

**October 21, 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 Woodland Community Center, 782 Park Street, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Marilee McCall, Mayor Pro Tem.

**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 (absent)  
Councilmember Aaron Christopherson  
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd  
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks (absent)  
Councilmember Tom Mattison  
Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp  
Public Works Director Steve Branz

**Woodland School District:**

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

**Port of Woodland:**

Executive Director Erica Rainford  
Commissioner Dale Boon  
Commissioner Paul Cline (absent)  
Commissioner Jerry Peterson

**Cowlitz Co. Commissioner:**

Commissioner Kathleen Johnson  
(absent)

**Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments**

Executive Director Steve Harvey, Facilitator

**WORKSHOP**

**Marilee McCall, Mayor Pro Tem 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.

The Sub-Committee met once since the last meeting and discussed prioritizing the 2 categories. 1) Community Building Activities and 2) Infrastructure/Public Facilities. They came up with Short Term-Community Event/Movie Night; Middle Term (2-3 year range)-Parks & Recreation; Long Term-Library. The items that were picked were ones that would get the most bang for the buck for all the agencies. The next step would be to set out deliverables and strategies.

- a. Movie Night-ideas: Maybe following Downtown Revitalization Hot Summer Nights music in the Plaza. It was suggested to contact Vancouver or Battle Ground to use the projector and screen. Also to hold movies in the auditorium in the winter/fall. It was also discussed which community groups could take on the role of participating in the event (ASB, PTSA, etc.) Jim Bays will follow up on this concept and make contact with some groups who may be interested. Erica Rainford volunteered for publicity.
- b. Middle Term (2-3 year range)-Parks & Recreation -A needs analysis needs to be done, create an inventory, and make recommendations. Steve Harvey commented that the County does have a draft park plan that was developed 5-6 years ago. The City also has a current Park Plan. Steve Madsen will do some follow up on this concept.
- c. Long Term (5 year range) – Library facilities. Discussion followed about a library facility that would be part of the school facility. Need to discuss the needs and strategies. Also

the involvement of the FVRL District with a possible Interlocal Agreement.

2. **We Are Woodland** event held July 17<sup>th</sup> report by Dale Boon. The event was very successful and well received. The committee wants to hold it again in 2010. It was stated that publicity and communication need to be improved for the 2010 event. It was suggested that the time might be extended for the next event. Discussion followed.
3. **National Night Out**-discussion was held on this idea.
4. **Farmers Market**- 2009 was a successful event. Discussion followed.
5. **Futures Game**- CWCOCG recently acquired this tool which is to engage communities and organizations in debating their future together. It was discussed to schedule this with the WQCC groups and the Woodland Planning Commission. Need to schedule a date, time and place. Kei Zushi will be contacting the Planning Commission a possible date of November 4<sup>th</sup> and then contact Jennifer Keene, CWCOCG.
6. **Reports on projects.**
  - a. **City**-Restroom completion scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. Walmart October 2010 opening; Park land-counter offer made for land at SR503 near Gun Club Rd.; SR503 design for turn lanes at Hillshire, Insel and Gun Club Road; \$2.5 M grant for Schurman Way and Guild Road in collaboration with the Port; The Chicken House opens Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>; Ribbon cutting for Snap Fitness on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>; Election for change of form of government on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. **Port**-Grant for Schurman Way/Guild Road; Boat launch and restroom at Lions Day Park 2010 planning process; new building on Schurman Way and the tenant is fabricating steel; several lease renewals for 2010; sand from Port being used for Walmart project and also for the Ridgefield project; 2 commissioners up for election.
  - c. **School**- Year started out with cuts of \$1.3 million cut from budget; results in reduction in staff and some were long time staff members; enrollment is down about 60 students; Went from 20% to 40% from last year for free and reduced lunch program; 4 year O&M levy in spring 2010; last couple months spent reviewing facilities use policy; budgeted a decline in enrollment and came in close to what was budgeted; the forecast is that more budget cuts may be necessary in the spring per the state.
  - d. **Cowlitz Co.**- setting up a steering committee for Comprehensive Plan Update; Economic Development grant funding available due Nov 12<sup>th</sup>; ARRA grant funding.

A tentative meeting for the Futures Game will be November 4<sup>th</sup> at the place TBD. The next meeting of WQCC will be January 20, 2010 6:00 p.m. hosted by the Woodland School District at the Community meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Minutes approved: November 2, 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