through the winding forest path for an all exciting day. At the end of the drive through a Princess was waiting to photograph the day's event. There were race cars that are seen on the track during the season, but somehow had different drivers behind the wheel. The weather was amazing and everyone had a great time.

Next on the schedule is the Annual "NW Toy Run" in conjunction with the US Marines "Toys for Tots" program on Sunday December 5th. More information is available at www.pacificraceways.com. Photo by Bill Archer

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LSPF photo caption: Jennifer Kombol and Kristiana de Leon brave the bracken on National Make a Difference Day.

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Since 1992, communities around the nation have joined together on the fourth Saturday of October to combine their efforts and make a difference. National Make a Difference Day is considered one of the most encompassing days for people to lend a helping hand. Whether you help a neighbor, give to a charity or clean up a park, every effort makes a difference.

This year, the Lake Sawyer Park Foundation hosted an event to help clean up Lake Sawyer Regional Park. Despite the impending "bomb cyclone" weather, volunteers packed their pruners to clear out blackberry patches and sweep away Scotch broom, both invasive species that threaten native park flora. Nearly a dozen park enthusiasts used the occasion to gather their gear and battle the bramble to improve views of Rock Creek and clear a new access trail on Scotch broom hill for park travelers to trek upon.

About the Lake Sawyer Park Foundation

A grassroots tax-exempt organization, the LSPF is made up of volunteers who work in partnership with the City of Black Diamond to raise money and awareness on behalf of Lake Sawyer Regional Park. Its mission is to seek out opportunities and promote efforts that support this beautiful and unique space.

To learn more about the LSPF or to get involved, check out our website at lakesawyerparkfoundation.org or visit our Facebook page.

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Black Diamond Police Reports

Black Diamond Reports Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, 2021

On 10/31/2021, an Officer responded to the 31100 block of 3rd Ave reference to a welfare check. The Officer was unable to locate anyone in need of assistance and the complainant did not answer the phone when called.

On 10/31/2021, officers were dispatched to the 33100 block of Pacific ST regarding suspicious circumstances. The reporting party believed someone had attempted to gain entry into her home. Officers did a walk-through of the house and found no sign of attempted entry to the residence. Officers cleared the call without incident.

On 10/31/2021, officers were conducting a regular patrol near the 24400 block of Cemetery RD when they observed a two-vehicle collision occur. No injuries were sustained in the collision and both vehicles were able to drive from the scene. An exchange of information was done and a collision report was completed.

On 11/01/2021, officers responded to a neighbor dispute in the 29000 block of 220th PL SE. The dispute was settled with no criminal charges pending. Both parties were advised to seek an anti-harassment order from the court.

ON 11/01/2021, while conducting patrol, officers observed a possible order violation near the 28900 block of 218th AVE SE. The vehicle of the suspect had been parked near the protected person's home. The suspect was located shortly after with the aid of a K9 officer and arrested. He was booked into Issaquah Jail.

On 11/01/2021, officers responded to the 30600 block of 3rd AVE regarding a missing person report. The reporting party advised that she had not seen her roommate since early the day prior and she had been acting erratic. A missing person report was completed.



An Encouraging Word

By Pastor Jason Katen

Taylor Creek Church

"I'll Do It Myself!"

"On November 20, 1988, the *Los Angeles Times* reported: A screaming woman, trapped in a car dangling from a freeway transition road in East Los Angeles was rescued Saturday morning. The 19 year-old woman apparently fell asleep behind the wheel about 12:15 A.M. The car, which plunged through a guard rail, was left dangling by its left rear wheel. A half dozen passing motorists stopped, grabbed some ropes from one of their vehicles, tied the ropes to the back of the women's car, and hung on until the fire units arrived. A ladder was extended from below to help stabilize the car while firefighters tied the vehicle to tow trucks with cables and chains.

'Every time we would move the car,' said one of the rescuers, 'she'd yell and scream. She was in pain.' It took almost 2 1/2 hours for the passers-by, CHP officers, tow truck drivers, and firefighters—about 25 people in all—to secure the car and pull the woman to safety.

'It was kinda funny,' L.A. County Fire Capt. Ross Marshall recalled later. 'She kept saying, 'I'll do it myself.'"

