

Snowden Community Council – 02.02.2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Roger Gadway, Tom Montag, Lloyd Olsen, Jenn Sharp, Jenne Patterson, Janet Turner

Absent: Bob Conner, Chuck Kliesh, Dan Spatz

There were five other Snowden attendees; and guest speaker Mo-Chi Linbad , Klickitat County Planning Director.

With thanks to zoom host Jenn Sharp, the Meeting began with a presentation by Mo-Chi Linbad , who said the Snowden Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2009, and stands as the most recent update in the County! Other neighborhood plans date back to the 1990s. The County is currently unable to proceed with any Long Range Planning until they hire a new Senior Planner. Their first goal will be to update the entire Klickitat County Comp Plan; a process that will include public comment. Using the County Comp Plan as a template, Planners will then consider updates for the neighborhood sub-areas. Sub-area comp plans must be approved and adopted by the BoCC. At Roger's request, Mo-Chi agreed to notify the SCC Council when the County begins the Comp Plan update.

The County and the City of White Salmon have started conversations to create a joint-planning area near the High School, where White Salmon is expanding to the north and east, towards Snowden. Topics to be considered include roads, sewer, water, and internet access.

Roger thanked Ms. Linbad for her time and information; then called the Meeting to Order at 7:21 PM.

The Minutes from the January 05, 2022 Meeting were approved as presented earlier by email.

There was no **Treasurer's Report**. There were no additions to the **Agenda** .

Old Business: Website Committee: Jenne reported that the Website Committee is currently stymied by a problem in partitioning website host Jenn's data separately away from the Snowden Community website; and seeks more advanced technical assistance, preferably from a volunteer, local resident.

Broadband Committee: Eric reported the Committee is looking at how to attract a public entity (such as the PUD, or County) to partner with us in applying for a Feasibility Study grant. A feasibility study would enable the committee to make informed, prioritized strategies towards their goals.

Comprehensive Plan Update: There was discussion about the frustration of waiting so long for the County to hire a new Senior Planner before we begin our own update of the Snowden Comp Plan; and general accord with the idea of getting started on our own, anyway.

There was no **New Business**.

Fire District #3 Commissioner's Report: Tom reported the sad news that heavy snows caved in the roof of the old part of the Cherry Lane fire station, some of it collapsing onto a fire engine. While debris has been removed, it remains undecided whether to repair or total the fire engine. Fire District #3 is still coordinating with three different insurance adjustors, design engineers, and the builder before proceeding with repairs, and getting back in business at Cherry Lane. Except for waiting on the new electric panel (ordered last August), the upgrades for the Husum fire station are almost complete and ready for a walk through by the County Building Inspector.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bea Lackaff SCC Secretary (pro tem)