

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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on August 17, 2013, 10:30 am
Central Building (next to the Post Office), 33570 Brooten Road
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 9-16-13

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 twenty-two people present, including: Ilean Rouse – Chair; David Yamamoto – Past-Chair; Merrienne Hoffman – Chair-Elect; Sean Carlton – Treasurer; and Bud Miller – Secretary.

2. **Guest Speakers: Rebecca Chuck, Deputy Project Leader – US Fish & Wildlife Service Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge** – Using a slide show, Ms. Chuck presented information about the fifteen year Conservation Plan approved on December 21, 2012. She is stationed at the Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters in Newport Oregon and worked as the Deputy Project Leader on the preparation of the Plan. She also functions as the de facto manager of the Nestucca Bay Refuge. Rebecca explained that this is one of the six refuges managed by the Newport Office. The Refuge was established in 1991 with acquisition of 370 acres, and now includes about 1,010 acres, with over 2,500 acres of private and state lands within its boundaries. It was established for several reasons, primarily to protect wintering habitat for the Aleutian Canada goose and to provide habitat for a number of other bird species such as pelicans and bald eagles, anadromous fish, and other wildlife. The latest acquisition was the Neskowin Marsh Unit (228 acres) in 2002. It was noted in the original EA and Management Plan in 1993 that Refuge establishment was not intended to take lands out of active dairy production, as present dairy practices were largely compatible with habitat management for the dusky and Aleutian Canada geese, and this approach is carried forward in the new Plan.

Ms. Chuck reviewed proposals for future development of the Refuge contained in the Plan, as well as planned changes in management such as allowing hunting of ducks in several units, perhaps starting this fall. Expansion of the trail system and opportunities for visitors to observe the birds and habitat of the Refuge are a major part of the scheduled projects. She also mentioned that funding is more limited than in the past, and they are eager to work with volunteers on trail construction and other projects. Rebecca can be contacted by anyone interested in helping on any Refuge by calling 541-867-4550 or email at Rebecca.chuck@fws.gov. Copies of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan were made available on DVD at the meeting, and a printed copy can be reviewed at the South Tillamook County Library. For more information, please visit the website:

http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/ccp_nes_slz_bkm.htm.

3. **Minutes of the PC/W CAC – Bud Miller – Secretary – Monthly meeting of July 15, 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 \$217.46. There was a comment that we might consider changing banks because we are presently being charged \$3.50 per month for our account. The report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members.
5. **PC/W CAC By-laws – Bud Miller** – We are still working to create a final, dated copy of the version approved at the July CAC meeting. Once this is done, a copy will be posted on the website as well as being distributed to all current members.
6. **Election of Officers – David Yamamoto, Past-Chair** – David announced there is one candidate for each of the positions to be filled today. Roy Hansen for Treasurer, Sean Carlton for Chair-Elect, and Bud Miller for Secretary. After asking for any further nominations and reminding everyone that a name for any member can be written in, the ballots were distributed, marked and counted. The vote for each position was a unanimous 13 responses, so the new Chair-Elect is Sean Carlton, the new Treasurer is Roy Hansen, and Bud Miller continues as the Secretary. As the new Past-Chair, Ilean Rouse reminded everyone that Merrienne Hoffman had resigned from the Chair position, and then she read the section of the By-laws which covered the filling of a vacated position. This is done by the Executive Board appointing someone, which would then either be ratified or replaced by a vote of the membership at the next regular CAC meeting. With Ms. Rouse recusing herself, the other three Board Members voted to appoint Ilean Rouse as the Chair, and then all four of the Board Members voted to appoint David Yamamoto to fill the Past-Chair position. Once this action is voted on at the September meeting, a resolution will be needed to specify which officers are authorized to sign checks on the organization bank account.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Land Use Committee – Sean Carlton** – For our information, there is a request pending to rename the bridge in Cloverdale to recognize the achievements of Kenneth Reusser, a local contractor. Mr. Carlton also announced he would soon schedule a meeting of the Land Use Committee, and asked that anyone interested in serving with him should contact him or the Chair. Bud Miller pointed out that there has been an Exception EX-13-01(a) approved by the Department of Community Development (DCD) for a property in our area of influence. Under the Board of Commissioners (BOC) Order #13-034, any such administrative action should have been transmitted to the PC/W CAC for review and comment before action was taken. This procedural failure indicates that the new procedures under the BOC Order are not functioning smoothly yet. Sean asked Chair Ilean Rouse whether a meeting of the CAC All Chairs was scheduled soon, and she replied that nothing has been announced and no meetings have been held since April 26, 2012.

- b. **Community Plan Review – Ilelean Rouse** – She and Gloria Scullin have been working on finalizing the Plan and will meet with John Boyd, Director of DCD the first part of October. They hope to get an okay from him, and then post the draft for review by CAC members and the public.
- c. **Lighting Committee – Ilelean Rouse** – Will meet with the Committee and decide whether to continue. Ms. Rouse noted that Seaside recently adopted a Dark Skies policy.

8. Old Business

- a. **LCDC/OPAC/Territorial Sea Plan (TSP) Amendment – David Yamamoto – member of TSPAC** – The Part 5 Amendment adopted in January has still not been forwarded to the Secretary of State. Jason Bush of Oregon Wave Energy Trust is setting up a conference about Wave Energy in late September to look at how stakeholders for fisheries, industry, and local communities can collaborate on implementation of the Amendment.
- b. **Accessory Dwelling Units Update – Barbara Taylor** – John Boyd has still not scheduled a presentation of the final version of the Ordinance to the Planning Commission.
- c. **FEMA Flood Insurance Rates – David Yamamoto & Barbara Taylor** – There was a brief discussion of recent meetings and announcement of the scheduled increase in such insurance rates. The changes will significantly increase the cost of such coverage (maybe cost more than a mortgage payment) and will be required on all houses with a mortgage. Our Congressional delegation is looking into what if anything can be done to soften the impacts and/or stretch out the increases over a longer period of time.

9. New Business – Nothing was brought up.

10. Announcements –

- The next CAC meeting will be held at the Kiawanda Community Center on September 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Patrick Wingard of the DLCD of the staff will present the first of three (in October and November) training sessions on “Understanding Land Use Planning on the Oregon Coast.”
- There is a “Build Your Emergency To Go Bucket” event sponsored by the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corp (STCEVC) today from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Pacific City Fire Station.
- Lisa Phipps announced there will be a celebration with snacks at Nestucca Adventures at 4:00 pm on August 21, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:00 pm for the Nestucca Water Trail system.
- We were reminded to look for information on the schedule road closure of the Little Nestucca Road to allow repair of bridges. It is supposed to begin in early 2014 and last as long as six months.

- The 21st Artisan Fair will be held next Saturday and Sunday at the Kiawanda Community Center from 10 am to 5 pm. Fourteen artists will be featured.
- Gloria Scullin announced that the Nestucca Valley Community Alliance (NVCA) fund raising event the previous weekend raised over \$3000. In addition, she announced there will be a community meeting on September 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm to discuss development of the Lightwave property. Paul Levesque will be in attendance.
- Roy Hansen asked that PC/W CAC consider revising our meeting schedule to change the every-other month ones on Saturday mornings to Monday evenings. This would make it easier for local residents who work on weekends to attend more meetings. It was commented that the Executive Board would discuss this and then bring it up for discussion at a monthly meeting. We were reminded that the present, alternating schedule is provided for in the By-laws, so any such change would mean a change to them also.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

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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