

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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015, 10:30 am
Pacific Coast Bible Church, 33570 Brooten Road (next to Post Office)
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 11-16-15

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

1. **Self-introductions – Anne Price – Chair** - Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves. There were a total of 16 people present, including: Anne Price – Chair; Sean Carlton – Chair-Elect; Ilean Rouse – Past-Chair; David Yamamoto – Treasurer; and Bud Miller – Secretary. Anne announced that due to a cancellation, there will be no guest speaker for this meeting.
2. **Minutes of September Meetings – Bud Miller – Secretary** – Three sets of notes were presented, discussed and then voted on for acceptance.
 - Regular PC/W CAC meeting held on 9/21/15. Mr. Miller noted one sentence added in section 8.b. taken from a copy of the presentation furnished by commenter Walter Kostrikin. A motion was made and seconded to accept the notes as amended, and a unanimous voice vote approved the final version.
 - Land Use Committee meeting held on 9/14/15 to discuss the Wriggle Variance Request. After a comment about the struggle the Committee had in arriving at their recommendation not to support the request, and another that the Variance had been approved by the Department of Community Development, a motion was made and seconded to accept the notes, and a unanimous voice vote approved this motion.
 - Special PC/W CAC meeting held on 9/14/15 to take action on the recommendation from the LUC on the Wriggle Variance Request. A motion was made and seconded to accept the notes as amended, and a unanimous voice vote approved the motion.
3. **Treasurer’s Report – David Yamamoto – Treasurer** – The current balance for the PC/W CAC account is \$243.79. A motion was made and seconded and the report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present. A motion was made and seconded as follows:
“The PC/W CAC Executive Board approves the contribution of \$50.00 to both the Pacific Coast Bible Church and Kiawanda Community Center in December 2015 as a thank-you for their support in providing places for us to hold our monthly meetings.”
After a brief discussion, the Board members voted by a show of hands to adopt this motion. The vote was 5 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Cape Kiwanda Stakeholders – Sean Carlton & Doug Olson – Master Plan and Boat Ramp Grants** - There was approval of one project, the creation of a Master Plan (\$95,000) to develop a plan for coordinating development of the various

- publicly-owned properties in the vicinity of the Cape parking, and rejection of funding of the other proposal to widen the boat ramp at the parking lot by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). However, a special project for \$50,000 was funded to begin the preparation work (plans & permits) for this latter item. The Stakeholders group is now considering how to redo the overall proposal and resubmit it in the second round of grant requests, which opens on October 1.
- b. **Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) – Sean Carlton & Doug Olson** – The meetings of the Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC) and Economic Development Council (EDC) accomplished the rating of all twelve projects submitted and then passed this on with their recommendations to the BOC. There was a lot of discussion about how the process operated, and several changes have been suggested for the future. It was also clear that there is a wide range of attitudes about what projects should or can be funded. One item mentioned was there are now three and one-half full-time positions funded by the TLT money to support the activities associated with promotion of tourism for the County, while at the same time there were not enough grant funding requests to fully use all the money allocated for these projects. The portion of the 30 percent of the TLT available for road repairs is being used very effectively, and no issues have arisen. There will be a work session on November 11 to explore how to refine the TLT grant process. Please note that anyone interested in keeping informed of what is going on with the TLT and TAC can visit the EDC website – edctc.com
- c. **Territorial Sea Plan – David Yamamoto** – Their brief has now been filed, along with two amicus briefs. One was submitted by the cable industry, and the other “Counties” brief, which was prepared by Lincoln County and has the backing of all seven coastal counties. David also offered an update on the proposal that Principal Power is going forward with the build a windmill facility off the coast near Coos Bay. Original plans were for a proposed liquid propane transfer facility to buy the very expensive electricity produced by this project. There has already been a federal grant of \$48 million to help get the work started, but now completion of the on-shore transfer facility is in doubt. After several attempts to pass legislation in the State Legislature were defeated, there is now a “secret” committee created by the Governor that is working on how to accomplish the goal of requiring local utilities to buy any power generated and then pass on the high cost of the electricity created.
- Doug Olson – Oregon Energy Suppliers and Public Utilities suit against the Oregon State Department of Energy** – After repeated attempts to resolve the action by the Department to increase fees (taxes) on the energy suppliers, a group of eleven suppliers has recently filed a suit for reversal of the Departments decisions. The suit alleges that the Department has raised the fees they charge supplier without following legally required procedures for public input and other consultation. And specifically that the fees are really taxes, and only the Legislature can levy taxes in Oregon. This will be another lengthy process before resolution is reached.
- d. **County Parks Update – Larry Rouse** – The Department has prepared a list of properties which might be made available for purchase. Those selected are in

