

Minutes of the regular meeting of Peshastin Community Council June 08, 2017

Peshastin Memorial Hall

Members present: chair, Steve Keene; Patricia Ortiz, Cheryl Parsley, Lacey Price, Leticia Vizcaino, Stan Winters

Member absent, unexcused: Doug Clarke

Community member present: Kaylin Bettinger

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting May 11, 2017 approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report not available; expenditures since last meeting include approximately \$75 for flyers advertising Kids and Pets Parade, and approximately \$150 for #200 ribbons for the parade. Treasurer Cheryl Parsley has paid the Post Office box rent for the year. \$100 will be donated to Cascade High School band for their participation in the parade.

Old business:

A. Pet Parade had good participation. Thank you will be sent to Mylie Woodin D'Avelaar for organization.

B. Peshastin sign: no progress report available. Tricia will contact Rusty Gibbs for a report, and forward to members.

C. Peshastin web site: Steve reports the new version has been completed. He would like to add new photos, requests any be forwarded to him.

D. Steve reports the Peshastin Water District will have a new location at the Leavenworth PUD office. The date it will be open is uncertain.

E. The Upper Valley Water and Wastewater Regionalization Study, paid for by the Chelan County PUD public benefits funds, has been initiated. The study is to determine what existing resources and services might be combined to better serve the water and wastewater needs of the people of the upper valley both economically and efficiently. The study will look at all possibilities, including management, by individual entities or combined with others. Some, all, or none of the current systems combining will be explored. Study participants include: Chelan County PUD, City of Leavenworth, City of Cashmere and Peshastin Water District, representing the people they serve. Chelan County Natural Resources has also been invited to participate in the study, primarily observing since they do not own any utilities.

FTC Group consulting firm was selected to facilitate the study at the June 8, 2017 meeting in Cashmere. The scope of work is to be outlined by June 19, 2017, the first stakeholders meeting will take place by mid-July, and the study is expected to be completed within six months. Steve Keene attended the first meeting.

New Business:

A. Kaylin Bettinger, Executive Director of Upper Valley MEND, introduced herself to the council. MEND is anticipating the need to move the Community Cupboard thrift store within the next 1-2 years, and the food bank as soon as possible, so MEND is exploring possibilities for a new location. Since 80% of the people serviced by the Cupboard live between Dryden and Leavenworth, they would like a location within this area. The food bank need approximately 1000 square feet, and the thrift store an additional 1000 square feet, not necessarily in the same location. Discussion was held regarding ideas for potential space in the Peshastin area.

B. The Community Council strategic planning session will be postponed until August or September, as there is no meeting in July. Discussion was held about the more immediate concern with nightly rentals in the Peshastin area, specifically within the Peshastin UGA. This may be a priority with council; council members will start now to obtain helpful information for review, such as the notes of the UGA planning process that may address this issue. There was discussion about having a survey of community members to gain more input on this and other issues. Discussion was held about having a postcard size survey with maximum of five questions, that could be distributed to anyone with 98847 address. Suggested points of distribution include the library, both convenience stores, the laundromat, the tavern and the ice cream social.

C. The ice cream social is scheduled for 7 p.m. July 29, 2017, sponsored by the Peshastin Library Board. Donations of baked goods for sale are welcome, as is volunteer assistance for set up and clean up. Music will be provided by The Saddlerockers.

The next meeting will be 7 p.m. August 10 at the Peshastin Memorial Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary