

Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee
December 2, 2020 Special Meeting

Minutes

Members

Allison Calder — PRRVA

Stephen Falk — At-Large

Judson Meraw — CoC — replaced by Linda Hughes

Pamala Sheppard — At-Large (absent)

Steve Wolff — PRTA

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Special meeting of the Point Roberts
community advisory committee

Limited agenda three items for the special meeting one has to do with the ordinance amendments to WCC 2.98, the ordinance creating the PRCAC. I think it was put forward by council member Rud Brown, the next item on the agenda is the draft bylaws, and then the third item is looking into utilizing the last item in the ordinance which has to do with trying to get some administrative support for the PRCAC from the County

Linda Hughes: interjected to announce the Point Roberts Chamber of Commerce had a meeting last night and appointed a new representative to the PRCAC and that would be her and so although we appreciate Judson attending the meeting, that he had not yet responded to their e-mail notifying him that he was no longer their representative.

Discussion on changes to ordinance WCC 2.98 being put forward to Council. Tuesday December 8th at Committee of the Whole and then to County Council in the evening. It was agreed that adding 2 new At-Large members to the PRCAC was just one several alternatives under discussion that might improve the function of the PRCAC and its effectiveness both in Point Roberts and in Bellingham. All members agreed that 2 weeks was too far in advance to be able to produce a comprehensive agenda, as we need to review the Council's agendas every other week to see if there is anything regarding Point Roberts on its agendas.

Consensus was reached that the PRCAC should be held to the same standard as Council with 3-5-day notice (I really thought we agreed on 1 week at this meeting). Changes requested in reference to minutes was discussed and agreed that they would be better addressed in the by-laws. Committee decision was to write a letter to Council requesting that approval of changes to WCC 2.98 be put on hold until the PRCAC could reach out to the community and gain input of what the wishes were of the community as a whole in any change in structure to the PRCAC.

Discussion of PRCAC draft bylaws, held over for discussion at the regular December 17th meeting so that the COC has time to review for comment as they have changed their representation on the PRCAC

Discussion of request for clerical assistance from Whatcom County per WCC 2.98. Executive Satpal Sidhu joined the meeting as stated that we could send a request to his office and he would see if either the County using existing staff or by creating a small budget could have someone join or review the recordings of the PRCAC meeting to be able to prepare the minutes for posting on the County website. Vote was taken 3-0-0. Stephen Falk, Steve Wolff, Allison Calder in favor, Pamala Sheppard absent, Linda Hughs abstaining.

Next meeting is a Special Meeting December 10th at 6pm for candidates for the open "at large" seat. Details for applying have been sent out on PAWS and Nextdoor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.