

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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on July 20, 2015, at 6:30 pm
Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 8-15-15

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

1. **Self-introductions – Sean Carlton – Chair** - Fourteen people attended the meeting and introduced themselves. Officers present included Sean Carlton – Chair; Ilean Rouse – Past-Chair; Anne Price - Chair-elect; David Yamamoto – Treasurer; and Bud Miller – Secretary.
2. **Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meetings in June 20, 2015 – Bud Miller – Secretary –** Copies of these notes had been furnished previously to all members. After a brief discussion the minutes were accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
3. **Treasurer’s Report – David Yamamoto – Treasurer** - David reported that the current balance for the CAC bank account is \$253.97. The report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
4. **Update on Project to Upgrade Local Waste Water Treatment Plant – Tony Owen, PCJWSA Manager** – They are proceeding with getting the funding for the project to upgrade the existing waste water treatment plant. Current cost estimate is \$12.8 million, up from earlier number of \$11.5 million. PCJWSA will be looking at how to adjust the project to stay at the lower amount. The USDA Rural Development program has accepted their preliminary engineering report. The grant request has been submitted to the Washington, D.C. office for the national funding competition. It is still the plan to pay for the project through a combination of a grant, rate increases and a General Obligation Bond issue. The latter will be on the November ballot with a proposed rate of \$1.54 per \$M, and if it is not approved, then the sewer fees will continue to increase. This month they were raised \$10 per month, and that will happen again in July 2016 and July 2017 as necessary. Planning and design will begin when notice of approval is received from Rural Development, and construction starting late next summer. Work should be completed 18 to 24 months later.
Current information – Set new records for water use and wastewater treatment over the Fourth of July weekend. The latter was about 360 thousand gallons per day, just below the current permit level. Water supply was supplemented by the wells, and in response to a question it was noted that there have been no problems so far, but use level will continue to be monitored and water conservation requirements will be put in place.

5. Committee Reports –

- a. **Land Use Committee – David Yamamoto** – No new actions for our area have been reported.
- b. **Community Plan Review – Ilean Rouse** – Nothing for now. Department of Community Development is waiting on action on the TGM grant request, which is expected in late August. When/if this happens, there will be a lot of interaction between the staff and local residents and organization.
- c. **Lighting Committee – Ilean Rouse** – No new information.
- d. **Elections Committee – Ilean Rouse** – The search continues for candidates for the three available positions of Chair-elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Persons currently serving in the latter two positions have made themselves available as candidates.

6. Old Business –

- a. **Territorial Sea Plan – David Yamamoto** – After submitting their appeal almost two years ago, it appears there is agreement on the documents to be included and a draft notice of the hearing has been prepared. Hope to be before the State Court of Appeals early in 2016.
- b. **Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Update – Sean Carlton** – Eleven applications for TLT grant funds have been accepted by the County. \$450,000 is available, and the requests total over \$800,000. Two are in Pacific City, one for preparing a Master Plan for the Cape Kiwanda area, and the other for safety improvements in that same area. The Tourism Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 to review the proposals. A second round of applications for grant funding will begin on July 30. It was noted by an attendee that no request had been submitted for expansion of the Kiawanda Community Center, a project that has received a lot of attention in the past. It was suggested that the CAC might support the Community Center in preparing a request for this second round. Another attendee reported that there is an on-going discussion about how the money collected for tourism should be spent, specifically the split between infrastructure projects and advertising. This needs to be resolved by the TAC, EDC, and BOC, and the outcome must be in-line with promises made when the TLT was proposed.
- c. **Cape Kiwanda Stakeholders Group – Sean Carlton** – This group has not met recently.

7. New Business –

- a. **County Parking Lot Fee Proposal - Sean Carlton - The County Parks Department recently proposed charging a special event fee of \$3,500 per day for use of the parking lot at Cape Kiwanda. This possibility has been discussed over the last few months by various entities and the formal proposal is based on action by the Parks Advisory Committee recommendation the Parks Department. When the decision to discuss and approve the idea at the Board of**

Commissioners meeting on July 8, there were a number of negative responses and the issue was discussed at the Pacific City-Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting on Monday, July 7. During the meeting Commissioner Tim Josi announced that any discussion or action will be put off until later in the year. There was a discussion among those at this CAC meeting, supporting the delay until everyone has a chance to review the proposal, and many about the high cost and possible negative impact on users. It was mentioned that under the proposed fee plan, the money collected was to be used for maintenance and clean-up of the parking lot area; and the problem of the massive amount of garbage left at the location over the previous weekend was a good example that more effort is needed.

Also discussed at the Chamber meeting was that work on funding and implement the various projects in the Cape area should proceed as quickly as possible to address already existing safety issues.

8. For the Good of the Order

- a. **County Roads Advisory Committee – Anne Price** – At a meeting on July 13, 2015, several topics of interest to our community were discussed. In response to the congestion on Kiwanda Drive at the parking lot, the Department is discussing some short-term measures, including flashing signals at crossings and speed bumps. They hope to get this done before the fall. They recently did some “car-counting” in this area. It was only for speed information, and an average speed of 38 mph was recorded in this 30 mph zone. The study will be repeated in the fall to measure results of proposed changes.

Some one was injured walking across the Woods bridge and is suing the County. Planning for the two projects on Resort Drive are proceeding. The Department is developing a plan to construct a guardrail at the Cloverdale Noble Wayside to keep people from going off the river bank.

In Anne’s absence, Ilean Rouse will attend the next Committee meeting on September 14, 2015.

9. Announcements –

- The State of Oregon Marine Board has made a decision not to move forward on creating various user zones in the area of Cape Kiwanda.
- Meetings on planning for a state park at the Beltz Farm property have been scheduled by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Saturday, August 1 at 1:00 pm in Tierra del Mar and Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 pm at the Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City. A meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held at the same location from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and is open to the public.
PLEASE NOTE: SINCE THE CAC MEETING, THE DATE OF THE SECOND OF THESE SESSIONS HAS BEEN CHANGED. IT WILL STILL BE AT THE KIAWANDA COMMUNITY CENTER, BUT ON AUGUST 27, 2015.
- Woods Boat Ramp – Work was scheduled for the ramp as part of maintenance on the Woods bridge, but money for the project has been reprioritized for this year. A sign reading “Boat Ramp Unmaintained” has been put up and the ramp is not closed.

- The CAC All Chairs meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.
- The next monthly PC/W CAC meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the Pacific Coast Bible Church in Pacific City, and will begin at 10:30 am. Elections for the positions of Chair-elect, Treasurer, and Secretary will be held at this meeting. Self-nominations are welcome, and you have an interest in standing for any of these positions, please contact Ilean Rouse at ileanrouse@gmail.com, or just come to the meeting on the fifteenth.
- **ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER: If anyone is interested in volunteering to attend the Public Roads Advisory Committee meetings as our representative, please contact Ilean Rouse. She has agreed to fill this job for now, but is involved in many other CAC related projects.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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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