

Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee

(PRCAC)

Special Meeting of the Board Members

January 20, 2018

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Joel Lantz, Chairperson (representing Point Roberts Voters Association)

Jeff Christopher (representing the Point Roberts Taxpayers Association)

Linda Hughes (at large)

Keith Glading (at large)

Absent:

David Gellatly, (representing Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce)

Guests:

Bennett Blaustein

Steve Woolf

Mark Robbins

Ken Calder

Vic Riley

Rhiannon Allen

Arthur Reber

Pat Harper

plus one more

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chairman Joel Lantz, who welcomed everyone and said that this meeting is being audio/visual recorded for posting on YouTube as a way to reach more community members who may not be able to attend these meetings, with hopes to help them stay informed and engaged on issues considered by PRCAC. He also reminded the public that PRCAC has an email address for input: COMMENTS@PointRobertsCAC.org.

Chairman Lantz announced that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017 had been circulated and approved via email. He also mentioned that Suzanne Mildner, County Executive Jack Louws' administrative secretary, advised that she has added a link on the County website to make it easier to find the PRCAC meeting videos.

New Business

Chairman Lantz indicated that the main purpose of this Special Meeting was for PRCAC to review the TSB Tenant Improvement Permit Application.

Keith Glading had accepted the responsibility of reviewing the application documentation and bring a summarization to the Board.

Keith Glading gave a brief summary of the history of the current structure, noting its existence since before the former Character Plan. He reviewed the specifics of the tenant improvement plan, and that although the application was for a commercial building permit, "building" was not part of this plan. The permit describes the work process as: parking lot improvements (striping), wheelchair access ramp to the lobby, and changing the street traffic/parking configuration to restrict egress to Panorama Road, removing access from Gulf Road.

Chairman Lantz announced that the permit application in its entirety encompasses some 22 pages and would be posted online as an addendum to these Minutes.

Mark Robbins offered a brief history of the storage containers at TSB, the CVR's filed against this property for violations, and the local frustration when PDS enforcement of the CVR's did not materialize.

Joel Lantz also recalled that period of time, reminding us that PDS enforcement staff was 1 person during that time, and has since grown to at least 4 people.

Further discussion ensued about the tabled application of TBS, and it was unanimously decided that PRCAC need take no further action.

Jeff Christopher suggested that PDS issues become a standard Agenda item for PRCAC meetings. All agreed.

Jeff Christopher suggested that TBD funds issue become a standard Agenda item for PRCAC meetings. All agreed. Jeff reiterated his intention to take the lead on behalf of this Board on this matter. All agreed.

General discussion ensued about potentially acceptable, and non-acceptable, uses of TBD funds. Further clarification is still needed on this matter based on the varying interpretations by individuals who were attendees at this meeting, at the previous meeting on this issue, and who had email communications with Brian Walker, and their interpretations of ambiguity in some areas.

General discussion of intersection roundabouts was held. Supporters of the roundabouts discussed Blaine examples, landscaping, and other TBD fund uses. Opponents of the roundabouts discussed traffic flow difficulty, and the lack of need for them in Point Roberts.

Jeff Christopher volunteered to be the TBD Czar, intermediary, PRCAC point person.

Other titles were then handed out with reckless abandon. It was a Saturday morning meeting with free coffee and pastries.

Chairman Lantz announced that the February regular meeting will focus on the Point Roberts Solid Waste Initiative, expecting Messrs. Wolpers and Hegedus to share their progress, noting that our PRCAC task is to come up with a comprehensive marketing plan to ensure this message reaches homeowners and taxpayers in Point Roberts for input and planning.

Mark Robbins offered that any meaningful marketing plan will need to include some basic estimates of costs for consideration.

Chairman Lantz announced that the February meeting will also include the Election of Officers of the PRCAC board for 2018, noting that Linda Hughes had been approved by Executive Louws for another At-Large term on the PRCAC board, a decision that would be presented to County Council for ratification at their meeting on January 30th.

Open Session

As everyone in the room had had ample opportunity to share ideas throughout the course of the meeting, there was no further input from the gallery.

MOTION: Jeff Christopher moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Joel Lantz. Motion Passed: 4-0