

# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Pacific City-Woods Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Pacific Coast Bible Church

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 10:30am

PC-W CAC meetings provide citizens an opportunity to interact with all community members on issues important to our area. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

1. Self-Introductions – 13 attendees
2. Guest Speakers

Topic: Someone is being abused! Can you help me?

Kristina Vatne – Victims Assistance Coordinator, Tillamook County

Valerie Bundy – Women's Resource Center (WRC), Tillamook County

Schubert has chosen guest speakers from a county list of departments. Our two guest speaker's organizations work together to help our county. Both fairly new in their rolls in the county. Both replaced retirees.

Women's Resource Center supports and helps all people who are in need of help with abuse of any kind. In Tillamook in 2009 it was 1 in 3 women and 1 in 15 men in our county have or are experiencing domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Vatne works with those that have reported crimes. Crime victims have right and some have to be asked for, but we are here to aid those to be informed in the process of their hearing and situation. Work to support and help victims as much as possible. Vatne contacts crime victims after crime is reported.

Women's Resource Center is a nonprofit and Vatne works for the county. WRC is a free service. WRC does not seek out people. They want everyone to be safe so they have to wait for someone to be safe enough to come forward and report the situation. Have the only safe house in Tillamook County. WRC works in the county to help prevention work. Government grants, foundation grants and private donations helps fund WRC.

Vatne is the only full time staff person. There are three other retired ladies that work part time. 33% some from county funding, 27% comes from fees, Victims of crime act fund funds the rest. Mostly funded by criminals. Have a volunteer that works as well.

Question: A lot of time abuse is not necessarily physical, what are the other types? If someone reports abuse then what happens?

A lot of people only think of physical domestic abuse. Emotional abuse is another one that is more constant. Usually harder to heal from. Financial abuse. Keeping money from you, which would give you funds to get away. Keeping you from work in many ways. Isolation keeps people from others in many ways. Domestic violence does not have to be hitting. Verbal abuse is domestic violence. There is more awareness of domestic violence now though, but that has allowed abusers to be more careful about leaving bruises or marks. Domestic violence is all about power and control.

If someone calls WRC then it is totally confidential. We can't talk to law enforcement or child services unless the victim wants that.

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Question: How does Tillamook county compare to Oregon?

Rate for women is high in this county. Oregon is actually higher than other states.

Question: Why do victims return to the situation that they were trying to escape?

One reason is the financial aspect. Fear plays a big role. The most dangerous time is right when the victim tries to leave. Fear of losing the children is a big fear. Danger of how bad it could be if they don't return. Fear of going it alone. Self-esteem is low in domestic abuse relationships so stepping out by yourself is scary. By the time the crisis happens the victim's self-esteem is very low. Emotional abuse is considered the same as brain washing. So by the time they are ready to get away they have many feelings on guilt in the failed situation. If it was generational then victims have grown up seeing these abusive relationships as normal.

Question: What about elder abuse?

Many resources in this county. Elder abuse is a big issue. WRC sees a large number of 65 and older victims and they usually stay in the relationship to outlive their partner. They have been in it for so long already. NW Senior Services

Question: Are some parts of the US have higher rates? What are some factors?

It is common and high everywhere. Alaska and Oregon are two of the higher rated states. Factors: isolation, resources available, under reporting - less access to law enforcement. There was an increase in more violent crimes during the recession, but it is not a poverty problem.

Question: Occupancy rate in your safe house?

House can serve 6 households. Usually up to 20 people. We have to look for help from other counties. Most counties only have one shelter.

3. Minutes of the Sept. 18, 2017 General Membership Meeting – Megan Gillas, secretary  
Vote needs to be reported in the minutes. Quote of motion verbatim. Show of hands of vote. List number of votes.

Bud motions to table the previous months minutes for correction and present them at November meeting. Joani Moore seconds. Membership voted unanimously.

#### 4. County Updates

##### a. Sitka Sedge State Natural Area

Ben Headstrom sent out an update of the park. To open mid 2018. Ben is leaving the agency, but has a successor in line.

##### b. County Parks Advisory Committee

Cape parking fee update: Not a single company responded to the need for the study to be done. County parks approached Kittelson and Associates to do the study. The study will start in November and will run until next December. Have to do the study for a full year in order to see how the year round parking works. A decision will not be made until 2019 on whether or not to enforce a parking fee at the Cape. Parking study will be funded by TLT funds, \$60k.

Tillamook county parks has a free camping week every year to county residents. Last year 417 families used the campgrounds at the free camping week.

Whalen Island bridge will be done in April. Camping was closed over there because the water line was removed in anticipation of the bridge

removal. The new opening on the bridge will be 70 feet wide, whereas the current one is only 40 feet wide. It will change how the water runs around the estuary. Any rise in the water table in that area will seriously impact the residents of Tierra del Mar.

c. County Roads Advisory Committee

Whalen Island bridge replacement has finally started. The same company that just finished the Lommen bridge was hired to do the Whalen Island bridge as well. The Lommen bridge had some set backs and too longer than expected, which is why the Whalen Island bridge replacement did not happen when expected.

Summer paving went well. Small fund this year to pave so only small sections throughout the county were on the paving list. This year they started the paving list in south county instead of north county so all paving in south county was completed.

Next year there will be a much bigger paving fund so larger areas should be able to be addressed. I am still collecting a list of needed paving areas to submit to the new public works director, Christ Laity.

5. New Business

6. Committee Reports

a. Lighting Committee

b. Land Use Committee

Partisan request on Circle drive was approved by the county.

There are no further land use actions in our community right now.

c. Community Plan Review Committee

Workshop on October 5. Great article in the Sun. Not as well attended by the community as wanted or expected. No write in as to more ideas. There is still time. There was suggestions and much discussion over zoning.

The next Community Plan review meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 1:30pm at the Planning Commission office in Tillamook. Open to community, but is not a community meeting for open public input. You can also write comments and send them to the Planning Commission. Wants the plan to go to commissioners in November, but that may not happen.

There has been such a push for work force housing, but there is no guarantee how that will all work out.

7. For the Good of the Order

Nancy Bush email *"I was at the last meeting, I'm sorry I cannot be at probably any more meetings. I have two kinds of lung cancer and will be starting chemo of some sort very shortly. I would like to say I have been pretty active over the years with the community meetings. I actually had community meetings in my house for several years for the benefit of Pacific City,*

*and the growth of our city. I do not want for my grandchildren to live in a "Lincoln City" atmosphere.*

*Anne Price knows how I feel about growth, housing, parking structure, moving the Webb park.*

*Please keep up the good work for the benefit of Pacific City. Some how keep this simple!*

*Nancy Bush”*

Matt Kinne let us know that the parking study has cut down the number of public meetings down to only one. It will be extra important for the community to attend that meeting. We will work to keep people informed about when that meeting will be.

8. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings

Chris Laity will be the guest speaker at our November meeting.

Adjourn at 12:03pm

Next CAC General Membership Meeting:

Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Kiawanda Community Center