

REVISED
Summary of July 11, 2019
Clatsop Plains Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting #2
Pacific Grange
90475 Highway 101
Warrenton, Oregon 97146

Revisions shown in **bold italic**.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Mary Kemhus, CPCAC Chair.

CPCAC Members Present

Diane Heintz
Mary Kemhus
Maria Pincetich
Robert Stricklin

CPCAC Commissioners Absent

Jerri Meyers - excused

Staff Present

Gail Henrikson
Julia Decker

Public Present

Comm. Sarah Nebeker
Comm. Pamela Wev
Don Y. Abing
Jody D. Abing
John B. Dunzer
Stuart Emmons

Welcome and Introductions

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners Chair, Sarah Nebeker, welcomed the group and spoke to them about the importance of their work. She thanked the group for their commitment to the process.

The group and public participants introduced themselves.

Goal 1 Background Report and Presentation:

Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director, briefly provided an overview of Goal 1.

Don Abing, speaking on behalf of the Chinook Indian Nation, addressed the committee. Mr. Abing also introduced his wife, Jody Abing. Mr. Abing spoke about the recent reclamation of a portion of Tansy Point by the Chinook Indian Nation. He discussed the fishing villages that used to exist in the area and their importance to the Chinook people. Mr. Abing shared the creation story of the Chinook Nation, explaining how the land now known as the Clatsop Plains was created and populated.

Mr. Abing also discussed concerns of the Chinook Indian Nation related to overdevelopment of the Clatsop Plains, destruction of sacred grounds, and the devastating impacts that will be caused in the area following an earthquake and/or tsunami. Mr. Abing also discussed the climate crisis that is affecting the world and Clatsop County in particular.

Mr. Abing discussed the Chinook Indian Nation's goal of expanding their presence in the area and reclaiming their fisheries. He talked about the interconnected lake and stream systems within the Clatsop Plains and of their historic importance to the Chinook people.

Following Mr. Abing's presentation, the committee recommended that the Board of Commissioners open nominations for the CAC to allow for the appointment of a member of the Chinook Indian Nation. The committee also encouraged someone from the Chinook Indian Nation to attend the CAC meetings, even if the nominations were not reopened. ***The committee also wanted to open membership on the committee to any person who has a vested interest, but who may not live in the Clatsop Plains Planning Area.***

Discussion of Goal 1 – Citizen Involvement:

1 The committee members discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the currently-adopted Goal 1. Ms.
2 Pincetich pointed out that oftentimes public involvement comes too late in the process. Committee
3 members recommended that distances for notification requirements be increased and that notices be
4 written in succinct plain English. Ms. Decker explained the notification requirements.
5 The committee discussed the County's website and agreed that it was sometimes difficult to navigate.
6 They suggested having a "Give your input now!" button on the homepage so that stakeholders could easily
7 weigh in on a topic.

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9 Committee members also questioned how communication between the county and the cities could be
10 improved. Ms. Henrikson stated that the planning directors of Warrenton, Gearhart and Seaside had all
11 been notified of this meeting, but that none of them had responded.

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13 Ms. Henrikson asked the committee members if they believed the county's Goal 1 policies are consistent
14 with Statewide Planning Goal 1. The committee members again stressed the need for clearer, less
15 institutional language. The committee also agreed that the county's policies should be rewritten to more
16 clearly support the goal.

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18 The committee members expressed a strong interest in keeping the CAC active, even after the
19 comprehensive plan update is completed. It was also suggested the CAC could become a subcommittee of
20 the Planning Commission.

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22 The committee discussed the application process for the CACs and stressed the need for staff to respond to
23 applications and acknowledge that an application had been received. The committee agreed that it was
24 important to acknowledge that citizens are reaching out and want to participate.

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26 **Public Comment and Input:**

27 John Dunzer, 2964 Keepsake Drive, Seaside, addressed the committee. Mr. Dunzer discussed the need to
28 have a public utility in this area and to constructed a renewable power plan. Mr. Dunzer provided Ms.
29 Henrikson with documents related to this proposal (attached). Mr. Dunzer then discussed the new Seaside
30 school and the process that was used to approve it. Mr. Dunzer also provided Ms. Henrikson with a letter
31 dated March 12, 2019, addressed to Jim Rue, DLCD Director (attached). The letter addresses Mr. Dunzer's
32 concerns regarding the 2017 Seaside School District Urban Growth Boundary Amendment.

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34 **Distribution of Meeting #3 Materials:**

35 Ms. Henrikson reviewed the materials that had been distributed to the committee members at the start of
36 the meeting.

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38 **Closing Comments and Adjournment:**

39 *As there was no further business or discussion, Chair Kemhus adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.*
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