

SUMMARY NOTES
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
April 1, 2017

The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) convened for their regular bi-monthly meeting at 9 a.m. on April 1, 2017, at the Neskowin Fire Station. The meeting was led by NCAC Chair Richard Hook. Also attending were Bill Busch, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, Earl Ingle, Jim Ullrich, Genie Ullrich, Guy Sievert, Roger Wickland, Susan Amort, Andreas von Foerster, Patty Albright, Bryn Crowell, Beth and Steve Jones, Paul Plath and Jean Cameron, Secretary.

The summary notes of the February NCAC meeting were approved as drafted. The final notes will be posted at <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/cac.html>.

- Updates on current development applications
 - Proposal Rock Cove
 - Richard Hook reported that the Tillamook County Commissioners had voted on February 6th to deny the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of this permit. The Bora Architects group and the Allgoods have filed Notices of Intent to appeal the County's decision to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).
 - Seashore Woods, Neskowin North
 - Richard Hook reported that this permit application has "gone quiet." The applicant has not completed filing information requested by the County.
 - Café on Hawk Creek remodel/expansion
 - Jim Ullrich reported that the Café's permit application has not yet been approved. In order to meet the parking requirements for an expanded restaurant, they have secured approval from the Oregon Department of Transportation for use of ODOT's parking area near the bus stop.
- Update on the Emergency Access Road
 - Richard Hook explained that, since the design of the emergency access road will greatly improve fish passage for Butte and Hawk Creeks, the Nestucca/Neskowin/Sand Lake Watershed Council had submitted a grant application to NOAA for funding assistance to complete the road. Letters of Support for the application, many of which were recruited by Liane Welch, Director of Tillamook County's Public Works Department, are posted at <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/Neskowin%20Resiliency%20LOS.pdf>.
 - He also stated that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) did not provide a letter of support because they question whether the improved fish passage is sufficient, and they remain concerned regarding water contamination from septic systems near the northern end of the refuge. While they did not provide a Letter of Support, they are not campaigning against the proposal.
 - Richard also explained that he and other CAC chairs had met with County Commissioners Yamamoto and Josi; during that meeting, he asked them about a temporary "fix" involving the addition of rock, signage, and gate removal that could open the road until funding is available for final construction. This was discussed by the attendees at this NCAC meeting, and concern was expressed that such a short-term fix would further delay the County's investment in the final project. The County has told the community of Neskowin that this is its #1 priority, and Neskowin has already given

\$100,000 to the project. Some attendees thought that any decision on a temporary road should be postponed until after results of the NOAA grant application are known. Others suggested that we could do this temporary fix ourselves, rather than using any County funds that should go towards the final construction, but there was skepticism as to whether the USFWS would support a temporary arrangement that didn't improve fish passage. In a vote for or against a temporary road after the grant results are known, there were 3 votes for and 9 votes against. As Susan Amort said, "we want an ocean-going road" – meaning a first-class road.

- Update on Hawk Creek water quality issues
 - Richard Hook explained that a public meeting had been held on February 15th to review the issues related to the high E-coli readings in Hawk Creek during late summer months as well as the high readings for the beach bacteria Enterococcus last summer. Presentations were provided by state and county officials. A group of attendees signed up to develop a strategy for more testing, in order to find the source of the contamination. Another committee will be formed to consider improved warning signage along the Hawk Creek path to the beach.
 - He reported that a meeting of the monitoring Committee was scheduled for April 3rd at the Fire Hall. He has established a call-in number for interested persons who are unable to attend in person.

- Committee Appointments/Elections
 - Neskowin Community Plan Review Committee
 - Richard explained that Neskowin's Community Plan (http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/ComDev/documents/community/nesk_pla_n.pdf) was adopted in 1999 and should probably be reviewed and updated. Guy Sievert explained that the Planning Commission refers to these Community Plans during their decision-making, and has found that many of them are too vague and provide little guidance, so he encouraged the NCAC to sponsor a review/update process. Richard noted that it would be nice to have a review committee that included some of the people of worked on the 1999 Plan. Andreas Von Foerster volunteered. Bill Busch agreed to chair the review committee, which will be voted on by the NCAC at the June 3rd meeting, following a recruitment announcement at the Memorial Day NCA meeting. The Review Committee will bring recommendations to the NCAC, and other public forums as needed, before the final revisions are submitted to the County Commissioners for approval and adoption.
 - Nominations Committee
 - Jean Cameron explained that all three officers' terms, which should be staggered, two-year terms, are expiring this year. This includes Richard Hook as Chair, Bill Busch as Vice-Chair and Treasurer, and Jean Cameron as Secretary. A Nominations Committee of Guy Sievert, Roger Wicklund and Susan Amort was elected to bring forward nominations for election at the June 3rd NCAC meeting. New officers will then begin their terms effective July 1st.
 - Bylaws Committee
 - Jean also explained that she found the Neskowin CAC Bylaws on the Tillamook Department of Community Development website at: <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/ComDev/documents/cpac/2006/bylaws->

[Nesk-20061007.pdf](#). They were adopted in 2006, and have to some extent been superseded by the CAC Charter adopted by the Commissioners in 2013; see <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/Order%20-%20Forming%20Citizen%20Advisory%20Committees.pdf>.

- Richard Hook, Bill Busch and Jean met with Sara Absher of the Tillamook Department of Community Development and asked her whether the Bylaws are still valid. She asked us to review and revise them as we thought appropriate; she will then run that draft revision by the County Attorney for approval.
 - Richard, Bill and Jean have drafted some initial revisions, most of which are updates and corrections. Jean requested that at least two volunteers work with her to finalize revisions for the NCAC to approve at the June 3rd meeting. Those will then be sent to the County for review and approval.
 - Andreas von Foerster volunteered and Charlie Ceiko was nominated; both were elected to the Bylaws Committee by a vote of those present.
- The updated FEMA RISK Map review process
 - Richard Hook explained that FEMA has revised the flood risk maps, which will impact rates for flood insurance. He noted that an Open House to review the maps was scheduled for Monday, April 3rd, 5-7 p.m. at the Port of Tillamook. The revised maps are also available at the Tillamook County Department of Community Development, which can also provide custom flood maps for private property.
 - Other
 - Patty Albright provided a handout from the Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority (NRSA) that provided a history of NRSA from pre-1970s to the present. She explained that this information is available on the NRSA website (<http://www.neskowinsanitary.com/general-information/>) under the title “NRSA at a Glance.” Also check “You May Be Wondering,” which addresses NRSA’s system monitoring.
 - Susan Amort noted that Viking Estates may be a place to build affordable housing for the Neskowin area. This was input from the Tillamook County Housing Task Force, which held a series of public meetings in March, including one at the Kiwanda Community Center in Pacific City on March 15th.
 - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cameron, Secretary
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee