

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

February 8, 2020

9:00 am Neskowin Valley School

Randall Koch, Chairperson of the Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee convened the meeting at 9:00 AM on February 8, 2020.

Welcome and Introduction of Attendees

Attendees signing in at the meeting were: Jean Cameron, Larry Glickman, Randall Koch, Marge Jozsa, Chris Silkowski, Troy Trute, David Yamamoto, Kathleen Brown, Gale Swanson, Jim Horton, Jeff Glossa, Roger Wicklund, Dave Benneth, Cathy Benneth, Erin Skaar, Cameron Nagel, Mike Churchill, Shelley Stoll, Biff Schlicting, Mary Pounding, Mary Kimball, A Bettencover, Mike Lorders, Alex Sifford, Nancy Nila, Gary Nila, and Joannie Blum.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The October 2019 meeting minutes were approved after making a correction regarding the additional \$300,000 needed to complete the project originally misstated as \$800,000.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Silkowski, Treasurer, reported a \$1200 balance in the Committees checking account. These funds are being held for Tsunami Bridge maintenance and as a result there are no discretionary funds available.

Neskowin Community Plan

Chris Silkowski reported that the last community plan was prepared in 1999. A GAP analysis is being performed to determine where our shortfalls are.

We have a good list of volunteers.

The next step is to create a survey that compiles a history of the community, current zoning and who the influencers are in the county. We have an opportunity to create our own vision.

The County handles plan updates differently than any other states or counties. These surveys should be helpful in driving policy as the plan develops.

Beach Access Report

Sarah Absher, Susan Amort, Robin Crowell, Cameron Nagel and Randall Koch are members of this committee which is addressing wayside and beach access issues. They met with Sarah and reviewed our beach access points to help understand some of the safety issues. They are working with Sarah and Chris Laity, Tillamook Public Works Director, to develop a plan for implementation as early as this spring. The plan will need to identify funding sources and available contractors and a structure for including stakeholders such as Oregon State Parks, homeowners adjacent to the access points, the Neskowin community and the County.

County Commissioner David Yamamoto reported that Oceanside used TLT funds to provide for ramp funding. He reminded us that 30% of TLT funding goes to public works projects like maintaining roads, therefore TLT funds may be used for improvements at the wayside and at beach access points. Open questions include: who will be the applicant for a funding request; who will maintain these ramps, and; what homeowner and community involvement will be.

Tsunami Wayfinding Signage Project

Marge Jozsa and Jean Cameron reported that DOGAMI (Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries) has a fund for providing signage. A team has been established to organize leadership. The high school will help install the signs between mid-April and mid-August.

Marge reported that two tsunami drills will be conducted. The first will be relatively easy and the second will be more difficult.

We were reminded that no warning will be sounded when an earthquake occurs and that when the shaking stops, to move quickly to the highest ground.

Update on Bylaw Revisions

Nothing new was reported.

Neskowin Egress Road

Alex Sifford reported that the County will be receiving \$300,000 from the state legislature but this money will need to be used during this fiscal year.

Troy Trute, General Manager of the Neskowin Regional Water District

Troy described the need for an increase in water rates and reported that a public hearing regarding the increase would be scheduled for April.

Tillamook County Sheriff Jim Horton

Sheriff Horton reported that his department was back to full staffing levels but this means that between 3:00 am and 7:00 am only one person is on duty in the County. The computer issue that had plagued other County departments had not been a problem for the Sheriff's office. The next big step for his department was implementation of a Reserve Officer's Program. Another program is the registration of security cameras in the County that could be helpful in investigating certain crimes that take place near the cameras. He reminded us that the tip line for the County is 503-815-3319. The Sheriff's office and the Tillamook City Police Department have a good working relationship.

Sheriff Horton reported that he planned to run for re-election based on his 23 years of experience in the Department. (Subsequently he has dropped out of the race.)

Other matters

Marge Joseph reported that the family CERT training classes will begin in March. We need more people to attend the classes to develop these important skills. Marge described a proposed concept whereby storage units could be placed around the water towers with enough supplies to support community members for up to 72 hours.

Gale Swanson reported water flooding on her property on Carlton Avenue. A request has been made to the County to improve drainage.

Erin Skaar spoke briefly regarding her candidacy for Tillamook County Commissioner Position No. One.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Benneth
NCAC Secretary

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