

Pacific City/Woods Citizen Advisory Committee (PC/W CAC)

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on June 15, 2013, 10:30 am
Central Building (next to the Post Office), 33570 Brooten Road
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 7-15-13

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

1. **Self-introductions – Ilean Rouse – Chair**

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves. There were a total of seventeen people present, including: Ilean Rouse – Chair; David Yamamoto – Past-Chair; Merrienne Hoffman – Chair-Elect; Sean Carlton – Treasurer; and Bud Miller – Secretary.

2. **Guest Speakers: Kris Weiland, Chief - Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District –**

While not scheduled as the guest speaker, Chief Weiland was present to talk about several items. The first was a renewed effort to establish a local group to assist with emergency preparedness in South County. Tentatively named the Tillamook County Citizens Corp, they are inviting anyone interested in working on this project to attend a meeting on Friday, June 21, 2013 beginning at 10:00 am at the Pacific City Fire Station. While we are hearing more about the catastrophic events, the group will also work on preparing for the smaller ones such as local flooding and loss of electricity. The group will be working with other local organizations and businesses, as well as PCJWSA on developing assistance procedures.

The second item was to report on a recent incident at a beachfront vacation rental in Pacific City. The fire began on a second floor deck and ignited the beach grass below, which in turn caused damage to the structure's exterior. The Chief used this as an illustration of the problem many houses in our community have with highly flammable grass and/or trees growing adjacent to the structures. In addition, because of a drier than normal winter and spring, fire danger levels are elevated for our area. He had some handouts available for the attendees, and referenced a website for more information: <http://www.firewise.org>

It was also mentioned that when anyone is doing fuels reduction work, they should first check with their Home Owners Association (HOA) for any restrictions.

With the Fourth of July coming up, there were also some questions about restrictions on fireworks. Chief Weiland answered that any fireworks legal in Oregon are allowed here, but urged users to be careful about adjacent vegetation. Because of the drier year, there is more emphasis on discouraging the use of illegal fireworks than ever. Signs are being posted, and the HOA's are being asked to remind their members to not shoot off such devices. He also stated that if you see someone using illegal fireworks, they can be reported by calling 911 dispatcher and furnishing the specifics of location and what is being done.

In response to another question, Kris outlined what would happen in case of a larger wildfire situation, such as in brush or tree covered areas. Response starts with the local fire district, next from other near-by fire districts, then help from the State, and finally assistance from USFS and other federal agencies if necessary.

3. **Minutes of the PC/W CAC – Bud Miller – Secretary – Monthly meeting of May 20, 2013** - The minutes for this meeting were discussed and accepted by the membership by a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Treasurer’s Report – Sean Carlton – Treasurer** – He stated that the current balance of our account is now \$224.46. The report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Land Use Committee – Sean Carlton** – There has been no new items posted on the Department of Community Development website. A member knowledgeable in real estate matters shared the information that Greg Grinnell no longer has title to the property at the southeast corner of Pacific Ave. and Sunset Dr. in Pacific City, and that it is for sale again.

Chair Ilean Rouse announced there is a meeting on Monday, June 17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Tillamook County Library in Tillamook. The subject is a discussion of how OSU will be using a NOAA grant to apply their “ENVISION” model to Tillamook County. The model deals with impacts from coastal erosion and environmental change, and our County was chosen for both its vulnerability to shoreline change and flooding combined with its growing interest in addressing these issues. See the attached WORD document “EMAIL2 FOR 6-17-13 OSU Meeting.doc” for more information on this effort. Anyone interested in working on this project as a representative of the CAC and our community, please contact Ilean at (503) 965-3600.
 - b. **New By-laws Process – Bud Miller** – Revisions are being made in response to the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners Order #13-034 of May 1, 2013, which changed our organization from a Community Planning Advisory Committee to a Citizens Advisory Committee. On May 17, drafts of the revised by-laws and mission statement were sent to all CAC members, either by email or USPS mail. No requests for changes were received, and after further discussion of the meeting attendees the following motion was made:

“CAC members at the monthly meeting on June 15, 2013 approve the current draft of the new PC/W CAC By-laws and Mission Statement. They will be forwarded to the membership as of today for ratification at the next meeting on July 15.”

The vote on this motion was 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining. A part of the discussion above concerned the possible need for further changes to the By-laws. It was decided to delay that for now and reconsider at a future time.
 - c. **Community Plan Review – Ilean Rouse** – We are looking at changes needed to the Plan due to Order #13-034 and hope to have a draft available for the August CAC meeting.