As I read this story, it made me think of the response of so many people to the question of where they will spend eternity. Jesus went to the cross to pay the penalty of sin for the whole world. He took upon himself the sins of the world to justify the righteousness of God and provide forgiveness for sinners like you and me. He did all this, yet the most common response of people when asked how they know they will be in heaven when they die is: "I'm a pretty good person, I think God will accept me in." In other words, they are saying: "I'll do it myself." "If I work hard enough at being good, God will let me into heaven."

Is this really true? If we are good enough God will let us into heaven? Not according to God's word. And I'm glad it's not true, because there is no peace in wondering if you're going to make it to heaven based on you're good behavior. To let you squirm and fret until the end is not a loving God. A loving God provides a way that you can know for sure.

The Bible tells us there is no one who is righteous or good enough to inherit heaven. It says "all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory" and that "the wages of sin is death, but the free Gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus." – Romans 3:23; 6:23. Now that is a loving God. He offers salvation as a free gift, yet many still say "I'll do it myself!"

Is this person you? If so, it's time that you examine your heart, and agree with God that you are a sinner separated from Him, and in need of Christ's saving sacrifice on the Cross. Will you receive God's forgiveness and live for him today, or will you just continue to say "I'll do it myself"? "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." – John 3:36

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November 30 (M&E Committee meeting) and on December 14 (full KC Council meeting). The final-approved (by KC and all its cities) **2021 CPP Update** is to be submitted to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) by the end of the year. Please see: <http://gmvuac.org/cpp-update/>.

Mining Proposals

The Area Council is concerned King County Code is not being followed for the Erickson Trench-Filling Operation—a former mining site. King County Comprehensive Plan Policy **R-688** states:

The periodic review process for mineral extraction and processing operations shall include sufficient public notice and comment opportunities. The purpose of the periodic review process is to provide opportunities for public review and comment on the mineral resource facility's fulfillment of state and County regulations and implementation of industry-standard best management practices, and for King County to modify, add or remove conditions to address new circumstances and/or unanticipated project-generated impacts. The periodic review process is not intended to re-examine the appropriateness of the mineral resource use, or to consider expansion of operations beyond the scope of existing permitted operations since that review would be accomplished through the County's permitting process. The periodic review is intended to be a part of King County's ongoing enforcement and inspections of mineral resource sites, and not to be a part of the County's permitting process.

This process also is embodied in King County Code **21A.22.50 Periodic review**. The Area Council is not aware of any "periodic review process" as "part of the ongoing enforcement and inspections" of the Erickson site. The Area Council is not aware the Public has been provided any review/comment opportunity as part of such a process, nor has been notified of same.

Currently, the Erickson operation, is in the "reclamation" phase (nearly 70 years following the completion of its mining phases). Since such reclamation is part of all mineral extraction mining permits, the Area Council does not see any separation from the original mining operations, but rather sees a continuation. As such, both KCCP Policy **R-688** and the underlying KC Code **21A.22.50 Periodic review** should apply. A *Periodic review* is a Type 2 land-use decision made by the director and are discretionary subject to administrative appeal (ref.: KC Code **21A.22.050**,

Paragraph B.).

The Area Council has begun a dialogue with King County Department of Local Services' Permitting Division to see whether "Periodic Reviews" on the Erickson site should and would be initiated.

Annual Train Show

The Area Council held its Annual Model Train Show on the weekend of October 16-17 at Gracie Hansen Community Center in Ravensdale. Over 500 visitors attended, with many expressing how good it was the show returned this year after last year's cancellation due to the pandemic. There were eight displays of operating model trains of various sizes and gauges. A display of historical photographs of the area was provided by the Black Diamond Museum. Please see the Area Council Train Show page: <http://gmvuac.org/annual-operating-model-train-show/>.

Upcoming Area Council Meetings

The next Area Council monthly meeting will be held Monday, December 6 — another "virtual" meeting via Zoom. Access information will be posted on the Area Council's website www.gmvuac.org. The Area Council is attempting to secure Dwight Dively as a Guest Speaker to discuss the King County Budget. Mr. Dively reports to King County Executive Dow Constantine and serves as the Director of the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget.

The Area Council plans to begin holding some *in-person* meetings, based on State and County COVID guidelines, possibly on a quarterly basis. It was decided the first Monthly Meeting in 2022 on Monday, January 10 will be an *in-person* meeting to be held at the Hobart Church. More in formation to follow.

