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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on December 21, 2013, 10:30 am
Central Building (next to the Post Office), 33570 Brooten Road
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 1-20-14

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

1. **Self-introductions – Ielean Rouse – Chair**
   Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves. There were ten people present, including: Ielean Rouse – Chair; Sean Carlton – Chair-Elect; and Bud Miller – Secretary.

2. **Minutes of the PC/W CAC – Bud Miller – Secretary – Monthly meeting of November 18, 2013** - The minutes for this meeting were accepted by the membership by a unanimous voice vote.

3. **Treasurer’s Report – Ielean Rouse** – Treasurer Roy Hansen was not present, and Ielea reported the current balance as of 11/29/13 is $298.27. The report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members.

4. **Committee Reports**
   a. **Land Use Committee – Ielean Rouse** - She received a call yesterday from Department of Community Development (DCD) Associate Planner Sarah Absher to let us know a Variance Request has been submitted to the Department. It will be posted on the DCD website soon. It will be listed as ‘V-13-01(a): BRUUN’ and is a request for an expansion of an existing, non-conforming single family dwelling located at 35280 Ruppell Ave. in Pacific City. There are issues of setbacks and flood plain concerns, as well as possible Airport Overlay considerations. Will eventually require FEMA flood plain approval. This Request is based on a Development Permit (DP-13-17: BERGER) approved by the DCD on December 20, 2013. Once we get copies of the documents, a Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting will be held for discussion of the Variance Request, followed by a Special PC/W CAC Meeting to consider what if any comment to make in our role as a land use planning Advisory Committee. There will also be an election of a chair for the LUC.

   b. **Community Plan Review – Ielean Rouse** – She and Gloria Scullin continue to follow up on a response from John Boyd, Director of DCD about the status of the existing and new draft Plan. Even after supplying John with documents showing
approval of the existing Plan and furnishing him copies of the new one, he has not responded to requests for any follow-up. As discussed at last month’s meeting, this item has become complicated by Mr. Boyd’s decision to ignore the requirements in Tillamook County Board of Commissioners (BOC) ORDER #13-034. A spirited discussion of those present at the meeting followed, with several members questioning how John Boyd cannot follow the guidance given by the Commissioners. As a follow-up on this, there is a meeting scheduled between Director Boyd & DCD and the BOC on January 3, 2014 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room B at the County Courthouse. While this is a Workshop, the public may attend, although no public comment will be allowed. On January 7, a meeting of the BOC and All CAC Chairs will be held from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Conference Room B. This meeting is also a Workshop, so the public may attend but make no comments for the record.

Ielean also commented that the Neskowin CAC is upset because they have not received any response from Director Boyd on their Adaptive Plan, which was submitted in June. Again, this has received support from some of the Commissioners, but he is choosing to ignore it.

c. **Lighting Committee – Ielean Rouse** – Nothing to report.

5. **Old Business** – Nothing was brought up.

6. **New Business** –
   a. **Pacific City-Hawaii Link Up – Ielean Rouse** - Tillamook Lightwave (TLW) has signed an option agreement with CoastCom, Hawakik Cable Limited to help on infrastructure and development needs of a submarine fiber optic cable landing station in Pacific City. Plans are for the cable to run from New Zealand to the Continental U.S. via Hawaii, and most likely come ashore at the County Park at the Turnaround at the end of Pacific Ave. The cable will then be extended to connect with networks in Hillsboro. As part of the agreement, if the landing is at the County Park, TLW will take over management of the parking lot, with a payment from the Cable companies to pay for annual maintenance costs. It is anticipated that there will be more information and public meetings held as the project goes forward.

   b. **Local Access Roads (LAR) – Larry Rouse** - The Pacific City Heights Neighborhood Association is working with Tillamook County Public Works director Liane Welch to get repairs done on Elderberry Lane. A portion is terrible shape and fixing the problem extends over several blocks. Mr. Rouse attended a meeting of the County Roads Advisory Committee (CRAC) when the issue of repairing LAR’s was discussed. Because the amount of money available for repairs is so limited, it is the general policy to only do such work on County roads. There was concern from the CRAC members that even with a contribution of 25 percent from local residents to accomplish the work, they do not want to set a precedent, since there are 35 miles of such roads in Tillamook County, many of
which are in bad shape. Larry was impressed by the efforts and knowledge of the CRAC, two members of which (Paul Carbaugh and Darcy Jones) reside in South County. The effort to resolve this problem will be on-going.

c. **Other Road Repairs** – Funds are available to repair the slide on Resort Drive near Reddenkopp Road and work will begin as weather permits. The County is also looking at replacing the road to Whalen Island, but that will be much more expensive than originally thought and is on hold for now.

d. **Emergency Preparedness – Jeanette Miller** – After a meeting in June with the Tillamook County Citizen Corp (TCCC), an effort was begun to increase awareness for the need to be prepared for emergency situations in South County. This includes things like forest fires, power outages, earthquakes and tsunamis. A group was formed in South Tillamook County named South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corp, with Ms. Miller as the current chair. In cooperation with the Red Cross, Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District, & the Tillamook Creamery, and with help from the TCCC, efforts to date include Build Your Bucket events (the bucket is a repository for items you will need if an evacuation is necessary) and Map Your Neighborhood meetings (to allow a cataloging of the resources available in your area). In February 2014 a program called Project Pillowcase (a child’s ‘bucket’ to be kept at school) will begin. This is through the Red Cross and sponsored by the Disney Corporation. There will be an expanded effort in 2014 to work in partnership with local businesses in their Emergency Preparedness programs. If you are interest in more information, please contact Jeanette at ibmiller@pacifier.com or (503) 965-4540. Information may also be obtained at the website of Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay: evenb.org.

e. **Discussion of Expanding the Involvement of the PC/W CAC – lead by Jelean Rouse** – One important aspect of the BOC ORDER #13-034 is the expansion of the role the Citizen Advisory Committees that it provides for. How do we broaden our agenda? There are a number of activities, committees and issues occurring in Tillamook County that have a direct impact on our quality of life in Pacific City and Woods, as well as the surrounding area. We discussed the advisability of getting more involved with these topics, perhaps by having an official or unofficial representative attend meetings and discussions that are occurring. Examples of these that were mentioned were the efforts of County Roads Advisory Committee and similar advisory groups; the ongoing work by the County and the Economic Development Council to set up how to handle the distribution of the money generated by the recently adopted Transient Lodging Tax ordinances; Emergency Preparedness efforts; modification of local County Parks; tsunami planning; bringing back the emergency sirens; affects from the recently adopted Part 5 Amendment to the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan; transportation planning/parking/turn lanes needed in our communities; coordinate with the Dorymen Association; Chamber of Commerce interaction; interface more with the Nestucca Valley Community Association; keep informed on plans for changes to existing
County Parks and/or for new ones; work planned by the PCJWSA; and others. It was even suggested that the CAC could be modified to be a facilitator for all the groups in our area that we need to be able to deal with and access for information. Finding a way to overcome the problems created by the cutting off of information from some Tillamook County Departments is a big part of what is needed. No decisions were made, but this seems to be a topic worthy of further discussion at a future CAC meeting or even a general community forum.

7. **Announcements** –
- The next CAC meeting will be held at the Kiawanda Community Center on January 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Patrick Wingard of the DLCD of the staff will present another Chapter of “Understanding Land Use Planning on the Oregon Coast.”
- Candice Stich of Cloverdale has been appointed as the new Planning Commissioner.
- The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners weekly meeting will be held in Pacific City at the Kiawanda Community Center. It begins at 6:30 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Please see our website at [www.pacificcitywoodscpac.org](http://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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