

Minutes of the Pacific City-Woods CPAC meeting February 17, 2007

**Meeting held at Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City at 10:30 AM
Approximately 25 members and Lisa Phipps of the Tillamook Planning
Department, Liane Welch, Director of Tillamook County Public Works, Grant
Graves, supervisor for South Tillamook County Roads Department, and Pat Oakes,
Engineer for Tillamook County Public Works in attendance.**

The meeting was called to order by Anne Price. The minutes of the Jan. 15, 2007 meeting were introduced. Merrienne Hoffmann moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Margie Stoughton. The minutes were approved unanimously by the attending members.

Guest speakers, Liane Welch, Director of Tillamook County Public Works, Grant Graves, supervisor for South Tillamook County Roads Department, and Pat Oakes, Engineer for Tillamook County Public Works were introduced. Liane Welch spoke first. Welch told the group that the Public Works Department consists of two departments- roads and solid waste. The roads department has a total of 31 employees. The solid waste department, as it pertains to South Tillamook County, includes the self haulers site on Brooten Road which is open Fri-Sun from 10 am to 4 pm, and the household hazardous waste pick ups twice a year, along with overseeing the Nestucca Valley Recycling Garbage Service and assisting in community clean ups. She said the roads department for South County is considered from the Sandlake Junction with US Highway 101 south to the county line on Cascade Head, and has 5 employees dedicated to that area with one vacant position.

The priorities laid out for the district by the County Roads Advisory Committee are 1) storm response 2) bridge repair 3) traffic signs and road markings 4) road repairs such as potholes 5) preventative maintenance 6) capital improvements with matching funds 7) asphalt overlays 8) guard rails 9) capital improvements without matching funds. Welch said that some other counties rate the priorities in a different order, with storm response not as quick while focusing on maintaining and improving the existing roads. Welch said that roads are classified by volume with #1 being arterials such as Sandlake Road, #2 Major Collectors such as Brooten, #3 Minor Collectors then #4 local roads, and that the priorities run from Arterials down. For Tillamook County, South County has 95 of the 281 miles of paved roads, 34 of 97 miles of gravel roads, 34 of 94 bridges, 630 of 1900 culverts, 1700 of 5300 traffic signs, 65 of 200+ miles of road markings and 3 of 9 miles of guard rails. She also noted that pavement treatments have a life expectancy of 20 years, and maintenance is required after 10 years to keep the roads up to 90%. Most of the roads in the county are rated at 51% or worse. Heavy trucks and water damage cause the majority of the damage. She noted that this year had a large number of challenges, with the Nov. flooding, the Dec. windstorms and the Jan. snow and ice. While the county is growing, the funding for roads will be affected by the \$1.8 million or 40% cut from the federal government next year. The only funding is through the local property taxes, the federal funding and the gas tax which was last raised in the 90's. She noted that in the snow event in Jan. a plow was sent from Tillamook which took 2 hours to arrive in South County.

Ielean Cox-Rouse asked how many were on the advisory committee, and of those how many represented South County. Welch said that there are 8-9 on the committee, with one individual, Darcy Jones, from this area. Lisa Phipps asked if there is any general fund money available for the county works staff. Welch said no, the general fund monies are only allowed for specific items. Donna Schuller asked what ordinance that is covered by. Welch didn't know, and Donna said she would try to research that. George Kirkham said that Lincoln County uses a transient room tax for roads, and would that be a possibility. Welch said it could be, and that with a transient room tax 70% of the money goes to tourism and 30% to the area, including some administration costs.

Pat Oakes then spoke as an engineer and part of the permitting staff for the department. He said there are 3 staff members who are responsible for road permits, utility permits, input on roads for permits, transportation plans, growth management plans, speed zone investigations, checking to see if new roads meet minimum fire standards, road signs, bridge inspections and as liaison with FEMA and other agencies for storm damage, along with various other tasks. Barbara Taylor asked about the recent day closer of Little Nestucca Road. Oakes said that was done by the state, and was a safety precaution as they were going along the road checking the bridges and the equipment would effectively close each bridge during its inspection. Beverly Fisher asked how big the drainage issue is. Oakes said that drainage is a large issue here, and part of the job is trying to mitigate runoff. George Kirkham asked about shared funding for road projects. Oakes said there are different programs, such as Federal which fund 90% and FEMA which tend to fund 75%, with the county picking up the balances. He also said that the State Surface Transportation Plan calls for \$200 thousand per year to go to overlay throughout the state.

Next to speak was Grant Graves, supervisor for South Tillamook County Roads Department. He said that lately, along with addressing storm damage from the winter, the crew has been focusing on grading during dry spells, trimming trees and brush to allow sunlight to hit the roads to dry them out between rains, ditch drainage and shoulder repair to protect the roads. George Kirkham asked about the scenic route through the area, and noted the lack of pull-outs on Three Capes Road. Graves said that adding pull-outs would involve getting right of ways and major work which isn't in the budget now. Grant said that the list of projects underway include clearing vegetation and culverts along Moon Creek where the roadway is covered in mud each rain, working with the Nestucca Watershed to improve fish passage, the Savage Road slump, and a portion of the new Sandlake Road where a beaver has rebuilt a dam causing water to erode the shoulders. Nick Gelbard asked about the issue of the legal connection between the growing populations versus road capacity. Carolyn McVicker mentioned that homeowners should be sure to have onsite drainage issues addressed for their properties. George Kirkham added that it seems that drainage issues aren't fully addressed. Beverly Fisher asked about the issue of water runoff and possible pollution in the area. Graves said that ideally ditches that make a V shape will filter out the pollutants with grass etc, but some of the water has such a short distance from the roadway to the waterway that filtering gets very expensive. Graves asked that anyone with a service issue call 503-842-3419 and let the department know if there is a problem.

