



Nisqually River Council
Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes
March 4, 2010
Nisqually Natural Resources Office

CAC Members Present: David Hymel, Fred Michelson, Steve Pruitt, Kayla Saville, Bob & Marjorie Smith, Paul Crosetto (on telephone)

Staff Present: Sara Scott (NRC), Don Perry (Tribe)

1. Introductions, Minutes, Agenda Approval

The January meeting minutes were approved as presented. The agenda was approved as presented, with the addition of contact list updates.

2. Good of the Order

- Sara sent around the CAC Membership List and requested updates and corrections;
- David noted that Sara and Justin will be delivering Nisqually Building Guides throughout the watershed;
- David also noted that Stewardship Partners is giving away raingardens - \$5000 value, instillation in May, target region is Eatonville
- David wondered about the possibility of putting a rain garden in the new county park in Ashford. He was also curious if the park parking lot will be pervious;
- Steve P. reported that the Upper Nisqually Community Forum will meet at the Copper Creek Inn on March 11 at 7pm. Agenda items include a presentation by DNR's Mark Thibo and Ted Kelly, as well as the a proposal from the UNCDF to ask the River Council for help implementing the Upper Nisqually Community Plan as it relates to the CMZ, flooding, and levy.

3. Preview of Retreat Plans

- Fred reported that the environmental committee is putting a lot of emphasis on forestry, and he asked Kirk Hansen to put together some example assessments;
- Sara reported that there has been discussion about ways to make the Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan more dynamic. It is proposed that Actions be pulled out of the plan and worked into a series of 3 year work plans (similar to the Chinook Recovery Plan);
- Fred is concerned that the Advisory Committees will be pulled out of the plan before they've had the opportunity to prove themselves. He's also concerned that the committees don't have the acumen to write the three year work plans, and would like for the tribe to provide more staff to support the effort;

4. Advisory Group Reports

Community Advisory Committee – Steve reported that this committee will likely not propose any additional goals, but may change the wording of some elements. The Community Advisory Committee presents the following proposal: That in 2010 the Community Advisory Committee

“Task Force” develop and deliver a suite of services to communities throughout the Watershed
to assist them in:

- Identifying existing groups and leaders to spearhead the creation of community forums based on inclusion and collaboration,
- Accessing the resources of the Nisqually River Council to address community goals and issues identified in the Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan, and
- Providing formal representation from each forum to a Community Advisory Committee to be formed and approved by the Nisqually River Council at its annual retreat in 2011.

UNCF could be an example. There is also new community forum developing in Graham.

Environmental Advisory Committee – Fred reported that this committee is meeting on March 9 at the SPSSEG, and has been exploring forestry assessments.

Economic Advisory Committee – David reported that this committee is not yet operational.

5. Retreat Recommendations

- Steve made a motion that the CAC propose there be created within the Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan a Sustainable Energy section, with at least one goal focused on creating a comprehensive sustainable energy plan within the Nisqually Watershed. The motion was seconded and passed.
- David Hymel met with Isabella Deditch of the Ohop Light Company - they are in the process of developing an additional new substation, and are working on some proposals with the town of Eatonville (all their power comes from Bonneville via LaGrande Dam);
- David supports the addition of an Energy element to the plan, as well as the inclusion of a transportation section. He noted that the green business/economy piece could use more work.
- David is interested in a component of the plan which would help pull in and pay local people to help implement the plan. He also proposed the addition of a part-time development director to provide support and focus on organizational development and strategic fundraising. He highlighted that a portion of each grant should be directed toward sustaining the funding of the council, in addition to the projects.
- Steve made a motion to include Deborah's comments and start an online discussion prior to the retreat. Seconded and approved. (Sara read the comments to the group)

DEBORAH CROSETTOS' COMMENTS ON THE NWSP

I will be unable to attend the retreat so would like to offer my comments on the proposed Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan and the Upper Nisqually Community Development and Implementation Plan.

Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan:

2055 seems like a very long time in the future. I think 2035 seems more reasonable.

Some of these visions can be achieved sooner than 2035.

Sustainable economy: Small, locally owned businesses. Do not know what "mid-sized" business means. Larger businesses have greater impact on the environment. Determine what size is sustainable. In order to achieve prosperity for all tourism businesses, it is necessary to find out what limit to growth is required to create jobs that would support a family for a year. At some point a sustainable limit would be needed to be determined and implemented.

Forestry: Include Federal, State, and Private forests in the certification program

Water: Only pervious surfaces allowed.

UNC Development and Implementation Plan

Background: 1 (d) change "would" to "may"

3 (d) Creating year round family jobs (delete wage)

4 (c) last sentence: The current intensity of interest in the UNC to develop a workable (delete true) solution...

Thank you for your kind attention. Sincerely, Deborah Crosetto

- Bob Smith asked if anyone could invite JT Wilcox to the retreat, and Steve indicated he would. Someone also suggested that Bruce Lachney be invited to the retreat;
- Steve presented an update for the 'Community' Vision: *unique and vibrant communities abound throughout the watershed: citizens are well educated, gainfully and meaningfully employed, and positively engaged in the life of their communities. The quality of life in the watershed is enhanced by opportunity, justice, and freedom for all citizens. Residents in the watershed are utilizing their gifts and talents to serve their communities, steward the environment, vitalize the economy, and participate in government;*
- Kayla asked about the technicians hired recently by the Foundation. Sara explained that they are working with Refuge and Tribal Biologists, but the position funding is being run through the Foundation. The NRF receives some funds for payroll tasks;
- Paul: supports Fred's focus on the forest issue. The more we pull together the better chance we have to have sustainable jobs and forests. Paul indicated he is interested in exploring ways to better gauge the needs, desires, and interests of the community. He will share the Upper Nisqually. Perhaps a 3 dimensional flow charts that identifies who does what, and when in regards to the implementation of the NWSP? Don has contacts at Evergreen who are involved in the 'Community and Sense of Place' program. Would they/could they help develop community forums? Don will look into it;
- Paul referenced the Evergreen Report 1992, and the associated Workshop Report 1994. Don asked Paul to send him more info about the study. Sara will ask Don to pass a copy of the study along to her, and will add it to the website if possible.

6. Nomination of Officers and Representatives

The committee nominated the following individuals as officers and Representatives of the CAC for the upcoming year:

Chair: David H

Vice-chair: Bob Smith

Rep 1: Fred Michelson

Rep 2: Bob Smith

Rep 3: Paul Crosetto

The entire slate was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

***The next CAC meeting is scheduled for 7pm Thursday, April 1st
at the Nisqually Natural Resource Office.***