

## Minutes of the Dallesport/Murdock Community Council January 14, 2016

### **Flag Salute**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call was taken with 5 council members present. Renee Briggs, Jack and Elaine Kincheloe, and Kim McCartney were on excused absence. There were 13 citizens in the audience.

**Speaker:** Bob Songer, Klickitat County Sheriff, Dave Sauter, Klickitat County Commissioner, and Jeff Hunter, Klickitat County, were the speakers for the evening.

Bob Songer spoke about the issue of missing dogs in the Dallesport-Murdock area. Nicarra Anderson had brought up the missing dog issue at the December 2015 meeting. The Sheriff mentioned that dogs could be taken for fighting, research, sale, or to protect themselves. There was more discussion about why dogs could be missing. The Sheriff said they respond to many animal reports (4500) each year including dogs, cattle, horses, and other animals. He will find out how wide spread this problem in the county outside the Dallesport-Murdock area. He did not have any answers tonight. Nicarra explained what she had done to find their dogs and get them back. She has not got her dog back yet.

The Sheriff reported he and his deputies have been watching drug houses in the area. Drug selling activities have been slower but are still occurring. A house on Prospect is being watched to try to curtail these activities. Sometimes Deputies are parking in front of the suspected drug houses to slow these activities.

He has started a Sheriff's Posse for people who want to help monitor drug activity, animal control, and other issues. Training will be provided for these different issues. This will involve the local communities and hopefully make it easier for law enforcement to work on other problems.

Dave Sauter spoke about a zoning issue for land south of the Post Office. Questions were posed to Dave about what zoning changes were requested, what lot sizes would be allowed (20,000 or 10,000 square foot), and what other changes are requested. Dave gave background to the issue. In 2007, the County granted a rezone request for the large lot if the owner built roads and sidewalks within 2 years. The rezone was requested for a need for affordable high density housing. The development was not started within the 2 year time limit so the rezone was not granted. To date, rezoning has not been requested for the large lot south of the Post Office.

The same owner has since developed 11 lots (5000 sq ft) bordering that lot on Central and 3<sup>rd</sup> street. Those lots were allowed through a pre-existing lot zoning request.

Dave explained how the ATV access issue was addressed within the County. The County wants to set up a test area near Glenwood to determine how the public access/private access issues can be addressed. There has been a meeting with the residents of Glenwood area to see what their concerns would be with a test area nearby. A decision has not been made on the test area.

Dave was asked about target shooting at the south end of Dallesport. There was a lot of concern expressed about the noise and stray bullets. This is private property so the sheriff cannot do anything unless the landowner asks them to restrict shooting. The trajectory report and other analyses have been done. These reports will be addressed by the gun range committee. This meeting has not been scheduled at this time. The gun range facility has not been developed on the timeline as originally envisioned. Dave said they will find out the owner and see if they can do something about the shooting.

Dave addressed the issue of a new road accessing Sunridge Road. Dave said the County does not build roads to private subdivisions. The property owners are responsible for those roads. There is a safety concern because residents have to walk on the road because there are no sidewalks.

Dave addressed the issue of having a stove in the Community Center Kitchen. Dave said he was not familiar with the issue but would talk to the appropriate county officials about the stove hood. There were also questions about upgrading the Community Center building. Dave thought there might be Community Development Block Grant funding available. There might be state capital improvement funds for a new building. There are questions about the ownership of the existing building.

### **Secretary**

**Minutes (Kim):** PJ made a motion and Mary Ann seconded a motion to approve the December 10, 2015 minutes with a change to remove the sentence about future speakers. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** - Klickitat County Senior Newsletter January 2016

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report showed a December 31, 2015 balance of \$1,584.47. A motion was approved to accept the treasurer's report.

**Bills Presented:** Bills presented this month: \$50 for printing from Anthony Rizzi – approved for payment.

**Ways and Means (Elaine):** No report

**Public Relations :** No report.

**Beautification (Elaine):** No report.

**Lyle School District (Don ):** No report.

**Dallesport Water District:** No report.

### **County Liaison (Don):**

**Future Speakers:** February 11, 2016 Fire Department – Home and Winter safety  
March 10, 2016 - Washington and Oregon wildlife offices (fishing, boating, rules).

### **Public Comment:**

**Old Business:** Don said he would write a letter to the Sheriff about lost dogs but wanted to wait until we met with the Sheriff. Originally it was thought there were 30 dogs missing but now that number is at 7. Don will wait until the number of missing dogs is verified before he writes a letter.

**New Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim I. McCartney, Secretary  
Minutes originally taken by Anthony Rizzi