

Trout Lake Community Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Members present: Daina, Gail, Laurie, Pat, Zack, Monte, Chad, Dave, Sara // Absent: none

Agenda and minutes approved as presented.

Guest Speaker: Jake Anderson Klickitat County Board of Commissioners, Dist 1

The BOCC is broadcasting meetings to promote transparency and public involvement.

Census Data and Redistricting: The 2011 plan split Trout Lake between Dist 1 and 2. The population on the west side of the county is growing faster than in other areas, meaning Dist 1 will continue to shrink geographically, correlative to census data. These decisions are planned through the auditor's office and BOCC, and includes both hearings and public comment periods.

Under Canvas: recreational/camping facility planned for BZ/Husum. Recent deliberations have included a SEPA appeal and debate on the conditional use permit. Jake has recused himself from official deliberations based on a campaign promise and appearance of fairness.

Community Wildfire Protection Plans: each community is responsible for its own CWPP, and the county website has these documents. Landowners and communities can also work with Dan Lennon (DNR), UCD (Dan Richardson), or work with their local VFD. An additional Fire Boss aircraft will be stationed in The Dalles during 2021 fire season.

Rapid Development and Emergency Egress: residential zones (such as Jennings Rd) need additional consideration from County Planning, to ensure public safety in the event of an emergency, such as a wildfire. While county roads are built to "spec," arterial roads garner more attention than local or dead end roads. In these cases, more effort is needed to ensure access to logging, USFS, or private roads.

Sub Area Comprehensive Plans: "Is local planning dead?" additional work needed to update zoning and ordinances. Neither the county nor NGO's are well prepared to spend large sums of money to dispute issues or appeal decisions. The solution is to appoint advisory boards based on an application process, ensuring every voice has a seat at the table, breaking down the current dichotomy. More work is needed on the front end, so that decisions include all sides before a costly appeals process. Goal is to have a county planning dept agent working with community council to develop and finalize sub area comp plans. Also need to finalize Shorelines Master Plan, Critical Areas Ordinances, approve building plan applications, resources are thin.

Recycling: Need additional education and outreach. Recently implemented sanitation policies are more stringent, resulting in diversion of some recycling materials to the landfill.

Search and Rescue: Recent incident on Mt Adams renewed interest in a local SAR team. Formal organizations have challenges navigating risk and liability, while local individuals with strong mountain skills and excellent knowledge of the terrain may be more effective in some scenarios. SAR is outside the scope of TLCC, but Monte and Chad volunteered to keep us informed of efforts to mobilize resources, efforts in building a local team. All expressed extreme gratitude for selfless residents who rescued a teenager from a dangerous situation.

Website Proposal: Dave drafted a proposal. Comments due Feb 20

TLABA Grant: Daina drafting a grant proposal for \$460 to cover PO box, office supplies, Zoom, website.

Round Robin: Pat and Monte to review previous sub area comp plan.

The possible sale of SDS and holdings is progressing, with bidding scheduled as early as March.

Adjourned 8:34