

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

Minutes of the PC/W CAC Meeting on May 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive
Pacific City, Oregon

FINAL VERSION -- 6-18-16

Because a previous meeting ran long, our meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

1. **Self-introductions – Anne Price – Chair** – Twenty-two people attended the meeting and introduced themselves. Officers present included Anne Price – Chair; Ilean Rouse – Past-Chair; Sean Carlton – Chair-Elect; David Yamamoto – Treasurer; and Bud Miller – Secretary.

2. **Guest Speaker – Representative David Gomberg – District 10 Oregon State Legislature House of Representatives – Update on the 2016 Legislative Session and Discussion of Local Issues** – Rep. Gomberg began by reminding everyone to vote, and mentioning two major laws passed in the short session this year which were (1) Elimination of Coal from the Electricity Supply in Oregon [HB 4036], and (2) establishing a minimum wage law [HB 4045 A]. He speculated that the major issues to be addressed next January are (1) the state budget, and a recent court decision that the State must pay all existing retiree benefits, and (2) transportation/infrastructure needs, especially how to complete work that is needed with falling revenues from the gas tax. This is especially troubling because of the decline in revenues due to more fuel efficient vehicles and/or alternative fueled cars. Alternatives being considered are an increase in the gas tax (propose 13 cents, in addition to current 30 cents per gallon rate), charging for miles driven, and/or higher vehicle registration fees. Most of Rep. Gomberg's time was spent explaining his committee assignments and answering questions from the audience. These reflected many local concerns including:
 - Impacts on small business of new and proposed legislation.
 - Distribution of the gas and related taxes to the coastal area of Oregon.
 - Many cemeteries are going bankrupt and becoming the responsibility of local governments, and how does this get paid for.
 - Creeping or blowing sand and recent emphasis on enforcement of long existing laws governing what can and/or must be done. One possible solution would be forming of a 'special district' which could then collect a tax and see that problems are addressed.
 - Many property owners in our area are not registered to vote on issues like taxing districts and raising funds to repay loans. The approach called "motor voters" which refers to automatic registration to vote for anyone (of legal age) getting a driver's license in Oregon. David supported this change and pointed out that there should not be a concern about improper registration of individuals since it is much harder to get a license than to just register to vote.
 - Transient Lodging Tax distribution requirements under State law. The opinion that there is a need to re-examine what the 70% can and cannot be spent on

at the local level was expressed by several attendees, and also the problem of how to identify all of the lodging providers (especially the Short Term Rentals) needs more attention. Rep. Gomberg mentioned this is especially a problem for internet-listed lodging locations, e.g., airbnb.

- Rep. Gomberg stated there is a need to re-examine the impact of the share of income, services, etc. that are generated/demanded by the senior citizens in areas such as his legislative district. State-wide, 14% of the population is 65-years or older, but here the number is about 22%. These people have a significant impact as a source of spending on goods and services as well as housing, and in addition increase the need (and spending) for medical services.
- Safety issues with more tourists, both on Cape Kiwanda (under the State Parks Department and being talked about now) and on the beach as well (beaches are under the jurisdiction of the State also, but not under State Parks).

Representative David Gomberg's email is Rep.DavidGomberg@state.or.us, and more information can be found at:

www.oregonlegislature.gov/Gomberg

3. **Minutes of the Monthly PC/W CAC Meeting on April 16, 2016 – Bud Miller – Secretary** – A copy of the notes had been furnished previously to all members. Some corrections were submitted to section 5.g. and will be added to the FINAL version of the notes. The minutes with the noted changes included were accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
4. **Treasurer's Report – David Yamamoto – Treasurer** – Balance of the CAC account is presently \$148.56 as of April 29, and it was noted the balance as of March 31 was \$152.06. The report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote of the members present.
5. **Old Business –**
 - a. **Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) – Anne Price** – No new news.
 - b. **Cape Kiwanda Stakeholders Group – Sean Carlton** – There is no date/time for the next meeting of the Steering Committee or Advisory Committee yet. The contractor has asked for pictures showing the 'mayhem' (congestion/chaos?) in the study area caused by the large number of tourists. If you have anything, please contact Sean or Anne Price in the next 7 to 10 days. For more overall information on this effort, please check: www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/Bocc/CapeKiwanda.htm or you may contact Rachel Hagerty of the BOC office at 503-842-3404 or rhagerty@co.tillamook.or.us.
 - c. **Cape Kiwanda Safety Task Force – Ijelean Rouse** – An organizational meeting has been held, with emphasis on ways to communicate with the public such as through social media and signage. The next meeting will be in June, time and place not yet settled. It was also mentioned the Kiwanda Angels group is another local group working on this problem.