Once all meetings are *in-person*, they again will be held at the Maple Valley Fire Station—SE corner of SE 231st St & SR-169 intersection across from the Police Precinct.

All regular monthly meetings are held on the *first* Monday of the month (except for Holidays, when they are held on the *second* Monday), from 7 - 9:30 PM. Meeting announcements are published in the *Voice of the Valley*, the Area Council's website (www.gmvuac.org) and local *NextDoor* platforms. You can also find us on *Facebook*. Each meeting begins with an open Public Comment period.

Area Council Membership

Your Area Council serves as an all-volunteer, locally recognized advisory body to King County on behalf of all rural unincorporated area residents living in the Tahoma School District (i.e., minus the City of Maple Valley). The Area Council's *Vision Statement* is:

"Our community's Rural Character will be supported by facilitating strong local ties and communication between the public, organizations, and government; promoting locally owned businesses and supporting quality education;

protecting the environment, and maintaining landowners' rights and responsibilities; promoting controlled and well-planned growth with appropriate infrastructure; ensuring proper representation for rural interests and needs; and supporting the health and safety and the privacy of our vibrant community."

The twelve-seat Area Council currently has two open seats. If you have an interest in joining please send an e-mail to: info@gmvuac.org or attend a monthly meeting and express your interest. To join you need to live *within* the Tahoma School District.

All, even those who do not live *within* the Tahoma School District, are eligible to join and serve on any of the Area Council's three major subject-matter Committees: Environment, Growth Management, or Transportation, as well as the Ad Hoc Economic, Public Relations, and Train Show Committees.

The Area Council welcomes your participation. For information on each of these committees please see the Area Council's web site: www.gmvuac.org and use the drop-down menu under *Committees*. Again, if you have an interest in joining any Area Council committees, please send an e-mail to: info@gmvuac.org. Thank you.

When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



On Monday May 13, 1940, at 10 am, mine gas exploded in the 2nd level north of the Occidental coal mine claiming the life of Pete Bago, a 54-year-old miner of Austrian heritage. Bago was married with four children. He was found dead in the 5th crosscut, just inside the No. 6 chute. Bago was packing timber when the force of explosion threw him against center posts which held up the mine roof. The same accident burned the arms, hands, face, and neck of John Mihelich of Enumclaw and Pete Stefanovich of Palmer, who were rushed to Auburn hospital. Eleven other miners working on that level escaped without injury, then aided in bringing the injured men to the surface.

In this photo, the injured Mihelich is prepared for placement in the ambulance. Many of the attendees have been identified (left to right): Bob Costanich, Bill Morris ministering to John Mihelich on stretcher, Vern Hale bending over, unknown, unknown, County Coroner in hat and suit leaning in, unknown, unknown, Bill Merritt in suspenders looking on, and Dr. Leo De Merchant, far right with glasses and hat. The Occidental mine was opened in the summer of 1898 with its first slope sunk in 1901, by Mr. P. Gibbons. It was located near Bayne on the west side of the Cumberland-Kanaskat Road, north of the 1,460-foot peak called Lizard Mountain. Two other miners perished in the Occidental mine during its active years – James T. Mills in 1906 and Oscar Lindberg in 1929. The mine closed permanently in 1945. This photo appeared in the May 17, 1940, Enumclaw Courier-Herald with a news story about the incident.

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US Towing, 24816 Pacific Hwy South, Kent, WA 98032. **Friday, November 12, 2021.** Viewing at 10 a.m. Auction at 11 a.m. 206-824-3448.
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 Probate Notice to Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
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Rezone Meeting Open To The Public

Notice Of Application And Public Meeting for Rezone of King County Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining).
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 telephones: 425-432-4700 and 360-886-2841: fax: 425-432-3883
 website: palmercc.com - e-mail: inquiry@palmercc.com
Public Meeting Location, Date, and Time:
 Black Diamond Bakery in the Banquet Room, 32805 Railroad Ave., Black Diamond, WA 98010
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM
Project Location: Located on one parcel totaling 240-acres about two miles south of Black Diamond on the Enumclaw-Franklin Road (STR: 30-21-07).
Project Description: Rezone from RA-5 (Rural Area, 5-acre min. lot size) to M (Mining) of parcel totaling 240-acres (of which 24.5-acres is a fully permitted, non-conforming use site for mining sand and gravel).

