

July 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 Community Center, 782 Park Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Burke.

WQCC-Woodland Quality Community Coalition

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

City of Woodland

Councilmember John Burke
Councilmember Marshall Allen
Councilmember Susan Humbyrd
Councilmember Marilee McCall-
Councilmember Al Swindell
Councilmember Scott Perry
Public Works Director Bart Stepp
Clerk III Shannon Rychel
City Planner Amanda Smeller

Cowlitz County

Commissioner Mike Karnofski

CEDC

Scot Walstra

Woodland School District

Superintendent Michael Green
Boardmember Bill Woodard
Boardmember Jeremy Stuart
Boardmember Tina Cayton
Boardmember Jim Bays

Port of Woodland

Executive Director Nelson Holmberg
Commissioner Dale Boon
Commissioner Paul Cline

CRC

Bernie Schockelt

CWCOG

Executive Director Scott Patterson

PRESENTATION:

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

Railway prices are going up and service is going down. CRC is looking for alternatives to transport raw materials. Barge is proposed transportation route.

Updates from Entities:

1. School District – reported by Jim Bays

- Construction of new school is underway.
- Bids go out in the fall for construction of the structure.
- Yale gym remodel project is starting now. It will have a portable stage and rock wall will be in gym. Should be done by the end of the year
- Summer school program is going on

- Lewis River Academy-online school, is renting old post office for their office
- Deciding whether to do full time kindergarten. They are trying to get funding.
- Transportation Co-op bought a parking facility for buses.
- New High-school to open 2015

2. Port of Woodland reported by Nelson Holmberg

- Boat launch project and light incubator project go out to bid this Fall
- Starting to identify funding projects for the boat launch
- Business incubator to help businesses grow. They are modeling after Walla Walla model

3. City of Woodland

- Scott Avenue Reconnection project. BergerABAM will be holding a stakeholder meeting July 25th
- Marijuana Collective Gardens zoning. Conflicts with federal and state laws
- SR503 Widening project construction is almost complete. Striping is scheduled of 7/18/2013.
- East Scott Avenue Overlay Project-Contract has been signed and pre-construction meeting is July 18th. Construction to begin in early August.
- Westside Sewer Project. Cleaning of the west side sewer lines was completed the week of July 22nd. Insituform crews will start the week of July 22nd with the re-lining process.
- Ranney Well Improvement project will begin next year. Gibbs & Olson has started design on the project.
- Scott Hill Park & Sports Complex-MOU signed with Rotary
- Improvement in community- New businesses in Woodland
- New police station construction moving along. Expect occupancy in late November
- Budget- economy is improving and City budget is looking better.
- Fluoride in the water- Public Hearing August 19th 7:00 p.m.

4. CWCOC reported by Scott Patterson

- Steve introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the CWCOC

5. Cowlitz County

- Economy- building values went up thanks to the new construction in industrial area
- Gun range has started well, has generated \$4000 in revenue for county
- Headquarter landfill purchase continues, 1st of November will be in new landfill
- Budget is issue- need to borrow \$4 mil from savings

Announcements:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

John J. Burke, Mayor ProTem

Minutes approved: August 5, 2013

Attest: _____
Shannon Rychel, Clerk III

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.