

MINUTES
NORTH MASON COMMUNITY VOICE BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2005

Meeting called to order by Lee Swoboda at 7:07 PM at the Theler Community Center.

Board of Directors present: Lee Swoboda, Marco Brown, Randy Neatherlin, Bob Harris, Mike Greene and Bruce Jackson.

Absent: Bev Wendell, Jim Clark, Jim Christen, Judy Scott and Max Loya.

Attendees: 40 present

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS

Minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2005 were read.

MOTION: A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bob Harris and seconded by Randy Neatherlin. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bev Wendell

Bev Wendell is still in New Orleans working for FEMA. It was reported that we have a bank account and a lot of tax forms to fill out. There was no formal treasurer's report.

Public Information Officer's Report – Bob Harris

The North Mason Chamber of Commerce will meet on Wednesday, December 20, 2005.

The Theler Center Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Theler Center.

The Pacific Northwest Salmon Center will meet on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Library in Belfair.

The North Mason County Commissioners will have their meeting at the Theler Center on January 31, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

REGULAR MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

North Mason School District Levy Election

The Taxpayers for North Mason Schools presented a proposal in support of the upcoming school levy election to be held February 7, 2006 by mail-in ballot.

Debra Jacobs, co-chair of this committee had a great presentation that showed why we should support this levy.

Mike Boyle of the Taxpayers for North Mason and Tom Kelly, the school superintendent of the North Mason School District, gave the facts about the levy:

- The Levy supports 16% of the funds needed to run the schools.

- The current Levy expires on December 31, 2006.
- The levy runs for three years and is 16% of the budget each year: 2007 is \$2,863,000; 2008 is \$2,950,000; 2009 is \$3,038,500
- We are at the low range of assessments compared to other districts in the area.
- 3.5% of the fund balances are kept in-house and \$30,000 of the overages are going into the school bus fund and to buy “stuff “ not purchased on the budget last year.

This will be an all-mail-in ballot and they would like to pass it the first time. This requires 60% of the voters on the last general election voting to pass the levy.

Please register to vote so you can vote to support the School Levy and help support our schools and children.

Pacific Northwest Salmon Center

Don Atkinson gave a presentation on the new plans for the Salmon Center. They are going to purchase 90 acres of the Jack Johnson property and he had a drawing of the proposed buildings, parking lots and breaching of the dike for a salmon channel to be built. They propose to redo the Theler Trails and make them better.

They are also designing ponds to collect runoff water from the Belfair area and filter it.

Questions from the audience:

What is the impact to the community and who pays for it?

They have \$25 million dedicated to the development and would be a responsible part of the local area.

Herb Gerhardt stated that the Salmon Center is controversial, but they have new directors and the meetings are now open to the public. He thinks we should give them a chance to present their case.

Bruce Landrum stated that the Salmon Center is a wonderful idea and needs accountabilities and responsibilities to the public for their \$25 million dollars of the taxpayers' money.

Health Care Forum Update

Mike Greene presented the Health Care Forum idea and how it should work. The public's ideas for entry into the system and customer and patient needs were discussed.

The first Health Care Forum will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at the Theler Community Center.

This will be an educational meeting and help create a plan for a health care delivery system.

Mr. Joel Hatfield will present a plan he has used in other areas.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Bob Harris, second by Bruce Jackson and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Our next “Voice” meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Theler Community Center.

Submitted by Bruce Jackson, Secretary. Approved by NMCV Board January 16, 2006.