

Regular meeting of Peshastin Community Council

September 14, 2017
Peshastin Memorial Hall

Council Members Present: Doug Clarke, Steve Keene, Patricia Ortiz, Cheryl Parsley, Lacey Price, Leticia Vizcaino, Stan Winters

Community members present: Craig Davis and Reava Davis of Issaquah, Washington, property owners in Peshastin

Sean Lynn, Leavenworth; Rebekah Kaylor, Quincy, WA, representing a property management company

Keith Goehner, Dryden, Chelan County Commissioner; Hank Lewis, Wenatchee, Chelan County Community Development Director; Lilith Vespier, Chelan County Community Development

Cascade High School students: Hunter McQuain, Peshastin; Veronica Oropeza Bazan, Peshastin; Alondra Zelaya, Peshastin; and Daniela Garcia, Cashmere

Meeting called to order by chair Steve Keene at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting August 10, 2017 were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: current bank balance \$1032.36. Two outstanding bills for \$100 and \$789.86, after which payment will leave balance of \$142.50.

Old Business:

1) Steve reported that Chelan County Regionalization Study for Water and Wastewater has completed collection of data, and will now continue further discussion of issues.

2) Discussion was held regarding the need and procedure for review of the Peshastin UGA plan which was completed and approved by the county in 2008 after 2 1/2 years of community input. Hank Lewis reports the county is currently working with Manson to review their plan: the county pays for the cost of review, and that is estimated at \$50,000. He recommends initially that the Council schedule a work session with the County Community Development Department to focus on specific issues of interest. The county commissioners prioritize issues that come before them, and schedule review as appropriate. Mr. Lewis notes that a UGA plan needs to incorporate long term planning, rather than being changed in reaction to a specific issue that arises. The Council will contact the Community Development Department to schedule this session, likely to be in January 2018 or beyond.

3) Lacey reported on the results of a recent survey of households in Peshastin, held for the purpose of soliciting input for future planning. There were 40 responses received; see attached.

4) Discussion was held regarding the current situation of at least two known nightly rentals in downtown Peshastin, on Lynn Street and Riverside Road. Nightly rentals are not allowed in R-1 zoning created by the UGA plan. There have been complaints filed with the County regarding this, and several of those in attendance voiced concern regarding safety, excessive noise, lack of housing in the area, and negative effects on the neighborhood of the presence of frequent nonresident visitors. Property owners Mr. and Ms. Davis, and property managers Mr. Lynn and Ms. Kaylor spoke in favor of continuing nightly rentals. Mr. Lewis pointed out that different zoning and building codes apply to non-owner occupied buildings, and that property insurance relies on building permits. Nightly rentals for more than 10 occupants are governed

by a different set of rules as well. It was pointed out that Bed and Breakfast businesses are allowed in the R-1 designation by conditional use permit only, but that nightly rentals are not allowed under any circumstances.

5) Lacey reports the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is starting trail building at the old mill site.

New Business:

1) Stan raised questions regarding the availability of Icicle Irrigation water in the downtown Peshastin area, as this summer there have been problems with inadequate water supply, failing pipes, and wasteful water practices observed. Commissioner Goehner stated this is a result of a number of property owners/water users with irrigation rights who all receive their water downstream from a community box. Any problems that arise among users, including with old and failing pipe systems, need to be solved within the group and is not in the jurisdiction of Icicle Irrigation.

2) Patricia questioned Commissioner Goehner about the county rules regarding posting of private signage on county property: there are at least six long term signs at the intersection of Main St. and Derby Canyon Rd. that contribute to a trashy appearance. He will review those regulations and let us know, as there has been no response to inquiries sent to the Public Works department.

3) Steve questioned Commissioner Goehner about a large increase on valuation of his property by the county assessor, without any apparent reason. It was recommended he contact the assessor's office to have the assessment reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary