

**Mineral Lands Task Force
Minutes Meeting #7
November 8, 2012
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Sifton Fire Station 6701 NE 147th Avenue**

Attendees: Richard Dyrland, Richard Fazio, Linda Rectanus, Barb Repman, Bob Short

Absent: Jeff Wriston, Chuck Rose, Virgil Barnett

Staff: Jan Bazala, Mike Mabrey

Minutes from the September 20th meeting were approved as written when a quorum was present.

At Mike's suggestion the draft agenda was amended to replace discussion of standards with additional case studies intended to result in refinements to the surface mining overlay map.

There were about ten members of the public present. The task force agreed to let them raise questions or make statements upfront. Most left after finding out that their property was no longer affected by the draft map now that the Hypothetical Resource areas had been removed.

The task force reviewed the November 5 letter from Stephen Palmer, licensed geologist regarding the feasibility of mining on a 22 acre area (two parcels) at 5514 NE Lessard Rd. This isolated potential mineral resource area is surrounded on three sides by rural residential zoning. Mr. Palmer makes the case that the site is unsuitable for mining due to a combination of factors including access, environmental constraints (stream), depth of overburden, volume and quality of aggregate based on well logs and a site visit. It was the consensus of the task force that the overlay be removed from this site due to the combination of factors cited.

Discussion turned to other isolated sites where the overlay remained on the draft map. The group decided to test out the draft criteria for removing the overlay that had been developed previously as a recommended code change:

3. The Surface Mining Overlay may be removed from an area if one of the following conditions is met:
 - a. The aggregate resources have been depleted; or
 - b. There is evidence that mining of the aggregate resource is not economically feasible; or
 - c. Environmental constraints make it impractical to mine the resource; or
 - d. The area has been brought into an urban growth boundary or adjacent land uses or developments are incompatible with mineral extraction.

Using these criteria, there was a consensus on the following recommendations:

Parcel #137081000 – The overlay should remain on this 160 acre parcel owned by WADOT pending a site visit

NE 119th St @ 152nd Ave – Most of this area is developed with housing on 2 to 5 acre lots (Mountain Peaks Meadow) The remaining narrow strip along the east side of 152nd Street would not likely be economically feasible to mine.

NE 189th St @ 232nd Ave – The draft overlay map shows a small area of resource on Longview Timber property abutting 232nd Avenue. There is a 1 acre cemetery (Venersborg Cemetery) right in the middle of this potential resource and other site constraints including stream buffers. Considering the slope setbacks from the road and cemetery, there would be less than a 5 acre area available for mining, which is considered the minimum to be economically feasible.

5114 NW Vista Dr. – In response to the property owner's request the task force considered adding the overlay to this 4.49 acre parcel. Given the parcel size, the house location and the incompatible adjacent rural residential (R-5) housing, the consensus was that the overlay should not be applied here.

East of Amboy – The mapped area covers multiple FR-40 parcels that are 10 acres or smaller some of which have houses on them. There is an existing mining operation just east and south of this site. While it may not be economically feasible to mine due to parcel size and access, there was no decision to remove this polygon at this time. A site visit was recommended.