

**Trout Lake Community Council
Meeting Agenda & Notes - Approved
Via Zoom
February 4, 2025
7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Council Meeting:

Topic	Council Lead	Start Time
Regular Council Meeting called to order Council members present - Lucas King, Daina Bambe, Joanna Turner, Pat Arnold, Tom Binder, Jim Lambert, Dave Wampler, Community members present - Dennis Hartley, Shawn Gardner, Aaron Schmidt, Todd Andrews, Kaola Swanson, Miles Kirksey, Nate Ulrich, Sharon Frazey, Jessica Crone, Glenda Hollenbeck, Heather Patt, Sarah Arnold, Steve Turner	Daina	7:00

Agenda Review

add - Pat motion regarding an advisory council made from current councils for the comp planning

Daina

Minutes review:

January 7, 2025
Tom motion, 2nd Dave - all in favor

Daina

Guest Speakers:

Kaola Swanson and Miles Kirksey (from bend)

The Conservation Fund (TCF)

Status of lands in the area and rural community economic development

National non profit - all 50 states, conserving land for people.

Exploring clean energy, community involvement,

Different because they are accredited, do NOT own land permanently - they are a bridge for organizations to buy land (emphasize partnerships)

Environmental work

Working forest fund goal - conserve 5 million acres by 2030

Partnership with Columbia Land Trust: wanted to buy SDS lands and asked TCF to partner, have partnered with Green Diamond on the acquisition of conservation easements.

Locally: Lupine forest, Mt Adams forest conservation, White Salmon River corridor, Natural Resource Based Economy - projects that are community/partner led, have ripple effects to bigger community effects. They encourage regions to look at more than tourism, They are currently having conversations with community partners and identify where opportunities to partner are. Will circle back in next year with possible projects.

Mt Adams Forest - conservation easement on Green diamond lands, won't be developable and remain classified as forest land whether sold or not. Funding has been secured through the federal forest program but hasn't been closed yet. Working with Green Diamond to finish

Daina

7:05

easements. They are currently In phase 2, TLCC has been important to supporting their work.

Phase 3 funded through IRA funds, not funded yet.

Projects for fire resiliency? Lupine forest has participated in FACT programs and more, funding wildfire defense projects, reduce fuels, increase resilience etc.

In other sites: Outdoor rec, trails work/design, sustainable land use planning,

Have met with county representatives (public works, econ develop) to understand local needs and challenges.

Flexible program that can support various ventures for the community

Comprehensive Land Use Planning

Pat

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Next learning session – economic development exercise

Econ Development conversation as to discussion of what we want to see here and what is not a good fit for our community.

Resource land use categories are: Mmneral, agriculture, timber

The County's funding for comprehensive land use planning will run out 6/2025 - but certain steps must be completed by then.

Some milestones need to be accomplished before the end of June: the County's approach has changed to having 4 or 5 public info meetings that will start this month - 1 westside. not to gather input but to provide info about the planning process. Hoping to have a rough draft by June. This will impact the level of public involvement that can happen.

Change is hard to accomplish. Lawsuits have accompanied past attempts as updating the Comprehensive land use plan or subarea plans. .

Yes, the County would like for us to talk with local residents about desires and needs for our community. For the county effort, there is no opportunity for public input in the short-term.

Pat - would like to submit a request to the County for the establishment of an advisory council with representatives from each of the current active community councils to assist in the planning process.

Tom - Motion to support Pat's letter to form an advisory planning committee out of current community council members that would include one representative from each council and other ad hoc members as necessary. 2nd - Dave, all in favor

Guler Park Letter to County Commissioners

Daina

8:30

Motion to approve TLC letter to commissioners - Joanna, 2nd - Jim,

Amendment - 2nd dot point - would the deed allow for other interpretations to park usage to minor acreage changes. Motion to letter as amended - Pat, 2nd - Jim - all in favor , Tom abstaining

Update and decision on filling vacant council position

Daina

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2 people indicated interest statements - Aaron Schmid and Jaime Davis,

Tom - motion to appoint Aaron to vacant seat, 2nd Lucas - all in favor

Position #6, up for election in 2025

Treasurer's report

Tom

8:42

\$1500, no word from Dept of commerce

Program of work & Round Robin (if time allows)

All

8:55

Joanna - Recommend during Zoom meetings that names and positions are identified for council members. She also is working on suicide prevention trainings.

4 wheeler on roads letter - will find out more and, if needed, will schedule a special meeting so Travis can be part of the discussion on the council letter.

Lucas - re: 4 wheeler, is this a county wide ordinance for all county roads or specific roads?

Pat will follow-up for clarification and Commissioner Andrews will do this as well

Jim - yay for the grocery store's growth.improvements!!

Adjourn

9:03

Motion to adjourn - Lucas, 2nd - Jim, all in favor

March – Commissioner Andrews and Jeff Hunter - early meeting time at 6pm!

Update from Klickitat PUD - April?

Commissioner Zoller – invite to April meeting?

Comprehensive Land Use Planning: Learning sessions 101 – ongoing;

Quarterly – Update from Keaton Curtice

Program of work topic each month

Other future topics: Affordable building lots – planning challenges and issues

Climate change - a continuing conversation

Short-term rentals discussion