- areas with sufficient Park development already, and/or on steep and undevelopable terrain. They have been in discussion with the Siletz tribe, which is interested in obtaining additional lands in their traditional home area. A total of about 800 acres is under discussion, the fair market value of each parcel still needs to be determined, and as the process proceeds there will be public meetings. Those currently under discussion are all north of the city of Tillamook. Present plans would be for the money from the sale(s) to go into the budget of the Parks Department. It is not known whether the Tribe plans to convert the parcel(s) to trust status (which would remove them from the tax rolls).
- e. **Beltz Farm Update – Anne Price** – The State Parks Department is proceeding with their task of preparing a plan for use of this newly acquired area as a State Park. The present proposal is to designate the area as a State Natural Area, which would result in no camping or picnicking sites being developed. In attending meetings, Ms. Price has noted that as this approach develops, there is a decrease in the level of concern from residents of Tierra del Mar area about negative impacts on their community. The next meetings will be one for the Advisory Committee on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Kiawanda Community Center. Advisory Committee will meet from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (public may attend but no comments will be taken), and the Public Meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Another on Wednesday, January 27, 2015 in Wilsonville from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; location still to be determined.

5. **New Business –**

- a. **Invitation from Pacific City – Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce for the CAC to jointly host a discussion about Incorporation of Pacific City-Woods – Anne Price** – Anne led a discussion of this topic among the attendees. It was noted that there have two such discussions in the last 20 years, the last one about 6 or 7 years ago. The pros and cons were discussed, representatives from other communities that have done this were heard from, and estimates of costs and sources of funding were discussed. In a ‘straw vote’ at the end of the meeting, which was attended by over 100 people, the idea of incorporation was rejected by a four to one margin. Much of the issue comes down to Local Control versus Increase Taxpayer Costs.
- The need to look at this again was recently raised by the County Sherriff in a Chamber of Commerce meeting, relating it to the ever increasing safety issues and under-staffing and –funding problems being experiences with the ever-increasing growth in tourism to our community. Another factor that makes this a good time to discuss such action is the availability of funding from a TLT which could be collected and spent in Pacific City-Woods. The community needs to consider whether now is the time to take this step or not.
- There was a discussion of when such a public meeting would be held, and February 2016 was suggested. Several attendees volunteered to check out available dates and meeting place availability. Everyone who spoke up agreed that it must be made clear that the sponsor(s) of such a meeting are not advocating or opposing such an action, that they are only providing the forum for a discussion.

One CAC member proposed dedicating our February 20, 2016 meeting for this purpose, but there was general agreement that a separate, dedicated meeting would be better. Finally a motion was made and seconded as follows:

“The Pacific City-Woods Citizen Advisory Committee agrees to join as a co-host with the Pacific City – Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of incorporation of the community of Pacific City-Woods.”

Further discussion about some details of such a meeting followed. For example, both organizations would have representatives a front table as hosts; specific figures about costs and sources of funding must be made available; whether or not to include non-residents; best day of the week to hold such a meeting; and the usefulness of getting a list of questions before the discussion begins (e. g., from the CAC meeting or website or the Chamber meeting). A vote of the members present by a show of hands was taken, with the result of 13 in favor, 0 opposes, and 0 abstaining. Anne Price and Sean Carlton volunteered to work on a committee to get this set up.

6. **Committee Reports –**

- a. **Lighting Committee – Ilean Rouse** – Ms. Rouse spoke with an employee at the Shell station in Pacific City to request the light on the ATM be turned off at night. It was indicated that this will be done.
- b. **Land Use Committee (LUC) – David Yamamoto** – No new requests for action/comment are listed on the DCD website. Variance Request 651-15-000311-PLNG: Wriggle has been approved by the DCD with some minor conditions. Secretary Bud Miller noted that in the LUC meeting on 9/14/15 a proxy vote was cast and recorded and this also happened at the Special CAC meeting that followed. After a review of the by-laws, it is apparent that this is not provided for because all such votes are by a show of hands and will not be allowed in the future unless the by-laws are changed
- c. **Community Plan Review (CPR) Committee – Ilean Rouse** – We are still waiting for action from the DCD about our draft Plan. It is hoped we will be able to meet with them sometime next month.

7. **For the Good of the Order –**

- Bud Miller shared that there was an article on page A8 of the Tillamook Headlight Herald on October 14, 2015 titled “Task force formed to find housing issue solutions.” It reports that on October 7, the BOC established a Tillamook County Housing Task Force. It is intended to look at short- and long-term housing needs in our County, and presently consists of Erin Skaar, Executive Director of CARE, Melissa Carlson-Swanson, Branch Manager Oregon Food Bank Tillamook Services Center, and Commissioner Bill Baertlein. Several topics are discussed, among them the need for low income housing as well as all kinds of housing. An assessment of current situation and future needs is proposed. Anyone interested in more information should look over the article and/or contact Erin Skaar at 503-842-5261. Mr. Miller commented that this appears to be a step to resurrect the old Workforce Housing Task Force, and it is something we should keep track of.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next PC/W CAC meeting is on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm and will be held at the Kiawanda Community Center.
- There will be an Open House and Bar-be-que at the PCJWSA facility today at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 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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