

July 15, 2009

The SPECIAL Joint Meeting of the Woodland City Council, Woodland School District and Port of Woodland was held on the above date at the Port of Woodland, 141 Davidson Avenue, at 6:00 p.m.

Mission Statement - *Community stakeholders promoting common values, visions & goals for Woodland and the Lewis River Valley.*

City of Woodland:

Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Darwin Rounds
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks (arrived late)
Councilmember Tom Mattison
Mayor Chuck Blum
Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Community Development Planner Kei Zushi
Public Works Director Steve Branz

Woodland School District:

Superintendent Michael Green (absent)
Boardmember & Chair, Jim Bays
Boardmember Bill Woodard (absent)
Boardmember Tina Caton (absent)
Boardmember Janice Watts
Boardmember Steve Madsen

Port of Woodland:

Executive Director Erica Rainford
Commissioner Dale Boon
Commissioner Paul Cline
Commissioner Jerry Peterson

Cowlitz Co. Commissioner:

Commissioner Kathleen Johnson (absent)

Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments

Executive Director Steve Harvey, Facilitator

Press

Gloria Loghry, Lewis River Review

WORKSHOP

Erica Rainford welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Sub-Committee Report:

Steve Madsen, Woodland School District and Erica Rainford, Port of Woodland Reported on the Survey of the Sub-Committee and the task to prioritize the Goals & Strategies.

Came up with 2 categories. Input: Community Building Activities and Infrastructure/Public Facilities.

Community Building Activities:

- Performing Arts

- Tourism education
- Farmers Market
- River Queen terminal
- LewisRiver.com
- Youth activities
- Movie night
- Cultural events
- Career fair
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- Develop Cottage Industries

Infrastructure/Public Facilities:

- Library
- Transportation Improvement Plan
- I-5 Transportation Plan
- Leverage Sewer Capacity
- Water adequacy
- Arts enter
- Parks
- Tourist facilities
- Rail facilities
- Broad band capacity

Discussion followed.

2. Projects each entity is working on currently:

City – SR503 Widening Project, Schurman Way/Guild Road – Grant application; Restroom / Path (bid opening 7/16); Fire Services; Park land acquisition; Facilities grant application for Fire; Police-COPS grant application; Dike Road/Exit 22 Improvements (Wal Mart); Bringing politics into the school (class for students)

School – Budget reduction \$1 million/public process & forecast for 2010/2011; Building project/presentation; Run Bond – waiting until possibly Fall 2010 or Spring 2011; Maintenance & Operation Levy will be February 2010 which requires a 50% vote

Port – Guild Road grant application submitted; Looking at support of community to develop a community boat launch; expand the image and recognition of the Port of Woodland; completed 17,000 sq ft building at Schurman Way/Guild Road

County – Comprehensive Plan update (new plan to replace the 1975 plan) and outreach with the assistance of CWCOG

3. **Purpose of meetings.** Are they helpful? Discussion followed re: Shared resources; economic development; advertising (legal notices); economic development exercise that McCall & Humbyrd participated in recently at Grand Mound.

4. **We are Woodland Event**: Friday evening 7pm to 9pm, July 17th in Downtown Woodland

The sub-committee meets the 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Port Office.
Next joint group meeting October 21, 2009 6:00 p.m. hosted by City of Woodland.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: August 3, 2009

Attest: _____
Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.
A recording is available in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer