

Minutes Regular Meeting

Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee March 21, 2024, 7 p.m.

Call to Order at 7:16 p.m. due to Zoom difficulties

All members in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda with the addition of broadband

Adoption of Minutes for February 2024 unanimous by members at that date

Correspondence is discussed within old/new business.

First Public Comment none

Old Business

Update on Port of Bellingham's continued interest in pursuing grant for an economic development strategy.

Appointment of additional At Large members - Elisabeth Mason and Jared Oberhaus were welcomed.

Annual Appointment of Officers & Discussion of Term Limits for At Large Members Zidel, Sundaresan, and Hunter. Unanimous to continue officers as is...Calder chair, Zidel Vice, Hunter Secretary. The first term for Zidel, Sundaresan, and Hunter ends 2025.

Whatcom Transportation Authority/Circle of Care Memorandum of Understanding has been reached regarding pilot program including provision of van, multiple trips a week to Blaine/Bellingham. Project to be revisited at six months and 1 year to gauge demand and effectiveness.

Drainage Master Plan update: per County consultant slowed, but still on overall schedule. Public presentation of plan over summer when majority property owners present.

Transportation Benefit District update: State legislature working on bill SB 6017 to allow greater discretion solely for Point Roberts. Passed senate 49-0. Passed House and on Governor's desk for signature. County Counsel still reviewing.

Broadband: Delta Cable derelict detritus. PUD states will clear in their project area. PUD also notes doing design and scope change. However no work outside of contract area.

Whidbey Tel below ground fiber paused for cultural resource clearance from both state of Washington and Lummi National.

Dog Park/Public Boat Launch update: met with County, have requested summary of concerns and necessary County actions to accomplish. A friends of the dog park group would be beneficial to focus on this project.

New Business

Request for Letter of Support for a Washington State Department of Commerce Community Decarbonization Grant by Point Roberts Resilient Solar Group received unanimous affirmation. Draft letter presented to Committee edited and finalized for Chair's signature.

Second Public Comment none

Adjournment 8:28 p.m.