

POINT ROBERTS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes: June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

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)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01PM

Agenda Approved: Yes: 4 No: 0

May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes - Final Action: Approved - Yes:4 No:0

OPENING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sheena Durlinger: Family Days Event: 8/14, 8/21 - 4-8PM Local Artisan Market, Crafts, Baking, Gardening, Reading Corner, Teen 'Jumbo Jenga' Tournament - Local musical entertainment 4-6:30 - 7-8 Additional Music Entertainment - Whatcom County Funds requested for entertainment, prizes, t-shirts. \$8,000 Total budget - \$5,500 raised in the community - asking for \$2,500 from Whatcom County Tourism (Hotel Tax Fund)

Final Action: CAC will request funds from the Executive - Approved - Yes:4 No:0

OLD BUSINESS:

Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn public funds request for shuttle business. **No Action**

A Norman: Rental bikes / e-bikes sponsored by State of WA (Rep Shumake) Action: tabled until next regular meeting while Chairperson A. Calder makes inquiries with local business owners

A Calder: Chairperson to send three letters to the Executive to initiate County assistance for:

1) Expanding broadband (fiberoptic) internet access

2) County Engineers to review Maple Beach seawall

3) County Staff to review wetland delineations & mitigation bank

Final Action: Approved - Yes:4 No:0

Subcommittees:

Lighthouse Park - A Norman - will do media call for volunteers - **contact:**
prcac.comment@gmail.com

Maple Beach - A Calder - will do media call for volunteers - **contact:**
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Point Roberts Vision Plan - K Smith - Rep. Sharon Shewmake and US Dept of Commerce will hold town hall on business core revitalization district - "Mainstreet" Infrastructure Program Grant Applications

Critical Areas / Wildlife - K Smith - Research continues - **contact:**
prcac.comment@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS:

Point Roberts Taxpayer's Association Samantha Sholefield: Requests County assistance with green waste cleanup when Canadians can return - garbage & yard waste 'amnesty' period for property owners with County Solid Waste tax receipts demonstrating that they have paid for 26 garbage pickups. Concerned that waste be disposed on proper waste streams, so instead of using garbage pickups, transfer center should be opened for green waste, recycling. PRTA will send email request to:
prcac.comment@gmail.com PRCAC Chairperson will forward to the Executive

A Norman: Fenced Off-Leash dog area in Lighthouse Park - between the western path and the campsites - PRCAC to request to the Executive and Director McFarland - will include area on park map.

G Heitman: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Whatcom County: DVSAS.ORG - Confidential help available NOW for Domestic Abuse & Violence / Sexual Assault / Stalking / Harassment / Human Trafficking / Elder Abuse. Covid19 Vaccine Locator - Trauma Survivor Advocacy - Physical & Mental Health Services - **Safety Alert:** Computer use can be monitored and is impossible to

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CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Point Roberts Taxpayers Association is working on welcome / orientation package for returning Canadians.

Ellen Roth: what are the Whatcom County standards for tree removal?
- A Calder will provide details.

Leigh Moorhouse: Likes using the chat because she is not on the PRCAC - Does not like or use fenced dog parks - concerned about spread of disease. PRCAC unanimously welcomes LM to join a subcommittee or apply for membership on the Committee

Bill Zidel: Does Whatcom County not have a Public Utilities District? (NO)
Objects to Canadian border officials telling US Citizen Point Roberts residents that they should use the Fairhaven ferry to reach the mainland rather than use automobiles.

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM