

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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on January 20, 2014, 6:30 pm
Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 2-15-14

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Self-introductions – Ilean Rouse – Chair

Officers and attendees introduced themselves. Sixteen people attended this meeting, including: Ilean Rouse – Chair; David Yamamoto – Past-chair; Sean Carlton – Chair-elect; Roy Hansen - Treasurer, and Bud Miller – Secretary.

2. Guest Speaker – David McCall, Tillamook County, Public Works, Solid Waste Program Manager – Proposed Recycling Center at the Cape Parking Lot – Mr.

McCall began by summarizing the “Garbage Challenge” or problem of dumping of household garbage at the Cape Parking Lot that became much more extensive this past summer. He illustrated this with pictures showing bags of garbage overflowing the dumpster, with another pile of similar size on the ground nearby. Several strategies were employed by the cooperating County departments and the garbage service provider, which did result in a significant reduction in the problem. These included more frequent pickups, added signage, installation of security cameras, and increased code enforcement. The latter included staff being present to explain the restrictions to potential offenders, as well as going through bags of debris and identifying probable offenders, and in some cases issuing citations. This last program revealed that most of the ‘extra’ garbage being deposited was coming from households. As a follow up to this, most of the Short Term Rentals on the County’s list were contacted and of about 600, more than 120 were found not to be providing garbage pickup, which is required by Ordinance 69. It is now thought that the number not in compliance is less than 20. In an attempt to provide a permanent solution, construction and servicing of a recycling center adjacent to the current Tillamook County Parks Dept. restrooms building is being proposed. At an estimated cost of \$13,000, this would include improvements in the camera system, installation of a number of collection units, a shelter for the units, and improved signage. More frequent emptying of the units would be a part of the strategy. The present plan calls for two 32 gallon, compacting garbage units, two 50 to 60 gallon units dedicated to recyclable material, and one for cans and bottles with an Oregon deposit on them. This collaborative effort would include County Parks Dept., local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, Nestucca Valley Sanitary, the local bus – the Wave, other local associations, and the County Solid Waste Program, which would take the lead on the project. Once in place, the annual cost is estimated to be about \$2,000, compared to past expense between \$4,500 and \$9,000 per year. David suggested it might be possible to find some group that would take care of the recycling portion in exchange for receiving any money that it earns.

There was a lengthy discussion about this proposal, and how it might or might not be supported. The County is currently proposing a cost sharing of 1/3 by the County Parks Dept., 1/3 by the County Solid Waste Management, and 1/3 by the Chamber of Commerce (or other local entity). The Chamber recently announced their position, which is since this is a County Park area, it should be their responsibility, rather than the local community. One condition affecting who pays what is that the County Parks and Recreation Dept. is “self-funding,” meaning they must collect fees, etc. to pay for their program expenses. It was also brought up that funds may be available from the County under a new distribution strategy for fees on RV’s collected by the State. It is estimated this will be about \$120,000 a year. Other suggestions included removing the trash dumpsters entirely, expanding the days the near-by Transfer Station is open, collecting a fee from State Park users to cover these and other costs (like the use fee charged by the County at boat ramps), add more trash cans, etc. One attendee asked why this problem is not occurring at other near-by locations such as at Bob Straub State Park or the boat ramp off Sunset and what might be done differently at the Cape Parking Lot. Another concern raised was the problem of “over use” of the recycling portion by local residents, and there was no clear answer to this. One other related issue that was raised was the possibility that the existing building might be replaced in the near future and how that would affect the proposed Recycling Center.

It is clear that there is a problem which needs a solution. It is also clear that the Solid Waste Management Program and its cooperators have been successful in reducing the problem in scope. It is still unclear what the next step or steps are that will fix the problem permanently.

For further information, David McCall may be contacted at (503) 815-3975, or email dmccall@co.tillamook.or.us. It was announced that the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation advisory committee will be on January 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the County Courthouse.

3. **Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on December 21, 2013 – Bud Miller – Secretary**
–One change was identified and will be made. No other changes or additions were offered, and the minutes were accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
4. **Treasurer’s Report – Roy Hansen – Treasurer** -- The current balance on hand in our account is \$180.77. This is after paying the annual P. O. Box. The Treasurer’s report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
5. **Committee Reports –**
 - a. **Land Use Committee – Sean Carlton** - The Committee met on December 30, 2013, to discuss Variance Request V-13-02(a) for the Brunn property on Ruppell St. It asked to “enlarge” the size of the building now present into the setback areas. The Committee voted to support this request. Then an Emergency Meeting of the PC/W CAC was held, which also voted to support the Variance Request. The Department of Community Development website was checked, and Sean reported there are no new actions in our area.

- b. **Community Plan Review Committee – Ilelean Rouse** – Ilelean and Gloria Scullin are working on further revisions. There has been no indication of progress on a review of the draft by the Department of Community Development (DCD).

BOC & CAC Chairs Meeting – Ilelean Rouse – The meeting was held on January 7, 2014. It was preceded by one on January 3 of more limited scope at which it was announced that DCD Director John Boyd resigned on December 30, 2013, and that Bryan Pohl had been appointed Interim Director. The January 7th meeting was attended by all County Commissioner, most CAC Chairs, a Planning Commissioner, Bryan Pohl, and several others. A number of topics were discussed. It was announced that a third Planner is now on staff, and that Bryan's Planner position will be held open while he is the acting Director. The Commissioners are considering contracting for some of the work that is needed until all positions can be filled permanently. A grant of \$35,000 has been secured to update the County Comprehensive Plan. The work will be done by LCDC staff, and there will be no public input. Because of recent situations such as approval of a quarry near Oceanside without notification of the local CAC because the site was outside their "area of influence," the need to expand all CAC boundaries was talked about; maybe to a watershed level, maybe with some overlapping. Bryan said he would explore this further. While there was a commitment from the County Commissioners to ensure there will be better communications between the County and the CAC's, the time available to ensure full notification of all requests and actions may be limited because the DCD is so far behind in several other areas of responsibility such as FEMA Flood Maps and updating of Ordinances. One Commissioner stated the Department is so far behind they are in legal jeopardy. The position of the DCD about not informing the CAC's of all actions is still an unresolved issue. It was pointed out that County Ordinance requires such notification of the CAC's and others at the discretion of the County, so concerns about legal action from requesting parties is unfounded. Bryan said he would talk to State staff for clarification on this subject.

Tourist Advisory Committee (TAC) – Various – The number and "qualifications" of the members of the TAC is still under discussion by the Economic Development Council and the Board of Commissioners. Final decisions about the number of positions and types of experience/background required will be made on January 29, 2014. One possibility is expanding the group to include a CAC Chair or member to represent the unincorporated areas of the County. A request for applications is expected to be put out shortly after February 1.

- c. **Lighting Committee – Ilelean Rouse** – Nothing to report at this time.

6. **Old Business –**
- a. **Accessory Dwelling Units – Ilean Rouse** – No new information is available.
 - b. **Territorial Sea Plan (TSP) Amendment – David Yamamoto** – It has been discovered that the portion of the audio recording of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) meeting in Tillamook on Thursday, November 14, 2013, is missing. The LCDC has stated they are trying to find the missing part of the recording and/or recreate the testimony received and responses given. David also announced that an appeal of the decision by the DLCD in 2013 to amend the TSP by himself and Charles Ciecko of Neskowin will be filed on January 27.
 - c. **NVCA – Gloria Scullin** – The next step on their use of the Lightwave property is to construct a security fence. They will be doing fund raising to cover this cost, applying for a grant, and are also asking for contributions for completion of this project. Anyone interested in volunteering to work on the committee for this work may contact Gloria at scullingb@gmail.com
 - d. **South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corp (STCEVC) – Bud Miller for Jeanette Miller** – Jeanette attended a ‘Map Your Neighborhood’ meeting in the Hills at Neskowin neighborhood on January 18, 2014, and will be leading another such meeting in the neighborhood of Aeolian Way on January 26. This and other efforts to increase awareness of the need to be prepared for emergency situations such as power outages or earthquakes are continuing, and there is always a need for contributions.
 - e. **Pacific City – Hawaii Cable Link-Up – Ilean Rouse** – Nothing new has been announced. It is unclear at this time if there will be any public meetings to inform the residents of our community of the particulars of the proposal.
7. **New Business –**
- a. **Senate Bill Affecting Future Ocean Energy Development – Doug Olson** – The proposed legislation would require local PUD’s and other electricity providers to buy electricity produced by off-shore providers situated on the continental shelf, beyond the limits of the Oregon Territorial Sea Plan. As written it would be purchased at rates equal to those charged by other providers. While the actual cost will be much higher than current rate, this might be overcome eventually by being subsidized by some government entity.

Announcements –

- The next meeting of the Pacific City/Woods CAC will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Central Building (next to the Pacific City Post Office) starting at 10:30 am. Paul Carbaugh, Tillamook County Road Advisory Committee Representative, South County Road Projects, is the scheduled speaker.
- David Yamamoto announced that on Thursday he filed to run for the office of Tillamook County Commissioner, Position #3.
- NVCA will have a ceremony at the December 3 Chamber meeting to hand over the check and receive their key for the property, and to recognize all those who worked on getting the lease.

- Larry Rouse has been appointed a member of the Tillamook Parks Advisory Committee at their meeting on January 15, 2014. The BOC made this possible by temporarily adding a seventh position to the six-person committee. Larry will serve as the only representative from South County at this time. The number of committee positions will be reduced to six the next time one expires or is vacated.
- The Tillamook Roads Advisory Committee working with the BOC has established a BOC Order that allows expenditure of a limited amount of County funds each year on maintenance of Local Access Roads (LARs), which are classified as private roads. A set of criteria was developed to use in qualifying a road for such attention. This is a result of the efforts of Liane Welch, Director of Tillamook County Road Department and Larry Rouse in his role as president of the Pacific City Heights Neighborhood Association. The first project being considered for is repair of Elderberry Lane and River View Drive in Pacific City. Local funding is a critical part of the process before approval, and under the Order subsequent maintenance will be the responsibility of the local residents.
- A **Science Pub Talk** titled 'Envisioning Tillamook County Coastal Futures: Adapting to climate change impacts on coastal hazards' will occur on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Pelican Pub and Brewery. The speaker is Peter Ruggiero, Associate Professor at OSU. The Talk is sponsored by the Nestucca Valley Community Alliance. More information is available at - <http://nestucca.org>.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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

CAC's provide local citizens an opportunity to interact with their neighbors on local land use and other issues that impact their surrounding environment and are a valuable tool for decision-makers in formulating policies, rules and ordinances for land use and other community issues. This is a public meeting and public comment may be presented.

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