

Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee
"virtual" Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6 pm

Minutes

Attendees:

Stephen Falk (at Large)
Rick Hulsey (PRRVA)
Judson Meraw (CoC)
Pamala Sheppard (at Large)
Steve Wolff (PRTA)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm. This meeting was held using the Zoom videoconferencing program due to the constraints resulting from the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Delayed Business

*** Election of officers for the 2020/21 period**

SF put his name forward as Chair. The other members expressed consent. At this meeting, none of the other members were willing to take on the role of Secretary. SF said he would write up the minutes for the June meeting. The issue will need to be re-visited at the July meeting.

*** Confirming/Selecting meeting dates for the 2020/21 period**

There was agreement to hold regular meetings of the PRCAC on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

After some discussion about changing the meeting time (6 pm) to a later time (7 pm) to accommodate residents who work off the Point and have difficulty getting home in time, it was decided to keep the meeting time at 6 pm.

*** Priority Matters for 2020 (not on the published agenda)**

It was noted that both the PRTA and the PRRVA developed overlapping lists of the top priority local issues for their respective attention. Their representatives will bring those lists to the PRCAC for discussion at the next meeting.

SF brought up County Executive Sidhu's exhortation to the PRCAC and the community as a whole to reform or re-form the PRCAC to become a more effective voice of the community. Both the PRTA and the PRRVA have discussed possible alternatives to the current structure, This will be reviewed at a coming meeting.

Old Business

*** Discussion of the status of the WCC 20.72 changes**

SW explained that Mark Parsonius and other at PDS had thoroughly reviewed the changes to WCC 20.72 proposed by the PRCAC in 2019. PDS had a few modifications to the PRCAC proposed changes. The most notable change would be to limit the number of conditionally allowed storage containers on a property associated with a business on the property from "3 or more" to "up to 2". There was general agreement by PRCAC members to this modification. Nevertheless, it was decided to make a complete review of all the changes and comments from PRCAC at the July meeting.

*** Use of Tax Benefit District (TBD) funding for the APA Road Canopy tree replacement**

In 2019, the Point Roberts Conservation Society (PRCS) informed the PRCAC of its plans to replant trees in the APA Canopy that were felled by the wind storm of December 2018. SW commented that the PRCS is continuing to work with the property owner Seabright about consent to a revocable encroachment permit from the County that will enable the tree planting to be undertaken. PRCS continues to seek TBD funds to support this project, but they have not yet provided a budget plan for this project. For planting in February 2021, PRCS would need to order the trees by August 2020. PRCS not yet having secured consent from Seabright or provided a detailed budget plan to the PRCAC, no action can be taken at this time.

*** Hosting Recycling Presentation from WSU Whatcom County Extension**

SF noted that we had discussed at the February 2020 meeting have a presentation by Beth Chisholm of the WSU Whatcom County Extension about educational programs offered by the Extension on recycling and composting. An offer will be extended to Ms Chisholm to attend the July 2020 meeting to inform the PRCAC about that Extension program. SF will convey that invitation to Ms Chisholm.

New Business

Former TJ's Restaurant Building on Tye Drive

* PS expressed her concern about negative impression created by the rundown property on the main entrance route in Point Roberts. She mentioned that she had contacted the County to inquire about possible steps to change the current situation. She will follow-up.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm (RH/PS)