

Minutes
Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting, June 20, 2019

Attendees: Stephen Falk (SF) — At Large
Linda Hughes (LH) — At Large
Tessa Pinckston (TP) — PRRVA
Steve Wolff (SW) — PRTA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Review Minutes of May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

LH made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 16 regular meeting. SW seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Review Minutes of June 8, 2019 Special Meeting

LH made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 8 special meeting. SF seconded. Minutes approved.

4. Review Minutes of June 18, 2019 Special Meeting

LH made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 18 special meeting. TP seconded. Minutes approved.

5. Public Comment

- * SW, on behalf of Arlene Belles and the PRCS, in connection with the APA Road Tree Canopy restoration project, raised concern that Seabright has not taken any steps to clear and re-open the walking trail in the woods along APA Road. This trail was installed as part of the approval of the Seabright development project. There was discussion on whether PRCAC or PRCS should contact the County or Seabright as the next step. TP will be meeting with Scott Hacker of Seabright and will raise the issue.
- * Ken Calder requested that the PRCAC make available a mark-up of WCC 20.72 as developed by the PRCAC, including comments on noted sections. LH noted that this will be reviewed at the July 9, 2019 special meeting with Cliff Strong and that a mark-up will be sent to Mr. Strong in advance of that meeting. Allison Calder requested that interested community members be copied on that e-mail to Mr. Strong. LH agreed. SW agreed to prepare a document with all the proposed changes and the various comments received to date on aspects of WCC 20.72.

5. Correspondence

LH noted that the PRCAC had received the following correspondence, which will be attached to these Minutes:

- * Pat Harper provided comments about the treatment of recreational vehicles in Point Roberts
- * Arlene Belles sent an e-mail with updates about the APA Road Tree Canopy restoration
- * Gary Morrison sent an e-mail regarding traffic mitigation in the Crystal Beach neighborhood
- * Allison Calder sent an e-mail with an attachment with comments on WCC 20.72
- * Judson Meraw copied PRCAC on e-mail correspondence with CPW regarding chip-sealing of roads
- * Mark Robbins requested that the PRCAC consider re-scheduling its July meeting in view of the PRTA AGM being at 5 pm on July 18.

In response to Mark Robbins' request, LH moved (SW seconded) that the July 18, 2019 regular meeting of the PRCAC be re-scheduled to begin at 7 pm. Approved.

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6. Old Business

Regular business of the PRCAC was preempted to fit in another “working session” on WCC 20.72 in advance of the July 9, 2019 special meeting with Cliff Strong. The PRCAC members discussed the following sections of WCC 20.72:

- * .659 - Parking - In .659(1), in STC, parking “shall” be at the rear or side of the building. There was discussion of revising the language to make it preferred to have parking at the rear or side, but not an absolute requirement if that would destroy the viability of the project:

Within the Small Town Commercial Zone:

(1) When feasible, parking lots shall be provided only at the rear or side of buildings; however, when necessary to allow permitting of the project, alternate parking lot locations may be approved.

- * In .659(2), SW questions the clarity of the terms “connect” and “connecting”. SW will ask Cliff Strong about his concerns.
- * In .659(4), there is mention of sidewalks. SW has an issue about sidewalks on one side of Gulf Road that he will raise with Cliff Strong.
- * In connection with parking, Allison Calder brought to the PRCAC’s attention that there are restrictions on Point Roberts in WCC 10.24.030 (Gulf Road), 10.24.040 (Front Street (gone!)), and 10.24.60 (Edwards Drive). There is a suggestion to delete these restrictions. Even though this is not part of 20.72, this will be raised with Cliff Strong.
- * Design Guidelines - SW suggested having a high-level discussion about how to address the Design Guidelines which were incorporated by reference into WCC 20.72 in 2017. He noted that PDS treats the “guidelines” as law and they may contain too many mandatory provisions.
- * Referring back to Judson Meraw comments that the June 18, 2019 special meeting regarding light pollution in Point Roberts, LH drew attention to the Lighting provisions of the Design Guidelines. There was discussion about incorporating the standards of the “Dark Skies Initiative”. SW agreed to find and share the language of the Dark Skies Initiative.
- * LH raised the question whether any issues/problems have come up as a result of the Design Guidelines; whether is anything in need of “fixing”. There do not appear to be any issue that have come up at the PRCAC when reviewing recent projects. SW agreed to ask Cliff Strong if the Design Guidelines have caused problems with any commercial developments in Point Roberts.
- * Discussion about work seemingly underway at the Chevron filling station on Tye Drive, raised the question whether this project has been permitted (in view of there having been no discussion of this project at a PRCAC meeting). LH will ask PDS about the status of that project.
- * For now, LH moved that the Design Guidelines be left as they are. TP seconded. Approved.
- * LH will prepare a draft of WCC 20.72 with proposed changes to provide to Cliff Strong before the July 9, 2019 special meeting, and to share locally. LH intends to prepare this by June 26, 2019.

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7. New Business

None, in favor of the working session on 20.72

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. (Motion by SW; seconded by SF)