

SUMMARY NOTES
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
August 5, 2017

The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) convened for their regular bi-monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on August 5, 2017, at the Neskowin Fire Station. The meeting was led by NCAC Chair Richard Hook. Attending were Earl Ingle, Guy Sievert, Andreas von Foerster, Esther Nelson, Jim Boyer, Tom Graves, Joan Kingsley, Joanie Blum, Marge Jozsa, Jeff Walton, Mark Lyman, Jim McPherson and Jean Cameron, Secretary.

The summary notes of the June 3rd NCAC meeting were approved as drafted. The final notes will be posted at <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/cac.html>.

Review and approve DRAFT Bylaws

- Jean Cameron explained that the original bylaws had been adopted in 2006 when this organization was known as the Neskowin Citizen Planning Advisory Committee. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance in 2013 “forming and giving direction to the Citizen Advisory Committees for Tillamook County,” changing the title as well as the mandate for the advisory committees.
- She worked with Richard Hook and Bill Busch to make initial revisions to the 2006 bylaws reflecting these changes, and then with a Bylaws Subcommittee that included Andreas von Foerster and Charlie Cieko to make additional revisions as presented to this meeting.
- Jean led the group in reviewing and discussing the proposed revisions. That discussion included the following decisions:
 - The geographic boundaries of the NCAC will be defined as including Cannary Hill to the north and Slab Creek Road to the south;
 - Fundraising activities will be allowed to offset any costs incurred by the NCAC;
 - The Nominations Committee will be chartered at the February meetings for votes on officers at the June meetings;
 - Only officers are required to declare conflicts of interest;
 - Minority opinion reports may be submitted at the time of each meeting; and
 - Voice voting for officers is done by the members attending a meeting, not by written ballots.
- Members attending approved the draft bylaws as discussed and revised. Jean will submit this draft to the County’s Community Development Department for review and approval by County Counsel. A final version will be adopted by the NCAC members following that review.

Update on Hawk Street reconstruction project

- Richard Hook reviewed the history of this project, noting that the Walton Family had donated the land to the county for this road and that the Neskowin community had raised \$100,000 to help fund the project.

- Tillamook County has completed all the studies as well as the engineering work. Approximately \$1.1 million is now needed for actual construction.
- Although the County says that the project is still a priority, Richard suggested that the project is stalled at the County level due in part to the retirement of Commissioner Mark Labhart and the resignation of Public Works Director Liane Welch, both of whom were champions for the project.
- Options discussed by the group included meeting with Commissioner Yamamoto; working through Representative Gomberg and Senator Roblan to determine whether state funding is available; designing a less-expensive road; or having the Neskowin community create a road district, pass a bond measure, and do it themselves.
- Jeff Walton wondered about “the shelf life” of the completed studies. Guy Sievert recommended that the topic be on an agenda for the Board of Commissioners and that Neskowin residents turn out in force at such a meeting.
- It was agreed that once the new Director of Public Works is hired, Guy Sievert and Richard Hook will meet with that person and with Commissioner Yamamoto to discuss this issue further.

Update on sampling plans to monitor pollution in Hawk Creek

- Guy Sievert thanked the Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority (NRSA) for conducting weekly testing in the Hawk Creek watershed. Oregon DEQ is also testing twice/month. There have been no hot spots so far this summer, so there’s been no reason to follow-up with DNA testing.
- Guy also explained that the authority to post warning signs is still been negotiated, although it appears that the County Health Department does have such authority.

Update on Proposal Rock Cove and Seashore Woods Subdivision applications as well as the application to expand/remodel the Café on Hawk Creek

- Although he was unable to attend this meeting, Bill Busch had reported that the lawyers for the property owners appealing the Tillamook Board of Commissioners’ decision to approve the Proposal Rock Cove preliminary plat application expect to file their briefs in mid- to late August. Proponents for the development and the County will have 21 days after that to file their response. The expectation is that the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) hearing will be sometime in October. Richard Hook explained that only persons on record as opposed to the permit are allowed to appeal to LUBA. The NCAC will notify the Neskowin public when the hearing is scheduled.
- The application for Seashore Woods has not changed status; it is still on hold.
- There was no news regarding the Café’s application to remodel and expand.

Discussion of right-of-way issues along Hawk Street

- Richard Hook reported that the NCAC had sponsored a meeting on July 3rd regarding this issue; 50-60 people had attended. (PLEASE NOTE: meeting notes from this event are posted at <http://www.neskowincommunity.org/July%203%20Hawk%20St.%20mtng.pdf>.)

- David Yamamoto spoke at the July meeting, saying that the County is considering this issue, but that the changes made to the County Assessor's map should not have been used by the title companies to support title decisions.
- A county survey of this section of Hawk St. was suggested at the July 3rd meeting. Richard Hook reported that there had been a meeting of county staff, including legal and survey departments, in order to develop a position document for the County on this issue. Richard concluded that there is no role for the NCAC until the County clarifies its role.
- Jeff Walton noted that ambiguous ownership of rural roadways is not a unique or new problem.
- Some landowners along the affected section of Haw Street have requested a reduction in their property values/taxes, so there may be an impact on the County's income as a result.

Update on the Neskowin Community Plan Review (see

http://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/ComDev/documents/community/nesk_plan.pdf)

- Jean Cameron reported that the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition is sponsoring two Coast-Oriented Land Use Workshops the following week, one of which was scheduled for Lincoln City on August 10th, 5 p.m. at the Lincoln City Community Center.

An Eclipse Safety Briefing – What to expect in Neskowin (Marge Jozsa, South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Coordinator)

- Marge explained that the eclipse will begin in our area a little after 9 a.m.; the total eclipse will occur at 10:16 a.m. and will last for only one and half minutes
- As many as 100,000 visitors are expected on the Coast for this event, so traffic congestion is expected to be huge. Plan to have at least five days of medicines, water, paper goods, food, cash and fuel on-hand no later than Wednesday, August 16. (Cash, because ATMs may be depleted by the crowds). Don't forget food and medications for your pets.
- Expect poor internet and cell phone service from 8/16 – 8/23, due to high demand. It's also possible that brown-outs will occur based on high electric demand, and that mail delivery will be delayed due to traffic congestion.
- Since the "Path of Totality" for the 2017 Eclipse will cross the entire state of Oregon, Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) is gearing up for Emergency Operations beginning Wednesday, August 16th through Wednesday, August 23rd. Their primary focus will be on the Oregon Coast and Eastern Oregon.
- OEM's concerns include traffic congestion as well as fires caused when people stop and camp at inappropriate spots, considering how dry Oregon is at this time. Burn centers are on standby in Portland and Seattle. A rabies outbreak in Eastern Oregon is also a concern, as is the possibility of epidemics resulting from contaminated drinking water or a lack of sanitary facilities. Not only are port-a-potties being brought in from out-of-state, but the number of septic pump trucks is very limited.
- Earl Ingle reported that the Neskowin Community Association and local merchants will place six port-a-potties in Neskowin.
- Jean Cameron reported that the Neskowin Regional Water District will be on standby, but all water tanks in the District will be full going into the event.

- Marge Jozsa explained that the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District and the South Tillamook Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will staff First Aid Stations at the Neskowin Fire Hall, the Pacific City Fire Hall, and the Fire District Office in Hebo, beginning on Thursday, 8/17 through Tuesday, 8/22. There will also be volunteers from the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps assisting.

Other

- Joanie Blum asked that a more visible sign be placed near the entrance to Neskowin village warning large RVs not to enter the narrow streets of the village area.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cameron, Secretary
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee