WOODLAND QUALITY COMMUNITY COALITION (WQCC)

Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
Woodland Community Center
782 Park Street - Woodland, Washington

AGENDA

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

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pro Tem John J. Burke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
City of Woodland
Woodland School District
Port of Woodland
Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments
Cowlitz County

PRESENTATION:
Columbia River Carbonates – Bernie Schockelt presented information on the proposed barge port at the Columbia River in Woodland.

UPDATES FROM ENTITIES:

1. **Woodland School District**
2. **Port of Woodland**
3. **City of Woodland**
4. **CWCOG**
5. **Cowlitz County**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Next WQCC meeting is October 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Woodland School District

ADJOURNMENT

April 17, 2013

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 Woodland High School Library, 755 Park Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Mike Karnofski. A moment of silence was observed for the victims and families affected by the recent bombing at the Boston Marathon.

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City of Woodland
Councilmember John Burke-absent
Councilmember Marshall Allen
Councilmember Benjamin Fredricks
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Marilee McCall-absent
Councilmember Al Swindell
Councilmember Scott Perry
Mayor Grover Laseke
Public Works Director Bart Stepp
Clerk-Treasurer Mari Ripp
Police Chief Rob Stephenson

Woodland School District
Superintendent Michael Green
School Board Member Janice Watts
Architect for WSD
Chris Lilley, McGranahan Architects

Clark County Fire Rescue (CCFR)
Chief Dennis Mason
Port of Woodland
Executive Director Nelson Holmberg
Commissioner Jerry Peterson
Commissioner Dale Boon

PRESENTATION:
Michael Green introduced Chris Lilley, McGranahan Architects who is working on the Woodland High School new construction project. Mr. Lilley presented the architect renditions of the new high school, explained the project and answered questions.

<u>Updates from Entities:</u>

1. **School District**
    - Construction of new school is underway. It is on a 40 acre site, estimated project is $46.3 million with 153,000 sq. ft, 43 classrooms, 900 students and 1500 seats in the grandstand.
      Phase I target completion is October 2013 for site prep
      Phase 2 is May 2014 to Aug 2013 for construction
    - Working on gym project in Yale School. This is part of the bond. Design and building code requirements had slowed the project. A decision to remodel the

facility will be done rather than a new gym. It is currently under design/build and is almost ready to permit

- The District was recently recognized as a School of Merit by the State Metrics who evaluate schools. The High School received an overall merit award; the Intermediate a Merit award on science, and it was mentioned that the district received good marks on "on-time" graduation and a merit award for "extended" graduation rate.

2. Port of Woodland

- Received County Rural Development Grant for $10k for a Feasibility Study for Guild Road Business Incubator Park
- Received County Rural Development Grant for Boat Launch project. They are working on preliminary permitting.
- The Downriver Industrial Park-an assessment has been completed on the properties and determined that maintenance is needed which will begin soon.
- Currently the Port tenant properties are 100% occupied with some vacancies to come. They are marketing to fill these upcoming vacant properties. Chilton Logging is moving the end of May to their own property.

3. City of Woodland

- Police. New Police Station is underway with site prep beginning. It is located at 200 E. Scott Avenue. Groundbreaking was held on 4/13/2013. It will be modular construction for $2.7 m (includes remodel of City Hall for Fire Dept., wall repairs, showers, etc.) It will be 8,300 sq. ft. with 6,000 ft. police portion and a Community Room/Council Chambers.
- Fire. The City is operating under a new contract with Clark County Fire Rescue (CCFR) effective 3/1/2013. Woodland station is staffed with 2 career staff 24/7 and interns and volunteers. A grant was recently awarded to replace all radio equipment in all vehicles.
- Public Works. The SR503 Widening project starts next week and should be done August 2013. The City has selected contractor BergerABAM to be the consultant for the Scott Avenue Crossing Study. The contract with BergerABAM will be presented to City Council for approval on 5/20/13. The council awarded a bid on 4/15/2013 to Insituform for the Westside Sewer Project for main replacement and is scheduled to be done summer 2013. Other projects include: E. Scott Avenue and Lewis River Road/SR503 intersection 2015 project ; E. Scott re-paving $250k with design in 2014 and construction in 2015; Safe Routes to

School on S. Pekin (from Lilac Gardens and South); Ranney Well upgrade in Winter 2014.

- Clerk-Treasurer. New iCompass Meeting Management Solution is underway for Council agenda, minutes, packets.
- Mayor. Working on Scott Hill Park MOU. Park maintenance - watering of all city parks will be discontinued due to 2013 budget cuts. Revenues and expenditures have been carefully reviewed and prioritized, and council is continuing to look for ways to fund parks. There is a Red Cross Board opening which serves Cowlitz and Clark for a 3 year term and meetings are approximately 1 hour per month. Contact Paul Cline for more information. There will be a presentation by Columbia River Carbonates at the Chamber lunch meeting. They are looking at building a port/dock for receiving raw materials for their production facility. Mayor Laseke inquired if the WQCC group would like to have them do a presentation at the July meeting.
- Council. A survey is on the City website re: funding parks and fluoridation of water.

4. **CWCOG**

   Susan Humbyrd announced that Steve Harvey is retired. Melissa Taylor is the interim. Prothman Company has been retained to review applicants and assist with hiring. They hope to hire by the end of May.

5. **Cowlitz County**
   - Government Summit is 4/18/2013 6:00 p.m.
   - Interim Manager hired for projects is George Raiter
   - Pipeline east I-5 to Woodland bottoms to Columbia River. Clatsop Commissioners did not approve, so it is on hold.
   - Bonneville Power Association is routing for transmission lines from Castle Rock to Clark County.
   - Passed a .01% Mental Health Sales tax effective 4/1/2013 in Cowlitz County which is expected to generate $2.1 m
   - Landfill –expect purchase to be finalled September 2013.
   - Gun Range Grand Opening is 5/4/2013
   - Technology improvements include new website, agenda system etc.

Announcements:
The Port Commissioners meeting is 4/18 5:00 Executive Session followed by the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting is July 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Port of Woodland
*(*subsequent to the minutes, the meeting host has been changed to the City of Woodland)*

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

Minutes approved: May 6, 2013

Attest:_____
Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.