



Nisqually River Council
Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes
January 7, 2010, 7pm
Nisqually Natural Resources Office

CAC Members Present: David Hymel, Judy Krill, Fred Michelson, Steve Pruitt, Kayla Saville, Bob & Marjorie Smith, Paul Crosetto
NRC Staff Present: Sara Scott

1. Introductions, Minutes, Agenda Approval

The minutes were approved as amended. A review of the 2010 meeting schedule was added to the agenda, and the agenda was approved.

2. Committee Reports

Environmental Advisory Committee: Fred reported that daytime meetings work best for the group due to the high number of agency participants. The group discussed the combined committee meetings, and it was explained that not everyone from the committee need attend the collaborative meetings, it's just important that at least one representative from each group join and share updates and issues.

The next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting is planned for January 22, and the committee will meet again the week of March 8. The focus of the January meeting will be to learn more about water quality in the Nisqually, as well as drafting assessment goals to provide to the retreat group.

Community Advisory Committee: Steve reported that the group just had a great meeting in the Ohop Valley. This committee discussed community forums, and is identifying next steps.

Economic Advisory Committee: David reported that this group has not yet met, and he requested help setting up the February meeting. He suggested that WREDI could be utilized as a stand-in for the Economic committee.

3. West Rainier Economic Development Initiative – Steve Pruitt

A new non-profit organization has been developed, and David H, Steve, and Karolina are on the Board of Directors. The Annual WREDI Economic Summit is scheduled for March 12, and 50 participants are expected.

4. Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan Amendments

Sara reported that the updates to the NWSP which were developed at the 2009 planning retreat were adopted by the Council at the December NRC meeting. Anyone who would like an electronic or hard copy can have one mailed to them by contacting Sara at sara@nisquallyriver.org or 360.438.8715.

5. Retreat Planning

March 20th, Mineral Lake Event Center, 9:30 – 3:30

This year, the Council is looking specifically at the *vision, mission, and goals*, in addition to a general review of the plan.

A few suggestions for the retreat were proposed:

- Break-out sessions at a time other than lunch and/or entertainment during lunch
- Need to address issues in advance as much as possible to maximize effectiveness at the retreat; committee work is key in this regard

Fred would like to pick something out of the plan around which to develop an assessment framework to use as an example. He is interested in looking at 'carbon sequestration' as one of the major environmental issues to be addressed, as it is mentioned in the NWSP but there is no current strategy associated with the issue. Fred requested that everyone take a look at the plan and identify gaps or things that are missing and/or items that need to be deleted.

Current voting members and official CAC members of the NRC are Rick Bertoia (vice-chair), Bob Smith, and Judy Krill. The CAC will collect nominations for officers in March, and present them for Council approval at the retreat.

6. Etcetera

Meeting attendees noted that it is very difficult to see the Nisqually Natural Resources entrance road in the dark, and requested the addition of reflectors or better signage on Yelm Highway. They also commented that additional accommodations to support remote meeting participation would be beneficial and may increase participation. Sara will explore solutions to these issues and report back at the next meeting.

Paul would like to see a good, clear vision statement from the council. He suggests someone generate a summary of the CAC and describe the level of coordination desired by the group. Clearly defined goals will assist the group to be most effective.

Steve requested the committee members who have not yet embraced leadership roles consider doing so. He would like to see 2 or 3 new faces coming up. The group indicated that they weren't ready for this, but may be ready next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next Meeting: March 4th, Nisqually Natural Resources Office (grey building)

2010 Tentative CAC Schedule

January 7	CAC
March 4	CAC, Advisory Committees and Community Forums all meet together
April 1	CAC
June 3	CAC, Advisory Committees and Community Forums Picnic
July 1	CAC
September 2	CAC, Advisory Committees and Community Forums all meet together
October 7	CAC
December 2	CAC, Advisory Committees, and Community Forums Holiday Party