

## **POINT ROBERTS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes: August 25, 2021 Regular Meeting**

### **Members Attending:**

Chair: Allison Calder (Point Roberts Registered Voters Association)

Vice-Chair: Kat Smith (Member-at-large)

Secretary: Grant Heitman (Member-at-large)

Annelle Norman (Point Roberts Tax Payers Association)

Bill Zidel (Member-at-large)

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

**Agenda Approved:** Yes: 5 No: 0

**July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes - Final Action:** Approved - Yes:5 No:0

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- US Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management memo requires renewal: County Executive & Staff notified
- One PRCAC application withdrawn

### **OPENING PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Next PRCAC meeting moves to 9/23** so subcommittee can present dog park proposal to Parks & Recreation Committee on 9/16.

**Fenced Off-Leash dog area in Lighthouse Park:** Per County Parks Director: taking proposal to the Parks and Recreation Committee - proposal delivered to the Director by 8/9 - will be on the agenda for Parks and Recreation Committee meeting Thursday 9/16 at 7PM

**Two new openings for at-large PRCAC members:** Candidates for appointment forum completed 8/12. PRCAC Chairperson will publicize applicant statements on Point Interface, PAWS, Social Media and the All Point Bulletin, requesting input from community via [PRCAC.COMMENT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRCAC.COMMENT@GMAIL.COM). Chair will forward recording of candidate forum to the County Executive

**High Speed Broadband Internet:** County Executive Sidhu has meeting with Whidbey Telecom coming up.

**Wetland Mitigation Bank:** pending meeting with County and State staff

**Pier and boat launch:** will be on agenda for August regular meeting

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Local sales & property taxes:**

1. County Executive Sidhu is going to the Whatcom County Council, using estimates from Blaine Municipal Tax data, to request for Point Roberts local tax code designation for 98281. Portions of parcel sales tax revenues can be set aside for locally public uses in Point Roberts.
2. PRCAC Chairperson Calder: Louise Cassidy subcommittee volunteer leading effort with WA Department of Revenue. WADOR is still researching feasibility. Action: PRCAC unanimous approval.
3. PRCAC Chairperson Calder: PRCAC Chair will request report from Steven Oliver, Whatcom County Treasurer, on allocation local property tax revenue and expenditures - seeking increased transparency: Action: PRCAC unanimous agreement

**Whatcom County Planning is reviewing Comprehensive Plan:** Does PRCAC need to review? Action: Tabled for next regular meeting September 23, 2021 by unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01PM**