

Trout Lake Community Council Meeting Agenda, October 6, 2021 and Minutes

Zoom Video - 6:45 – 8:15 PM

Topic	Discussion Lead	Time Allotted
Meeting called to order		
Agenda Review No changes	Daina	
Minutes Review – September 1 meeting No changes to September minutes, Gail moved, Pat seconded, minutes approved	Laurie	
Old business:		
Moving TLCC mtg date/time final vote Laurie moved, Lucas seconded, the council approved moving council meeting date to the first Tuesday of the month. Next council meeting will be November 2 nd , which is election day.	Daina	5 min cumulative
2021 Election prep Gail reported there are 3 candidates for the 3 open positions. Dave will create an absentee ballot document that can be downloaded by voters, printed and mailed in.	Gail	10 min
7:00 pm:		
Guest Speakers		
Jay McLaughlin – Gotchen Area Hazardous Fuels Work and Wildfire Preparedness Working Group Update There has been hazardous fuels work done in the Gotchen area to prepare it for underburning, weather dependent, with the objective of reducing potential flame length and rate of spread of wildfire. They hope to start burning this Thursday. Sharon shared a powerpoint on wildfire risk in the Trout Lake area and provided information about the working group that will be trying to engage community members in becoming more prepared for wildfire. Zoom meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month and will begin in January.		20 min
7:20 Nathan Ulrich – Mt Adams Forest Phase 1 Conservation Easement Grant application Nate is the rep for Columbia Land Trust (CLT) a conservation group focused on water, soil, habitat preservation and preservation of “working forest land”. Their first phase proposal is for the purchase of a conservation easement on 6000 acres of SDS land (under pending sale agreement) west and north of Trout Lake up to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest boundary. Their intent is to purchase the development rights to the property which also includes non-motorized public access to these lands. CLT is applying for a Forest Legacy Grant from Washington State Dept of Natural Resources (WDNR) and are asking for a letter of support from the council (needed by October 14, 2021) to be included in their grant submittal. Monte moved that we write a letter of support, Pat seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Most council members voiced support for the letter,		30 min

however Dave and Lucas were neutral on the subject, needing more information. The council agreed to a Zoom meeting with Nathan on October 11 to clarify some areas of concern. Lucas did note that if the council did choose to go forward with the letter at this time he could support it with some reluctance.

7:50 Mendy Maccabee – Red Feather Event plans and possible Conditional Use Permit 20 min

Mendy Maccabee is the new owner of the Red Feather property. She intends to seek a conditional use permit for events and group activities other than those specifically related to agricultural use of the property and would like to hear if there are any concerns in the community. Concerns expressed by those present (local residents and council members) include: traffic, safety on roads due to increased traffic, noise associated with events that involve music, impacts to community businesses and infrastructure, changes to the quiet, rural character of Trout Lake, etc. Wendy stated that she also moved to Trout Lake for the same values expressed by residents and does not plan on her proposed activities being in conflict with those values. Concerns also were expressed regarding other properties in the Trout Lake valley where non-permitted activities are occurring and this should be something the Council needs to address in the near future.

November 5 Meeting Time - change? (given that it is Election Day) Daina 5 min

No change to meeting time is needed for the November 2nd meeting date.

Round Robin Info share (briefly if time allows) All
No round robin shared due to time constraints.

Adjourn: 8:30 PM
Meeting adjourned at 8:45