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Palmer Coking Coal Company hosting public meeting on potential rezone of 240 acres

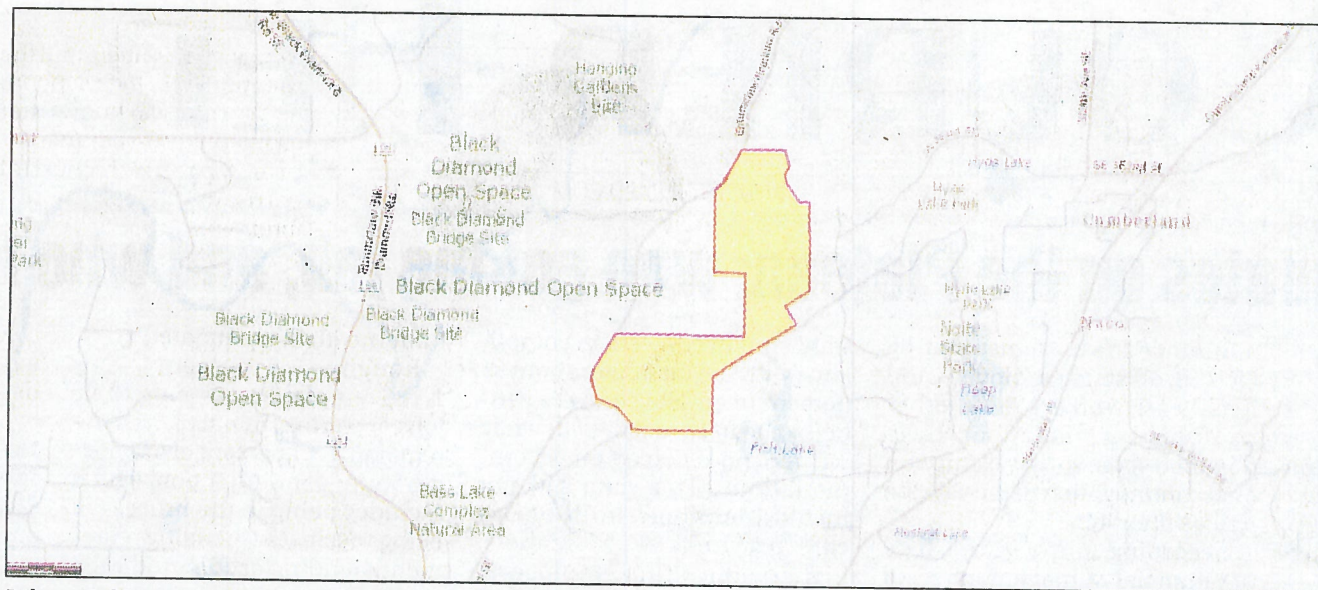
BY RAY MILLER-STILL
Editor

The Palmer Coking Coal Company plans to host a public meeting this month regarding a mining rezoning application.

The meeting is currently scheduled for Nov. 16 at the Black Diamond Bakery (32805 Railroad Ave., Black Diamond) from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The meeting concerns Parcel No. 3021079080, which is located off Enumclaw-Franklin Road SE, just to the northwest of Fish Lake and Nolte State Park. It appears PCCC would like to apply to rezone the 240 acre parcel from a RA-5 (meaning it's a rural area with a minimum of a 5-acre lot size) to M (meaning mining), but has yet to do so.

The interest in rezoning the parcel suggests that PCCC would like to expand



Palmer Coking Coal Company is looking into rezoning 240 acres of rural land just east of the Black Diamond Open Space.

its mining operation in the area; the company has a fully-permitted 24.5 acre sand and gravel mine within the parcel, though it is not currently in use.

Despite nothing having officially moved forward,

some Plateau residents are already sounding the alarm bells about the project.

"240 acres of wilderness and animal habitat is in danger of becoming a sand and gravel mine. This could affect the Black Diamond

Watershed, Fish Lake, and many critical wildlife habitats," reads a Change.org petition against the rezone effort. The petition was started by Amy Winslow, an Enumclaw resident. The petition has garnered

59 signatures since it was created Oct. 28. "This action would also affect homeowners and businesses in the Black Diamond, Cumberland, and Enumclaw areas with increased truck traffic and congestion on narrow

roads, increases in noise and air pollution, and reduction to the enjoyment of the natural resources."

Bill Kombol, manager at PCCC, was unaware of the petition when contacted by the Courier-Herald, but said the opponents of the rezoning must have missed the mining that's been going on in the area for the last several decades.

"The adjacent property has been successfully mined since the 1950s, and is currently the same type of active sand and gravel mine. That one is called 'Green Section 30,' Kombol said. "The opponents of our rezone can probably use that as a gauge of how much impact there's been."

Kombol added that King County has designated the property as a potential mining site in since 1990 in the King County Comprehensive Plan.

Community Meeting Sign-in Sheet

November 16, 2021

Palmer Coking Coal Co., LLP's Discussion on the Proposed Rezone of Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining).

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Community Meeting

November 16, 2021

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**Palmer Coking Coal Co., LLP's Application for Rezone of King County
Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining).**

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Public Comments

Appendix 7



Brett Morris <brettgmorris@gmail.com>

Re: Application for Rezone of King County Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining)

1 message

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To: pomme333@aol.com

Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 2:11 PM

Gretchen & Michael Buet - Thank you for your comments.

I want to be crystal clear - our proposal is only for the mining of Sand and Gravel. Absolutely no coal will be mined. The rezone is only for the surface mining of the glacial outwash layer of Sand and Gravel.

There is no coal in the deposits of sand and gravel left by the glaciers about 12,000 to 15,000 years ago. The coal is within the sedimentary layer of bedrock which was formed about 50 million years ago. The sedimentary layer of bedrock is far below the glacial outwash layer of Sand and Gravel we propose to mine.

So, please rest assured - no coal will be mined as part of this Rezone proposal. I'm sorry if some of the people speaking against our proposal last night led you to believe this is a coal mining proposal. It is decidedly not.

Bill

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In a message dated 11/17/2021 1:59:11 PM Pacific Standard Time, paul@palmercc.com writes:

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gretchen Buet** <pomme333@msn.com>

Date: Wed, Nov 17, 2021 at 1:50 PM

Subject: Application for Rezone of King County Parcel #3021079080 from RA-5 to M (Mining)

To: inquiry@palmercc.com <inquiry@palmercc.com>

Hello Kombol family,

I attended the meeting last evening, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 4:30-6 pm at the Black Diamond Bakery.

Black Diamond Coal Mining Company was formed in 1861.

Mining in 1861 was different than in 2022. There were very few residents. The only residents were miners.

Today, in 2021, thousands of new residents have moved to the Black Diamond – Enumclaw area seeking peace and quiet and beauty. Thousands more are on the way.

Ten Trails in Black Diamond is one of the new and growing residential communities.

Please do the right thing in 2022.

Coal Mining in King County in 2022 is inappropriate.

The Green River with protected salmon runs needs assurance of their total protection forever.

Please do something wonderful with your land.

Make your Kombol family legacy one of respect and love and appreciation for your community.

Your Kombol family legacy is at stake. How do you want the Kombols to be remembered?

What about your Kombol grandchildren and Kombol great-grandchildren?

Think about them. This is 2021-2022. Coal is being phased out worldwide due to climate change. It is a fossil fuel which is not sustainable.

President Biden spoke at the November 2021 Global Climate Summit in Glasgow, Scotland about phasing out coal.

You know coal mines pollute. You know coal mines displace and kill wildlife. You know coal mines cause flooding. You know coal mines poison the water and the wells of all nearby residents. You know coal mines create dangerous truck traffic that increases driving accidents.

You know coal mines create terrible noise. You know coal mines cause huge disturbances to the land. You know coal mines cause sink holes.

Coal mines are dangerous places. My brother in law was electrocuted in Leadville Colorado while performing an electrical inspection in the coal mine where he worked. There were loose wires and he stepped in water.

Coal miners often have respiratory illnesses which lead to the lung cancer pneumoconiosis.

Miners have underground hazards as in mine wall failures, suffocation, poisoning, roof collapses and gas explosions.

Experienced, devoted coal miners are hard to find these days in 2021 and beyond.

Coal mines are terrible for the environment and the planet.

Washington state is known as the "Green State". Please contribute to the beauty of our state.

Please do the right thing. Do something special so everyone loves your family and speaks highly of all of the Kombols.

Please confirm that you received this.

Thank you,

Gretchen and Michael Buet

Born and raised in Washington State

Residing just off of Green Valley Road close by