Anne Price acknowledged Tillamook County Sheriff Todd Anderson was in the audience, and that he would be leading an enhanced Sheriff Patrol discussion meeting after the CPAC meeting.

Treasurer Donna Schuller gave the report, listing the balance of \$219.79. The Board voted to reimburse Secretary Cathy Rogers for stamps purchased to send out notices to non-email members. The Treasurers report was unanimously approved.

Beverly Fisher gave the Community Lighting Committee report. She said that they met on Feb. 6 and elected Fisher as Chairperson. Bob Taylor was nominated to be secretary, but declined. Ielean Cox-Rouse agreed to fill in as secretary until one could be found. The discussion at the meeting included the need for input from the community. Carolyn McVicker will formalize more questions, and Fisher will place a notebook in the South Tillamook Library for public comments. Cox-Rouse will check with Tillamook PUD on lighting and reflectors for roadway lights. It was noted that security is an issue, and that glare and light trespass can be serious. Larry Rouse noted that in talking to others about the committee, some had the impression that the goal is to light up the community.

The Land Use Committee met on Feb. 6 with two issues to review and to form comments for the membership to vote on. One was the Seawatch Conditional Use Permit for a clubhouse on the South side of Pacific City. The clubhouse would be 3300 square feet and serve 100 homes. The Committee had voted to recommend this permit. Larry Rouse made a motion to approve the conditional use permit, Donna Schuller seconded the motion and a vote was made. 19 members voted in favor, with three (Jeff Schons, Mary Jones and Stephanie Starostka-Welch) stating a conflict of interest, 0 voted against the permit and 5 members abstained. Larry Rouse asked for comments to be added to the report to the planning department, and no one offered any. The second request was for a cluster Seawatch Phase II and III. It was noted that the access is at Fisher and Brooten, which is a concern for traffic flow and safety. Rouse noted that the overall impression of the committee was favorable, and that all members had voted for the permit, although there had been extensive discussion on the access. Rouse also mentioned that the CCR'S seemed to address possible problem areas for the development including lighting, trees and view issues. Nick Gelbard remarked that the geo hazard report was very extensive and that no building would be on the possible slide areas, including the proposed bike path. Dale Farley asked if the county had reviewed and commented on the hazard report. Lisa Phipps said yes, and that was why an addendum and new maps had been ordered. The vote by the membership was 17 for with 3 showing a conflict (Jeff Schons, Mary Jones and Stephanie Starostka-Welch), 2 against and 3 abstaining. The statements were from George Kirkham voicing concerns about the Fisher Road access and lack of alternate routes. Ielean Cox-Rouse cited the transportation plan section 3.5 to insure safety and 3.6 regarding collector streets. Cox-Rouse said "I understand that this is a difficult intersection, and appreciate the work the developers have done so far, but the infrastructure is not able to handle this higher demand." Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the only other route off the Hill is Reddekopp to Resort Drive, which is closed or in danger during floods. Also noted was the fact that the base of Fisher Road had been widened to allow cars coming off the Hill to make a 90 degree angle when turning on to

Brooten, but that those coming up the Hill were still unable to make the turn in most vehicles without going into the oncoming lane. Kathy Shellito asked about Nestucca Manor Road and the possibility of using it to gain a better directional access to Fisher Road. It was noted that Nestucca Manor is also a small local road without the ability to handle a large number of vehicles. Nick Gelbard noted that Fisher Road also appears to be unstable higher up the Hill and that the road should be part of the long term discussion with Tillamook Public Works. Donna Schuller noted that a manhole cover has been coming up or the road has been sinking further up Fisher Road. Jeff Schons said that the biggest issue for Fisher Road is the right of way. He asked if the CPAC can request the county to deal with this as nothing positive can be done until the right of way is given by the current owners. He also said that the original engineers had a preliminary design to change the road and make it much safer, but the right of way would be needed for it to work. Leonard Rydell spoke up giving his credentials as a planner with experience, and that his opinion is that if there aren't any accidents or incidents the road may be safe. He cited reports that he said corroborate this theory.

Anne Price then read the motion made previously to amend the bylaws stating "Please amend the Bylaws by eliminating "The Chair will refrain from voting, except in the case of a tie vote". The reason for the amendment is that with all CPAC members having an equal voice, and no one persons vote carrying more weight than any others, regardless of position; the chair would lose his or her voice by refraining. According to the bylaws." It was noted that enough notice had been made to make a final vote. Larry Rouse made a motion to vote, and Barbara Taylor seconded it. The change passed with 19 voting for, 1 against and 0 abstaining.

Lisa Phipps made a note that the Pacific City/Woods CPAC appeared to be one of the most active, and noted that 2 members had attended the Neskowin Meeting and she hopes that the cross liaison will continue.

Phipps said that there are two pending conditional use permits in the office, along with the Seawatch Phase II and III. She said that a variance on the land use request came in regarding two small stretches of road in Seawatch. One is 111 lineal feet at a grade between 15-16 degrees, the other 160 lineal feet between 10-15 degree grades. It was stated that the Fire Marshall should handle the request, and that she had no objection, but was not happy about the steepness. Phipps said that the Fire Marshall said that the emergency vehicles are unable to set up at that grade. The Fire Marshall did make the request that all homes within that area, regardless of size, be required to have sprinkler systems. Phipps pointed out that currently all homes in the development over 1600 square feet are required to have sprinklers. Phipps apologized for the confusion on dates for this variance. She said that the new planner is working out, and they are working on updating the website.

Anne Price asked about the inquiry regarding a 180 unit lot that was mentioned in the last meeting. Phipps said that there's been no more information about it. Phipps said that there's a tentative subdivision behind Dory Point and Doryland Pizza. She also said that the measure 37 claims will begin filtering through the system soon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.