- d. **Lighting Committee – Ilean Rouse** – Nothing new to report.
- e. **Nominating Committee – David Yamamoto** – Notices have been posted asking for volunteers for the committee and for nomination of officers. We will have a slate of candidates for the August CAC meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. **LCDC/OPAC/Territorial Sea Plan (TSP) Amendment – David Yamamoto – member of TSPAC** – On Friday, June 14, 2013, there was a discussion at the City Club of Portland monthly meeting titled “Wave Energy on the Oregon Coast: Sustainable Future or Threat?”. This Club is famous for its presentations of opposing views, so a good debate was expected between the speakers. They were Jason Bush, Executive Director of Oregon Wave Energy Trust and Tim Josi, Tillamook County Commissioner. This did not happen. David went to the meeting and was very disappointed by the position that Commissioner Josi took supporting the adoption of the Part 5 Amendment of the TSP at the January 24, 2013 LCDC meeting. This is the complete opposite of what he said at the January meeting, at which he voted against adoption of the Staff Report as the Amendment. Now Mr. Josi said he was happy that this was adopted while the reports from the OPAC and TSPAC were rejected. You can listen to the presentations at the meeting by visiting http://www.pdxcityclub.org/Friday_forum_archive The Commissioner’s strongest comments about adoption of the Amendment are at about minute 38 to 42 on the recording. In addition, Mr. Yamamoto reported that legislation (Senate Bill 605) has recently been passed and signed by the Governor. This requires the LCDC to either accept the recommendations of the OPAC, or else send it back to the group for reconsideration. It had been thought that this was the procedure already in place, but now it has been codified. David also commented that there is a possibility that the energy development site off of Reedsport may go away. Ocean Power Technology has a permit to develop this location, but questions about their financial viability are being raised. If they cannot satisfy FERC’s questions and the company fails, then the Reedsport site will be removed from the list of approved locations for development. He also noted that Federal government has given Principal Power a \$4 million grant to begin work outside Oregon’s Territorial Sea off of Coos Bay.
- b. **Accessory Dwelling Units Update – Barbara Taylor** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Pacific City Airport Evaluation Update – Ilean Rouse** - An attempt to obtain additional funding for the Oregon Department of Aviation by increasing the tax on jet fuel was defeated by airline lobbyists. This was to be used as a funding source for the Department, including covering the costs of maintenance of small airports throughout the State. Therefore, the study of potential closure of some airports is still going on, and Pacific City remains on the list. There was a meeting of County staff, the Chamber of Commerce and local pilots last week to discuss the situation, and we are all waiting to hear what comes next.

- d. **PCJWSA Recreation and Public Purposes Lease Application to BLM – Carolyn McVicker – PCJWSA Director** – This process began several years ago and then was put on hold by the BLM. PCJWSA was contacted in May to restart the process. The lease is for a 75.5 acre parcel north of their office and facilities, and includes an area for expansion of their operations, an evacuation site, and a “green space” for recreational use. There was a discussion about some of the details of how the latter would be developed and how that would be paid for. The first project is to put in a hiking trail, which will be funded by PC Pathways and volunteer labor. The next step in the process of granting the Lease is preparation and approval of an Environmental Assessment.

The Tillamook BLM office sent out a letter on May 30 asking for comments on the granting of the R&PP Lease. Members present talked about how the CAC should respond, and the following motion was made and adopted:

“A letter from the PC/W CAC will be prepared stating our support of granting of this lease and sent to the BLM before the deadline date.”

The motion was adopted by a vote of 12 in favor with 0 opposed and 0 abstaining. A letter will be prepared and approved by the Executive Committee and mailed before June 30. Comments are due by July 1, 2013, and anyone interested in commenting should review the BLM May 30 letter attached to these notes, which include addresses and emails to contact the BLM.

7. **New Business – Jeanette Miller – Tillamook County Citizen Corp** – A meeting was held on June 4, 2013 in Tillamook to discuss emergency preparedness planning needs. It was facilitated by Linda Kozlowski, president of the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay. This North County group has been getting many things done in the last few years. For more information on what they have been working on, see their website:

<http://www.emergency.nehalembay.org>

There was a lot of excitement generated at the meeting, as representatives of different locations talked about what was going on, and it was noted that South County is behind in many ways. Those who have made more progress offered to help us catch up, and suggested starting with a step called “Map your Neighborhood” which collects information on what resources are available and what special needs might exist in case of an emergency. There are four other areas of training/action identified, including: (2) Community Emergency Response (CERT); (3) Ham and Family Radios (Communications); (4) Medical Reserve Corps; and (5) Red Cross partnerships. Ms. Miller also noted that Tillamook County recently became the second county in Oregon to be certified under IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System) a network which allows for sending messages via cell and regular phones, NOAA weather radios, etc. in emergencies.

While some work had been done in the past, it is clear that communities in South County need to start over. For Pacific City/Woods, this will begin with a meeting on June 21, 2013 starting at 10:00 am at the Pacific City Fire Station. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to form our local organization and decide how to proceed. We are especially anxious to find representatives for each of our local neighborhoods. As seen in recent newspaper articles, when the “big one” comes, outside help will be slow in arriving, and we will be on our own for weeks or months. So, everyone needs to get ready for that.

8. **Announcements** – The next CAC meeting will be held at the Kiawanda Community Center on July 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Sheriff Andy Long will be the guest speaker. Rebecca Chuck of the USFWS will present information about the new Comprehensive Plan for the Nestucca Bay Refuge in August.
- There will be a meeting on June 17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Tillamook County Library to discuss options for evaluating of dealing with coastal erosion and flood hazard areas in Tillamook County.
 - Julie Chick had asked us to announce a celebration of progress on the County Water Trail system in August . Contact her at julie@tbnep.org for more information.
 - Gloria Scullin distributed a flyer summarizing what is going on with the Nestucca Valley Community Alliance (NVCA). A copy of this summary of current events is available on their website at:
<http://www.nestucca.org>
She did announced that the group was granted 501(3)c tax status in January and NVCA will be coordinating a Dory Days Booth with TLC, the U of Wand OOI. In response to a question, Ms. Scullin said the current plan allows for some 80 parking spaces in their area, which eventually will be available for 'beach parking' use.
 - Jeanette Miller reminded everyone that the first of the summer's Pacific City Farmers Markets at the Winkelman Library will be on Sunday, June 16 for 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, continuing through mid-September.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Please see our website at www.pacificcitywoodscpac.org for additional information.

The PC/W CAC meetings provide citizens an opportunity to interact with all community members on issues important to our area. These are public meetings and everyone attending is encouraged to participate.

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