

POINT ROBERTS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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NOTES: June 8, 2021 County Executive's Town Hall

Members Attending:

Chair: Allison Calder (Point Roberts Registered Voters Association)

Vice-Chair: Kat Smith (member-at-large)

Secretary: Grant Heitman (member-at-large)

Annelle Norman (Point Roberts Tax Payers Association)

Also Attending:

Jed Holmes, Whatcom County Community Outreach Facilitator

Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

CALL TO ORDER: 5:39 PM

Agenda Approved: Yes: 4 No: 0

Public Comments:

Dee Gough - How to get Whidbey Telecom to extend fiber services on the Point?

Pat Harper - Develop & preserve wetlands / zoning / create business-owned trust?

Mary Acosta - Will volume of tourists be limited? Will they come by ferry? Can tourists be charged to use Bus?

John Upston - Contracted as Uber driver on PR - has been getting 7 Uber hires per week - existing traffic does not support his current business and he is available 24/7. Thinks Chamber of Commerce bus should not be funded by County.

Louise Cassidy - Will ferry be cancelled when international border re-opens?

Bill Zidel - Wants to understand how money will be allocated on current agenda items: Ferry, Bus, Wetlands - Interested in Agenda item 4.

Leigh Moorehouse - Concerned about Chamber of Commerce Tourist Bus proposal - where are the tourists coming from without more Ferry service? Thinks Bus would be a waste of public funds.

Pamela Shepherd - What is happening with Vacant Hotel on Tyee Drive? Wants wetland mitigation on East side of Tyee Drive.

Special Town Hall Meeting Agenda:

Chamber of Commerce request for Public Funds to offer bus service to ferry passengers. Approved Motion: PRCAC cannot make recommendation without more information on proposal from Chamber - Table to next regular PRCAC meeting pending business justification / grant application from Chamber. **FINAL ACTION: None**

Request for county funds to improve high speed internet. Approved Motion: Table to next meeting while letter from PRCAC to the County Executive is in process. **FINAL ACTION: None**

Request for county funds to repair or improve Maple Beach seawall. PRCAC President Calder will write letter to the Executive requesting county staff review potential solutions.

Request for county funds and staff assistance to apply for creation of Wetland Mitigation Bank for commercial core. PRCAC President Calder will write letter to the Executive requesting assistance with process and planning.

Adjourned: 6:29 PM - Executive's Town Hall begins (recorded)