- d. **Territorial Sea Plan – David Yamamoto** – The State has filed its brief in reply to their appeal. OWET (Oregon Wave Energy Trust) which receives most of its funding from the State of Oregon, has filed an amicus brief in support. David mentioned they have asked for organizational information from OWET and they are refusing to provide it. If you are interested in receiving his emails updating progress on the appeal of the Plan amendment process, please contact him at yamamoto.david@gmail.com.
- e. **County Parks Advisory Committee - Larry Rouse** – Discussions about the “swap” between the State and County of park land is continuing. It has been further complicated by including the State Wayside at Neskowin in the negotiations. This property is desired by the County to facilitate construction of a second access road to the Neskowin community. A Workshop of interested parties will be held soon, but it is unclear whether it will be open to the public. The playground at Bar View Park opened last weekend and parking there will be free. The new cabins at this park will open next month.
- f. **County Roads Advisory Committee – Anne Price** – After all the work done on flood damage starting last December, efforts to repair and/or resurface County roads is now on-going.
- g. **Nestucca Valley Community Alliance** – No report.
- h. **Sitka Sedge Natural Area (Beltz Farm) – Anne Price** – Discussion continues and new concerns were raised at the last meeting, including potential for flooding in Tierra del Mar if the flood gate and/or levee is removed. State Parks has extended the comment period and is open to changes in the draft plan. See beltzfarm.com for more information.
- i. **Tillamook County Housing Task Force – Anne Price** – The last meetings were brainstorming for some of the quick (“low hanging fruit”) solutions to this problem. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2016 beginning at 3:30 pm at Tillamook Bay Community College.

6. New Business

- a. **NOAA/NMFS Biological Opinion on FEMA’s Implementation of National Flood Insurance Program (FMIP) – Sean Carlton & David Yamamoto** – There was not enough time for a discussion, but they noted that this document was issued last month and mandates changes in the decision FEMA has made for implementing the FMIP in Oregon. It focuses its attention on Tillamook County, and mandates more restrictions on building and other activities in the floodway and floodplain areas. As written it will have a significant impact on future development in our area. This is the latest chapter in the conflict between FEMA and NOAA, and it remains to be seen what the final outcome will be. More information on this Biological Opinion (4-14-16) can be found at: www.westcoastfisheries.noaa.gov/habitat/conservation/index.html. It was suggested that the PC/W CAC should invite someone to explain this situation at a future meeting.
- b. **Enhanced Sherriff Patrol District** – It was announced that the next public meeting on this will not be held until September. The same is true for any further discussion of incorporation of the Pacific City/Woods community.

7. Committee Reports –

- a. **Lighting Committee – Ilean Rouse** – Working with the County on their efforts to complete a revised PC/W Community Plan.
- b. **Land Use Committee (LUC) – Dave Yamamoto** – No notice of new actions have been received and none are shown on the Department of Community Development (DCD) website.
- c. **Community Plan Review – Ilean Rouse** – The next public meeting on revision of the Plan will be held by the DCD on June 16, 2016.

8. For the Good of the Order

- David Yamamoto – Attended the County budget meetings and they are in horrible shape. Contributing to this is a \$12 million unfunded pension liability
- Bud Miller – Attended the last PCJWSA Board meeting and it included a discussion of setting up categories of users with different rates to repay the loan for reconstruction of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It was also mentioned the staff had a discussion with a local property owner about constructing an apartment building, and that three requests for new connections were received recently. In addition, the lease on the BLM property has now been signed and they are awaiting their copy.
- Ilean Rouse – Reminded everyone that we will be starting the process to elect new officers at our next meeting, and asked for anyone interested in serving on the nominating committee to contact her before then.
- Bud Miller – Expressed concern that there are no plans to reconstitute the Community Plan Review Committee until after the DCD has finished their Public Meetings and changes. He asked that the Executive Board meet to discuss this matter, and Anne Price said she would set up such a meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Public Meeting by the Department of Community Development to discuss review of the PC/W Community Plan will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Kiwanda Drive, Pacific City.

> Monthly Pacific City/Woods Citizen Advisory Committee meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Central Building, 35220 Brooten Road, Pacific City.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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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