

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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on Saturday, December 19, 2015, 10:30 am
Pacific Coast Bible Church, 33570 Brooten Road (next to Post Office)
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 1-18-16

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

1. **Self-introductions – Anne Price – Chair** – As usual, everyone at the meeting introduced themselves. There were a total of 18 people present, including: Anne Price – Chair; Sean Carlton – Chair-Elect; Ilean Rouse – Past-Chair; and Bud Miller – Secretary.
2. **Guest Speaker – Kris Wieland - Chief, Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District** – The Chief discussed a range of topics and responded to questions related to the ever increasing demands on the District resources. There are presently six stations with 28 rolling stock, and they have four permanent staff and about 35 volunteers, with an annual operating budget of about \$800,000. He reported that in addition to the problems created by a significant increase in the number of calls they have been receiving (147 ahead of last year's total), the decrease in the number of volunteers (down from about 60 in 2009) is making it more difficult to respond to all requests for services in a timely manner. This is the case even though many of the permanent staff are working 60 or more hours per week to try to meet the need. They are busiest from May through September, averaging 5 to 6 calls a day just in the Pacific City/Woods area. Another complication is that more of the call-outs are taking longer to handle. Chief Wieland also reminded us that these factors are considered in assigning ratings used by insurance companies for calculating the rates they charge. With the ever increasing demands on the district, they need a combination of more volunteers and more funding. Kris did note that these increases in time spent and number of calls are not due to local needs, rather they relate to the increased number of tourists. He described an effort by a number of rural fire districts to get the State law changed on how Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) funds can be used. Currently special districts cannot access such monies, and it is hoped that with the help of Betsy Johnson and other legislators, this can be changed to allow for their use of some part of such funds. In order to address the ever increasing demand, we have to do something, and the Chief indicated he did not wish to ask for any increase in the property taxes we pay; and that a local sales tax is also not a likely option either. One other funds related problem that was mentioned is the shortage created by the difficulty in collecting some of the present tax assessments.

During this discussion, there was some talk about the meeting scheduled for February 23, 2016 at the Kiawanda Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30 pm to discuss the pros and cons of incorporation of the Pacific City/Woods community. This is being hosted by the Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce and your Citizen Advisory Committee. Presenters from several State Agencies, small towns that have gone through this process and/or are incorporated, and local businesses and citizens. This possibility has been discussed two times in the past and never gone anywhere. However, this seems to be a good time to take another look because of the availability of TLT funds.

3. **Minutes of November Meetings – Bud Miller – Secretary** – The DRAFT notes from the last meeting had been provided to the membership, and there were no changes suggested. A motion was made and seconded to accept the notes, and a unanimous voice vote approved this motion

4. **Treasurer’s Report – Bud Miller – Secretary** – The Treasurer, David Yamamoto, was unable to attend the meeting and Mr. Miller presented the following information. The payment of the PO Box annual fee was donated by Anne Price, and the current balance for the PC/W CAC account is \$236.29. Fifty dollar checks as donations to the Kiawanda Community Center and the Pacific Coast Bible Church will be written shortly. A motion was made and seconded and the report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.

5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Cape Kiwanda Stakeholders – Sean Carlton & Doug Olson – Master Plan and Boat Ramp Grants** - There will be a meeting of the steering committee and Community Advisory Committee on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 to discuss the progress and draft document of the contractor preparing a Cape Kiwanda Master Plan for Tourism Facilities. The Committee meeting will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Kiawanda Community Center. It was stated that a request for work on improving the boat ramp at the Cape Parking lot has not yet been submitted, but will be soon. More information will be available at the following: www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/Bocc/CapeKiwanda.htm.
 - b. **Beltz Farm State Park Update** – The State Parks Department has proposed the name for the area will be “Sitka Sedge State Natural Area.” A meeting to review progress on the planning for this new park will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Kiawanda Community Center. The public meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. and the Advisory Committee will be there from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information, please check: beltzplan.com.
 - c. **Territorial Sea Plan** – There was no update.
 - d. **Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) – Doug Olson** – There will be a Tillamook County Board of Commissioners Workshop on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the County Courthouse beginning at 1:00 pm to discuss making changes to how money is allocated. Doug also mentioned there has been some discussion of raising the amount of grant money available by as much as \$200,000 annually.

6. New Business –

- a. **County Parks Update – Larry Rouse** – The Department is continuing discussions with the Grand Ronde tribe about their purchase up to 10 tracks of land that are not considered developable for public use. Other County departments are also in discussion with the Tribe about such land purchases. If such action is finalized, 85 % of the money will go into the Parks Department budget, and 15 % to the County. No public meetings have been scheduled so far, and the possibility of trading of properties has also been discussed.
- b. **Roads Advisory Committee Update – Anne Price** - The meeting was cancelled.

7. Committee Reports –

- a. **Lighting Committee & Community Plan Review Committee – Jelean Rouse** – Jelean has talked to Sarah Absher and they are planning to set up a meeting on progress on these topics in January.
- b. **Land Use Committee (LUC) – Anne Price** – No new requests for action/comment are listed on the DCD website.

8. For the Good of the Order –

- Note that there will be extra high tides on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday the rest of this year, up to 9 plus feet.
- Two members donated a total of \$30 to the PC/W CAC. Thanks to both for their generosity.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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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