

Snowden Community Council – 05.04.2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Conner, Roger Gadway, Tom Montag, Lloyd Olson, Jenn Sharp, Dan Spatz.

Absent: Chuck Kliesh, Jenne Patterson. There were five other Snowden attendees.

With thanks to zoom host Jenn Sharp, Roger called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 PM.

The April Meeting Minutes were approved as presented earlier by email, with subsequent corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Roger reported for Chuck that the Treasury contains \$1,434.74 (\$0.03 more than last month). The report was approved.

There were no **Additions to the Agenda**.

Old Business: Website Committee: Jenn reported she and Jenne are unwilling to commit SCC funding until they get a bid or invoice from Aaron our Word Press guru, detailing what he thinks should be our technical priorities, and his cost estimates.

Broadband Committee: Dan reported that with State Representative Chris Corry's support, he has written a letter to WAVE, local broadband provider, asking if WAVE would work in partnership with the Council, and with a public entity (yet to be found) to apply for Federal stimulus money for a feasibility study on providing fast and reliable internet service to Snowden and rural Klickitat County. Dan has an appointment to discuss these matters with Gary at WAVE next Wednesday. Jenn offered to send Dan an article about rural communities getting Federal infrastructure money.

Eric reported there has been no recent **Comprehensive Plan Update Committee** activity.

Roger announced that the neighbors on Oakridge Road suing to stop the **Under Canvas** (UC) glamor camping development lost their case in court. The judge basically dismissed the case on the grounds that only "exceptional proof" could force overturning the previous decision of the Hearing Examiner; and that his review was only to check that the case had met legal standards. However, the judge did side with UC on some of their appeals, relieving them of the Hearing Examiner's restrictions on weddings and the parking of RVs, and the requirement to report their water consumption.

Community Outreach : Jenn said there was a Snowden Facebook post suggesting Community Councils had failed to adequately inform people about what was going on, and should have been more active in fighting UC. There followed a discussion about activities to inform, including working with the Gorge News, putting up signage, and boosting attendance to SCC meetings. Facebook posts also lamented that SCC meetings were still on zoom, posing a difficulty to attend for some. It was noted that few people attended in-person meetings either. The Council looks forward to having live meetings that are also on zoom, starting in July when hopefully we will have determined a public meeting place with adequate space and parking.

There was no **New Business** .

Fire District #3 Commissioner's Report: Bob reported that Chief Long and two Commissioners made a fine presentation as guests at a local Rotary Club meeting; and that Fire District#3 looks forward to holding Open House at their two newly refurbished Fire stations, meeting face to face with their community once again. Bob announced unofficially that this season's Burn Ban will start on June 15. There is to be no open flame burning during the ban; if you see any, report it to 911. There was discussion of possible fire evacuation routes for Snowden this summer, especially with Courtney Road under construction; and if County Emergency Services

has plans to designate and post such routes. Roger pointed out that as fire could come from any direction, pre-planning routes would be difficult; but having road name signs in place would be a great help.

Roger asked if there were any comments "For the good of the order". Hearing none, he announced the next SCC Meeting will be on June 01, and adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Bea Lackaff

SCC Secretary (pro tem)