

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2021

Chair, Ran Koch, convened the virtual meeting of the Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) to order at approximately 1:03 pm via a Zoom call.

**Introduction of Participants**

Attending via Zoom were 138 attendees.

**Conflicts of Interest**

Ran asked the officers to state any conflicts of interest they might have with items on the agenda. None were reported.

**Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2021 NCAC Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 6 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tillamook County Public Notices that Effect Neskowin**

None were reported.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Silkowski reported that we had a beginning balance of \$1,600 as of our February meeting, we received \$175 in donations from three donors, offset by \$18 in PayPal fees. We had two approved disbursements totaling \$725.51 (Randall Koch - \$605.51 for postage, Biff Schlichting - \$120 for Squarespace email campaign) leaving us with an ending balance of \$1,031. We have no pending payables at this time.

**Community Plan Update**

Chris Silkowski provided an overview of the community plan process for those new to the NCAC, noting that one of the NCAC's primary responsibilities is coming up with recommendations to the County around land use planning and that the deliverable to the County will be in the form of a community plan document. The process is typically completed every 10-20 years or more frequently as needed. The current community plan we are operating under was executed in 1999. We kicked off the update process last year. To manage expectations, the process will take approximately three years and begins with educating the community on the States' 19 planning goals. Our cadence has been about one informational town hall per month, and we have held six town halls to date. Chris noted that town halls are typically scheduled out for the quarter and are listed on the NCAC website. Once we feel we have adequately educated the community, a community survey will be developed, and the results of the survey will drive the recommendations in the plan. We've had two ITHs since our last meeting – Recreational Needs & Economic Development (Goals 8 & 9) and Housing (Goal 10). Our next ITH is scheduled for April 27 and covers Goals 11 and 14 on Public Facilities & Urbanization. We are currently in the process of identifying panelists for this session. Information will be posted shortly on our website.

**Beach Access Update**

Ran reported that a third attempt has been made to have adjacent homeowner buy-in for beach access improvements at Carlton Ave on the west end. The Carlton Street access ramp is the most challenging to engineer, build and maintain. Until a funding mechanism is in place to maintain the ramp, construction will likely not begin. The full beach access report can be found on the NCAC website.

### **Motion to Accept Brandon Beaujeu as Interim Vice Chairman**

Ran introduced Brandon who then gave the group a description of his family, occupational background and prior community service activities. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Brandon as Interim Vice Chair and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Updates on Candidates for Chair and Secretary**

Ran reported that, at this time, no one has expressed an interest in serving as Chair for the term beginning July 1, 2021 and that Dave Benneth is the only person who has expressed an interest in serving as Secretary. Persons interested in serving in either position should send an email to the officers through the NCAC website. The elections of officers to serve in these positions will take place at the June 2021 meeting of the NCAC.

### **Vote on Resolution to Withdraw STR Moratorium Request**

Ran reported that the County Commissioners had decided not to act on the NCAC's December 2020 Resolution requesting that a temporary moratorium on new STR permits be instituted and further, that none of the other CAC's in the County were willing to support the Resolution. In addition, the County's Department of Community Development and the Visit Tillamook Coast organization have jointly prepared a "Hello Neighbor" program to remind visitors and residents alike of the obligations of being a good neighbor and reestablishing the County's STR Advisory Committee are steps being taken to alleviate some of the perceived problems created by STR's. A summary of these developments will be posted on the NCAC website. Given these steps to help better manage STR's, a motion to withdraw the temporary moratorium resolution was made, seconded and passed by a vote of 85% voting "yea" and 15% voting "no".

### **STR Alliance Letter Pitch**

Sarah Absher, head of the Tillamook County Department of Community Development, and Julie Hurliman, Marketing Programs Manager, presented information about the "Hello Neighbor" program described above and Sarah took numerous questions about what other solutions might be considered to help reduced perceived problems created by STR's.

### **SCEVC Update**

Marge Josa, President of the South County Emergency Volunteer Corps (SCEVC) described projects now underway by her group including a supply shed at the water tower in Neskowin North which will house supplies for 50 persons for three weeks once funding is obtained and a program undertaken in conjunction with the Nestucca Valley Rural Fire Department to open Covid 19 vaccination clinics in Hebo and Pacific City. She described the benefits of finding persons who will act as Neighborhood Captains who will have contact information for all neighbors and who can act as coordinators of neighborhood egress to safety in the event of an emergency.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the NCAC will be at 10 AM on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Prepared by Cathy Benneth, Secretary