

Minutes
Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee
Special Meeting, June 18, 2019

Attendees: Stephen Falk (SF) — At Large
Linda Hughes (LH) — At Large
Tessa Pinckston — PRRVA

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Public Comment

- * Pat Harper - He provided a document to the PRCAC with five points regarding the treatment of RVs on properties in Point Roberts. The document was received as a piece of correspondence.
- * Ken Calder and Allison Calder - They described a public initiative with the goal of establishing a waste disposal district in Point Roberts. The idea has been discussed at Health Committee of Whatcom County Council. They believe that having a waste disposal district would not change the contract that Cando/Freedom 2000 has with the County; trash and recycling pickup would continue as-is. However, they said it would lead to the new district managing the transfer station, could enable greater focus on recycling, and might lower dump fees if trash could be hauled to a dump site in BC rather than being hauled to Oregon. As described, next steps appear to include drafting a petition, getting it approved for form and substance by the Auditor's Office, getting an appropriate number of signatures in order to get a measure on the ballot in November to form such a new special district. A request was made to have a discussion about this topic at PRCAC regular meeting under New Business. LH commented that the June regular meeting would be dedicated to WCC 20.72 issues again, but that the waste disposal district topic could be discussed at a subsequent regular meeting.
- * Bennett Blaustein - In connection with the issues around the possible waste disposal district, he raised the point that a change in control of the transfer station could possibly trigger rights that Park and Recreation District No. 1 has under the agreement that transferred land to the County for use as the transfer station.
- * Allison Calder - She noted that she has e-mailed a set of comments regarding WCC 20.72 to SW for him to pass on to DG. LH and SF noted that they were aware that SW had received the comments and forwarded them to DG, but that the e-mails that we received did not contain the attachment, so we did not know the substance of Allison's comments. [Later learned that DG also had not received the attachment.]

3. WCC 20.72 Drafting — Working Session

The PRCAC members discussed the following sections of WCC 20.72:

- * .350 - Building Setbacks/Buffer Areas - The prior meeting ended with brief discussion about setbacks under section .350. No changes were proposed.
- * .401 - Under section .400 Height Limitations, no changes were proposed to this section.
- * .653(2) - Under section .650 Development Criteria, section .653 covers Landscaping, Screening, and Tree Canopy Retention. In part (2) Screening, at the end of "(a)", LH proposed to amend (as struck out or underlined): (a) Dumpster and utility areas of businesses or other use buildings in commercial areas shall be screened, using earth berms, landscaping, ~~or~~ building wall, or living wall (i.e., fabricated wall with vertical living vegetation).
- * .653(3) - Under section .650 Development Criteria, section .653 covers Landscaping, Screening, and Tree Canopy Retention. In part (3) Tree Canopy Retention, in "(e)", the

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reference to “the Point” seemed colloquial and/or vague, it was suggested to clarify the Point as being Lily Point: (e) Buffering which recognizes the need for safety and the unique features of Lily Point shall be required on the Lily Point. No development shall take place in such areas.

- * .656 - Vehicular Access - LH suggested that we ask Cliff Strong about options for revising this provision.
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- * .659 - Parking - LH suggested that we notify the public that this section will be discussed at the regular meeting on June 20, 2019, to elicit more public input before any revisions are drafted by the PRCAC.
- * In connection with Parking, Allison Calder suggested that 10.24.0304, .0404 and .0600 be discussed as well. These sections deal with on street parking, including on Gulf Road. It could useful to ask Cliff Strong about modifying these provisions.
- * Allison Calder raised an issue concerning .135 (discussed at the June 8, 2019 special meeting), suggesting that it be re-written to make clear that properties with a house can have an RV parked on the property.
- * .670 - Signs and Flag Poles - LH suggested that this section be limited to the Small Town Commercial (STC) zone, and that it applicability to “Rural General Commercial (RGC), Rural Industrial Manufacturing (RIM), and Resort Commercial (RC) Zones” be removed.
- * In connection with restrictions on lighted signs, Judson Meraw suggested that provisions be added to limit light pollution in Point Roberts. He proposed that there be no (new) signs that light up the night sky.

LH will place notices in PAWS and Nextdoor to inform the public that the regular meeting on June 20, 2019 will include discussion of .659 (Parking) and the Design Guidelines that are now part of WCC 20.72, and, if time permits, a review of the proposed changes which the PRCAC has drafted so far.

4. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm. (Motion by LH; seconded by SF)