

January 18, 2018

The SPECIAL Joint Meeting of the Woodland Quality Community Coalition (WQCC) Woodland City Council, Woodland School District and Port of Woodland was held on the above date at the City of Woodland Community Center, 782 Park Street, at 6:20 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Grover Laseke, Woodland Mayor.

WQCC-Woodland Quality Community Coalition

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

City of Woodland

Mayor Grover Laseke
Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marshall Allen
Councilmember Marilee McCall
Councilmember Al Swindell
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Scott Perry
Fire Chief Mike Jackson
Administrative Clerk Lori Cash

Woodland School District

Superintendent Michael Green
Boardmember Tina Cayton
Boardmember Janice Watts
Boardmember Bill Woodard

Citizen

Gordon Dillon

Facilitator

Steve Harvey, CWCOG

Grover Laseke opened the meeting. Review of the last session in October. There was discussion on what the role and responsibility of the group is. New City committees have been assigned so new people will be representing WQCC. The last committee met but had not moved forward as people were busy with end-of-year, budget and other priorities although the interest was there.

The consensus was that the committee needs to identify specific topics and priorities. Some ideas brought forward are as follows:

- The committee needs to focus on roundtables where entities can touch base, come up with a focused plan for the year, improve communication via email lists of WQCC participants.
- Possibly hold Townhalls with specific and focused topics (with limits for formal comment)
- Create fun but informational events for public such as “We Are Woodland” booths at activities such as Planter’s Day or Hot Summer Nights/City Fairs/National Night Out.
- Find ways to get people to “step up” as volunteers.

- Advertise that WQCC exists to public and that this group seeks public input.
- Representatives from this group need to communicate with their individual stakeholder groups and report back priorities to WQCC at April Meeting.

Entities shared current issues:

City of Woodland

- New Mayor and Councilmembers elected in 2012. Climate within group is optimistic although the City is facing budget challenges due to potential cuts from the State Legislature.
- The City is still looking at the Scott Avenue Crossing project and is working with the Port, COG and County to acquire funding.
- Councilmembers are going up to the State Legislature to lobby against funding cuts next Thursday.
- Woodland was redistricted into the 20th District this year.
- Fire is working toward improving response time and is still looking at the formation of a Regional Authority.
- Legislative Representatives will be attending the Chamber Annual Banquet next Saturday to be held at the Red Lion in Kelso.
- The Meet & Greet Reception and Panel interviews for the Public Works Director position will be held Jan 19th and 20th. The public is invited to the Meet & Greet.
- The City is moving ahead with the new Police Station. A workshop is being held on February 13th.
- City is partnering with Rotary on the "Field of Dreams". Will see progress as year goes on.

School District

- M&O replacement levy is upcoming.
- Will be putting forth a resolution for a bond for the new High School if levy passes. A public meeting was held last Saturday and the board received great input from attendees.
- New High School plans are for a warm, inviting facility with enough space to accommodate enrollment for at least 15 years. Looking only to fund building. Athletic facility may be built at a later date.
- District is looking to refinance bonds as current rates are historically low.
- Is seeking a support resolution from the Port and City.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm by Mayor Laseke.

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