

SUMMARY NOTES
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
April 2, 2016

The Neskowin Citizens' Advisory Committee (NCAC) convened for their regular bi-monthly meeting at 9 a.m. on April 2, 2016, at the Neskowin Fire Station. The meeting was led by NCAC Chair Richard Hook. Attending were Bill Busch, Barbara Triplett, Andreas von Foerster, Guy Sievert, Joan Kingsley, Bob and Sue Miller, Cameron Nagel, Elaine Andrews, Nancy Hadley, George Gould, Kim Poling, James Burke, James and Barbara MacPherson, Alex Sifford, Roger Wickland, David Kraybill, Earl Ingle and Jean Cameron.

February 2016 Summary Notes

The summary notes from the February 6, 2016 meeting were approved as drafted. The final notes will be available at <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/cac.html>.

Update On Pacific City's Discussion of Incorporation and the possibility of an enhanced Sheriff Patrol District for South Tillamook County (Presented by Susan Amort and Richard Hook)

- Susan Amort reported that approximately 125 people attended a Town Hall Meeting in Pacific City (PC) on February 23rd regarding incorporation, based on the issue of access to Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) revenues. Incorporated areas have access to 90% of the TLT revenues that they generate, but unincorporated areas such as Neskowin or PC send TLT revenues to the County, where it is then distributed as grants. PC estimates that they generated \$828,000 in TLT revenue in 2015. If incorporated, PC could use 30% of their 90% share at their own discretion (by law, 70% must be used for tourism).
- Susan noted that both the County and the State could assist in the incorporation process. Those attending the Town Hall were probably split 50/50 on the issue, so more research and discussion will take place.
- She explained that the idea of an enhanced Sheriff Patrol district came up at the meeting and needs to be further explored. Richard Hook then noted that County Sherriff Long will host a meeting on the issue of a South County Patrol District on April 18th at the Kiwanda Community Center, 6:30 to 8:30.

Status of subdivision applications. South Beach and North Neskowin (Presented by Dave Kraybill)

- Dave reported that both permit applications were originally scheduled for review before the Planning Commission on March 10th, but Sea Breeze Associates, developer for Proposal Rock Cove in South Beach, requested a cancellation of the meeting after written comments were submitted and after a staff report was submitted on March 3rd. The hearing has been rescheduled for May 12th.
- Dave noted that the South Beach community had submitted a number of excellent comments, indentifying a variety of issues to be addressed. These comments are available at: <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/ComDev/documents/pc/Fultz%20All%20Exhibits.pdf>.
- Dave also stated that the Planning staff found the Proposal Rock Cove application inadequate and could not recommend approval at that time; they specifically cited wetland and drainage issues. The staff report is at <http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/ComDev/documents/pc/Fultz%20Staff%20Report.pdf>.

- He also reported that the County Public Works Department had examined the issue of narrow roads to the site and determined that they're private roads over which they have no jurisdiction. Due to the difficulty of emergency access, any house built there would be required to install sprinkler systems.
- Oregon State Parks has noted that they would require a permit for any drainage discharge onto the beach. Bill Busch noted that storm water has already ponded behind the existing rip rap.
- Dave explained that, if the Planning Commissioner denied the current application, the developer would lose its exception to the Coastal Hazard Zone regulations and would then only be allowed one house on the site.
- Regarding the Quirin proposal for Seashore Woods in North Neskowin, it was also originally scheduled for a 3/10 hearing before the Planning Commission, but Quirin requested a continuance in February and that hearing has been rescheduled for April 14th. He has found no indication that the proposal was modified or further developed.
- There are still a number of outstanding issues and the Department of State Lands has not yet made a wetlands determination. Public comments may still be submitted. The Planning Commission has requested site visits to both sites.
- To see comments submitted to Tillamook Community Development Department on behalf of the NCAC, please go to <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/cac.html>.

Discussion of road maintenance issues in the village

- Cameron Nagel reported that heavy equipment used to repair riprap in Neskowin had damaged several roads west of Breakers Blvd. Insofar as these are County Roads, Liane Welch, Director of Public Works for Tillamook County, has contacted the contractors on these jobs and advised them that they're responsible for all repairs.
- There was also discussion regarding the fact that driftwood and logs are blocking some beach access roads used for emergency response.
- Concern was expressed regarding logs across Hawk Creek. Alex Sifford explained that these logs are not yet a threat to the bridge, so the County is not obligated to remove them, but Richard Hook will discuss this with Ms. Welch.
- Potholes are an increasing problem, but the county has stated that there's no funding to fill them. Richard Hook also noted that the county has not provided any updates on the Emergency Access road; he speculated that funding is unavailable unless the County can find grants.

Update on the recent meeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife concerning the Tsunami Trail

- Richard Hook explained that Roger Wicklund had hosted a meeting of local citizens and representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) to address the issue of flooding of the Tsunami Trail. He invited Roger to report on the meeting.
- Roger Wicklund explained that the Tsunami Trail was flooded on the east side of the existing foot bridge for much of the year, making emergency egress difficult for North Neskowin. USFW has committed to keeping that trail open, but is hesitant to make any structural changes while conducting a hydrologic study of the impact of the trail on water flow in the wetlands.
- USFW did give the local citizens approval to construct a removable footbridge and will work with residents on the design. One resident of Neskowin Crest who attended the meeting had constructed the existing "floating" bridge and agreed to design another for the east side. Roger noted that this will take local money and labor; they hope to have it in place by next winter.

Other

- The Pacific City Chamber of Commerce will host a Forum on April 5th for all candidates for the two open County Commissioner positions.
- Bill Busch, NCAC Treasurer, reported that the NCAC has \$129.04 in a checking account and proposed to move that account to U.S. Bank, which would not charge an account fee. The NCAC officers – Richard Hook, Jean Cameron, and Bill Busch – will be signers on the account.
- Richard Hook reported that the Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority will hold a public hearing on their proposed budget on April 21st, at 10 a.m. The NRSA Board will also discuss their capital improvement plans at that time.
- One meeting attendee emphatically stated that the 70/30% split in TLT funds should be changed by the Oregon Legislature.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m. PLEASE NOTE: The next NCAC meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cameron, Secretary, Neskowin Citizen's Advisory Committee