

Oceanside Neighborhood Association
www.oceansidefriends.org
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

I. Opening

The remote meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. A Zoom poll to confirm attendance and a quorum went off without problems. Roughly 85 members confirmed their attendance via video, and there were 12 additional log-ins by telephone. During the meeting, the number of video log-ins peaked at 77, roughly half of which represented multiple members viewing on a single device.

II. Approve Minutes of December 5, 2020 Meeting (available at www.oceansidefriends.org)

Approval was moved, seconded and signaled by unanimous consent.

III. Treasurer's Report. \$12,437.39 in funds dedicated to the new Beach Access. \$1616.98 in general funds. Since the December 2020 meeting, \$150 was expended with Board approval for a Zoom Pro subscription.

IV. Welcome to new Commissioner Erin Skaar.

Commissioner Skaar spoke briefly to introduce herself and announce her Board assignments. She urged members to contact her directly with questions or concerns.

V. Beach Access Project Update

Jerry Keene announced a breakthrough with the tribes on a new design that involves minimal excavation of culturally sensitive areas. The engineers will now produce detailed plans so that new bids and permits may be obtained. It is hoped construction can occur by this fall.

VI. Cape Meares Loop Highway Update

Jerry Keene reported that the county continues to negotiate easements with the timber companies. Keene regularly contacts Director Chris Laity to monitor progress.

VII. Issues Team Interim Updates

- A. Bylaws Committee: The committee includes Pam Zielinski, Jerzy Rub, Melissa Farlow and Lisa Kay. Lisa Kay reported that the committee continues to work on bylaws revisions and an accompanying written policy to accommodate remote participation and voting at future ONA meetings. The committee should be submitting a draft report with recommendations for public comment in the near future.
- B. Building Height Ordinance Team: The team includes Caroline Neunzert, Kathie Norris, Jerry Keene with advice from Mark Widmer a local construction contractor who recently retired. Caroline Neunzert reported that, in response to suggestions by the county, the Team has been working on refinements to Oceanside's current ordinance after reviewing building height ordinances used by comparable communities in Oregon and outside Oregon. The Team is on

track to submit a draft report with recommendations for public comment in the near future and anticipates holding a special meeting to receive comment and suggestions before finalizing its report for membership approval.

- C. Emergency Preparedness Plan Team: The Team includes John Prather, Rob Hoeper and Jeanell Wyntergreen. John Prather reported that the Team has completed its draft report outlining the areas to be addressed in an Emergency Plan tailored to Oceanside. The draft report is now posted at www.oceansidefriends.org under the “Resources/Zoning” tab. The Board plans to convene a special Zoom meeting to discuss the draft report in early March.

VIII. Q&A with City Sanitary Service regarding new Garbage/Recycling Service.

The invited representative did not attend the meeting.

IX. High Speed Internet

Jerry Keene reported that Tillamook Lightwave and the PUD are conducting a feasibility study to explore expanding high speed internet into unincorporated areas of the county. He noted that the ONA rushed to communicate our community’s interest in participating in any pilot project when the Lightwave Board of Directors first started considering expansion in February 2020. Keene urged Oceansiders to demonstrate continuing interest by responding to the online Survey currently being conducted by Lightwave/PUD.

The link is <http://bit.ly/TLWBroadband>

X. Information about new Short Term Rental Fee

Guest: Sarah Absher, Till. Co. Comm. Develop. Director

Sarah Absher outlined the history of events and considerations leading to the adoption of a new Short Term Rental Operator’s Fee in late December 2020. The Fee is roughly 1% of gross proceeds collected quarterly. The proceeds are divided, with 75% dedicated to grants and administration to engender affordable housing throughout the county and 25% to fund increased staffing for county law enforcement. The new Fee takes effect July 1, 2021, and more information is available under the heading, “Ordinance 86” on the Tillamook County Public Works Department website homepage.

XI. Community Forum/Announcements

- A. Keene announced that radon (a naturally occurring radioactive gas) has been detected in several Oceanside homes. It is odorless and colorless, but highly carcinogenic. With the help of Pat and Paul Ferris, the ONA is in touch with a PSU expert to arrange a special Zoom presentation about radon testing and remediation.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.