

Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee

(PRCAC)

Special Meeting of the Board Members

Saturday January 21, 2017

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Joel Lantz, Chairperson (representing Point Roberts Voters Association)

Ron Clark (representing the Point Roberts Taxpayers Association)

David Gellatly, (representing Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce)

Keith Glading (at large)

Linda Hughes (at large)

Guests:

Darrell Cassidy

Judson Meraw

Brian Calder

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chairman Joel Lantz.

Chairman Lantz indicated that the Agenda for today's meeting is restricted to one and only one item, and that is the Character Plan review of Lorne Nielson's building permit application for a new storage unit building at his facility on Gulf Road. He advised everyone that there would be no other PRCAC business conducted in this meeting, nor would there be an Open Session. He then turned over the presentation of the Plan to Lorne Nielson.

Lorne Nielson produced a Site Plan and reminded everyone that there had been a fire at the facility in April of 2016 and this application was for a permit to replace that storage facility. He

continued to say that the new building would be in a different location than the one he was replacing, and showed the location on the Site Plan relative to the remaining storage structures on the property. He said this new building would only be one story, not two-stories like the one that burned down, and would be all steel construction, indicating these plans were particularly pleasing to the Fire Marshall.

David Gellatly asked about the one-story building's location, and Lorne Nielson confirmed that it will be built in a slight geographical depression on the property and therefore will not be visible from Gulf Road.

Lorne continued describing the site plan and the new building, saying that it will be the same amount of usable square footage as the building being replaced. He indicated that the previous owner, Gordon Dower had permitted a Phase I and a Phase II for construction on the site, but never got around to completing Phase II. The permits covering those plans expired a year ago so this plan is not related at all to the earlier permitted plans. Lorne pointed out the storm retention pond on the property, large enough to accommodate the entire parcel.

He described the basic construction of the building, saying that it is the same brand, construction and color as the single story storage units that remain on the property. Joel Lantz asked for confirmation of the color and Mr. Nielson indicated that the main color is beige, with hunter green trim.

Upon completion of Mr. Nielson's presentation Chairman Lantz asked everyone how they felt about this plan as presented. Once everyone indicated there were no objections to the overall plan, the process to complete the Character Plan checklist began, with Joel completing the form. The board paused to discuss a few of the checklist items with Mr. Nielson, such as lighting, landscaping and road frontage. Once the form was completed Joel asked if there was any further discussion to be had.

David Gellatly wanted it on the record that as the representative for Chamber of Commerce, his organization strongly objects to this Character Plan review process. The Chamber believes that this is a County responsibility, and on behalf of all businesses in Point Roberts which are already struggling to survive, this entire process is onerous and an impediment to economic development.

There being no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.