

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of regular meeting August 14, 2019

Council members present: Steve Keene, chair; Patricia Ortiz, Cheryl Parsley, Leticia Vizcaino, Stan Winters

Council member absent, unexcused: Doug Clarke

Community members present: Lauri Malmquist, Peshastin; Tracey Beckendorf-Edou, Superintendent Cascade Schools, Leavenworth; Jason Lundgren, Upper Valley Parks and Recreation District, Leavenworth; Kirsten Larsen, Chelan County Community Development; Dave Kuhl, Director, Chelan County Community Development; Carnan Bergren, Chelan Falls; Michael Link, Michael Link Real Estate, Bellevue

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by chair Steve Keene

Minutes of meeting July 10, 2019 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: bank balance of \$1,101.32. No outstanding bills.

Old Business:

Peshastin Water District: Steve reports that Ron Pflugrath was elected to start as a water commissioner on January 1, 2020. Ana Diaz del Ángel, the new office assistant is doing well. There is no update to the proposed merger with Chelan County PUD.

Peshastin Irrigation: Stan will meet with Teresa Disher of Cascade School District regarding the maintenance of this irrigation system. He has a map of the people with water rights from the Tandy Ditch; the group will plan a meeting to work on identifying participants and developing a plan for maintenance and repairs as needed.

New Business:

Upper Valley Parks and Recreation: Jason Lundgren of the Leavenworth City Council is a member of UVPR, present to state the need for a representative from the Community Council to UVPR, as Lacey Price previously attended but is no longer on the Council. The next meeting is Wednesday August 21 at 9 am at Leavenworth City Hall. The group meets quarterly.

More Old Business:

Dave Kuhl and Kirsten Larsen of the Community Development Department of Chelan County presented an update on the process to form a plan to address nightly rentals throughout the county. An initial draft document is now undergoing changes and refinements. The Planning Commission continues to take public comments, with another meeting planned for August 24 to hear more comments. Following public input, the staff will formulate a revised document, the Planning Commission will deliberate, review comments, and make further revisions as needed. The Commission will then forward a recommendation to the county commissioners, who will hear separate public testimony prior to finalizing the document. This is expected to take at least a year for the process to be completed.

Stan asked what happens to complaints meanwhile, and what is the plan for enforcement? Mr. Kuhl stated there is only one code enforcement officer to cover the entire county, although there is support from the County Commissioners to add another code enforcement officer, and

it may be possible to add the ability to give citations, which is currently not the case. At present there is essentially no enforcement.

Mr. Kuhl states there has been a recent change in state law, and that nightly rentals are now required by the state to register and be licensed. There are an estimated 1500-2000 nightly rentals currently operating in Chelan County, and each is required to pay \$500 for a license. He concedes that identification of all such businesses is difficult if not impossible.

For now Mr. Kuhl will ask assistant Angel Hallman to contact Stan Winters with an update of the current outstanding complaints against nightly rentals operating in downtown Peshastin.

Further discussion ensued, including comment from Lauri Malmquist that housing is a human right of which we need to be mindful as we proceed with this process.

Steve announced a puppet show will be held at the Peshastin Library on Thursday August 15 at 4 pm; all are invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary