

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee
Summary Meeting Notes
August 22, 2020

Chair, Randall Koch, convened the virtual meeting of the Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) to order at 10:00 via a Zoom call.

Introduction of participants

Attending via Zoom were: Bill Busch, Cathy Benneth, Susan Amort, Roger Wicklund, Marge Jozsa, Bob Schlicting, Joanie Blum, Jean Cameron, Biff Schlicting, Dave Benneth, Guy Sievert, Brenda Freshman, Susan Schomburg, Randall Koch, Nancy Vandell, Marshall Young, Chris Silkowski, Larry Glickman, Kathy O, Ken Wyatt, Robert Menardi, Hillary Gibson, Patricia Albright, Alexis Tate, Chris Tate, Kay Wyatt, Gail Swanson and Alex Sifford

Review of Minutes from February NCAC meeting

Larry Glickman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February CAC meeting. Chris Silkowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Notice of Tillamook County conditional use, variances and public notices

Fultz project in South Beach

Bill Busch' reported that the Measure 49 request for compensation related to this project on South Beach was denied by the County.

Letter to Chris Laity Regarding Egress Road

As requested by Chris Laity, Public Works Director of Tillamook County, a letter from the NCAC was prepared regarding pedestrian and bicycle use of the egress road while under construction was reviewed at the meeting. Larry Glickman made a motion to approve sending the letter. Chris Silkowski seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

NCAC Officer update by Ran Koch

Ran reported that the secretary's term expired on June 30, 2020 and because no meetings were held at the time suggested the secretary's term be extended through June 2021. Jean Cameron made a motion to approve this extension of term and Susan Amort seconded. Bill Busch and Jeanne Cameron both spoke to the need for providing flexibility in the scheduling of officer elections. Larry Glickman, the Chairman's appointee to oversee the Bylaws Committee said the Committee would take both comments under advisement.

Note: Special thanks to Bill Busch whom clarified to points after the meeting:

1. Cathy joined as secretary when a mid-term vacancy occurred. Cathy's term, before the above-mentioned motion was for two years ending at the end of August of 2021.

2. The one-year terms of the Vice Chairman and the Treasurer elected in August of 2019 expired the end of August 2020.

Bylaw Committee update

Larry Glickman, The Chairman's appointee to oversee the Bylaws Committee, reported that a replacement for the current conflicts of interest clause in the NCAA bylaws has been prepared, reviewed and approved by the County attorney and was ready for approval at the meeting. A motion to approve the revision to the bylaws was made by Larry Glickman and seconded by Chris Silkowski. Guy Sievert suggested that perhaps everyone attending each meeting should state any conflicts of interest they have.

It is clear that the bylaws were correctly drafted initially to specifically isolate potential conflicts of interest that officers of the NCAC might have. As a matter of clarification, every NCAC Member (as qualified in the bylaws) potentially has a unique self-interest as a member of the community and or a property owner and that is both natural and a given. Elected officers that have a role in promoting communications between citizens and government bodies on land use and other relevant issues are, by the bylaws held accountable to a higher standard of disclosure and that is appropriate requirement.

Jeanne Cameron asked for a definition of a conflict of interest. It was decided that both of these items would be explored by the Committee and any additional revisions needed to enact these changes would be reviewed. Marge Jozsa reminded the group that there is a definition of conflict of interest in ORS 65.361.

Community Plan update

Chris Silkowski, the chairman of the Community Plan Update Committee, reported that the community plan had been updated last in 1999 and that the current process to update the plan may be a 3 to 5 year effort. Chris, Ran and Brenda are the committee members and they have determined the next step is to create a survey of members of the community to determine the community members' values about future development. To help educate community members in responding to the survey they have scheduled a series of 10 monthly land use planning webinars. The first is scheduled for 6 PM on September 22 which will be a live Townhall meeting, also available subsequently on YouTube, with a presentation by Sarah Absher (and a panel) regarding land-use planning purposes. The committee plans to cover the 19 State Land Use Goals over the 10 segment seminar series. The dates and times of the seminars will be posted in the Post Office along with email notices to all members. The first notice will be published by Friday, August 28.

Beach Access Improvements update

A \$75,000 grant from the County and a \$5,000 grant from the Neskowin Community Association has been obtained to fund improvement of the beach accesses at three points in the community. It appears that the funding is short by \$2,500 of the total amount required. The Committee hopes to get the work done in 2 to 3 weeks. There is also an effort to establish a maintenance fund with at least \$1,500 which is the estimated cost to maintain all three access points for the next 12 months. The funds raised so far

have been used to hire an engineer, complete surveying, prepare a permit application to the County and to hire a contractor. Dan Kauffman will do the work.

Carlton Street erosion control update

Erosion control coordination with Beach Access Grant

Ran explained that a community resident attended the 2019 Labor Day NCA meeting pointing out rain water flows down Breakers Blvd., flows east on Carlton and runs down into the Point development directly into her garage. Ran surveyed her efforts to reroute and absorb the water, talked to Chris Laity from Tillamook County Public Works and they determined that by re-grading Carlton from Breakers east the rainwater will run to the east into Hawk creek. That work would also direct any water that might make it past the bulkhead in the design of the ramp on Carlton across the peninsula to Hawk Creek. If the grant funds can cover this re-grading it will be done within the grant budget. Otherwise it will require alternative funding.

Wayfinding Project update

Marge Jozsa reported on several projects undertaken by the South County Emergency Volunteer Corps. She reported that signs and posts will be installed in the next several weeks under the wayfinding project to show the way out of the tsunami induction zone. She also reported that the emergency communications network is expanding. The number of GRMS radios is growing. The purpose of the GRMS radios is to communicate with the S. County Command Center in Hebo and the Command Center in Tillamook. Bill Busch will do a virtual ham radio class beginning in September with the objective of training interested persons to pass the October 10 ham radio license exam test. A list of equipment needed to become a GRMS radio operator is available from Bill. Marge reported that persons with medical training are encouraged to volunteer for the Medical Reserve Corps for South County. An emergency supply shed is planned for construction on the crest at the water tower. The goal is to construct a wooden shed stocked with enough supplies for 50 people for three weeks. Funding is anticipated from the State Homeland Security Dept. Marge also reported that the basic CERT class will be online beginning in January. Additional information can be found at www.southCountyevc.org.

Member Comments

Joanie Blum asked if better signage could be installed near the entrance to the community prohibiting large RVs from accessing Neskowin's very narrow roads. It appears that ODOT has control of the road where the signs might logically be placed and she was encouraged to contact ODOT about acquiring such signs. The existing sign noting RV's have no turnaround within the village has been cleaned and is visible now.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NCAC will be at 10 AM on October 10, 2020.

Adjournment

Larry Glickman motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Silkowski seconded.