PCFC Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2021

AJ’s Café

Attendees: Tanner Linton, Seth Callos, Carl Wright, Jeff Connolly, Jill Cobb, Mike Lithgow, Jim Stevens, Liz Johnson-Gebhardt

Liz called the meeting to order at 6:32 am.

Old Business

**February meeting minutes ~** Jeff made the motion to approve the minutes as they are. Jim seconded the motion and all agreed.

**Website update ~** Tanner has made good progress setting up a new platform for PCFC. Liz is still needing to provide some photos but has been struggling to find more recent photos. Jill and Liz know there are project photos out there and they will continue to look for them. *(Liz did find some more photos and delivered them to Tanner.)* It seems that our domain is now renewed. Once Tanner achieves all that he needs to do, please send the link out so we can all take a look at it.

**Landsite and Joslyn update ~** So we started with talking about Joslyn and what is going on over there. They have finished the clean-up per se. The negotiations with the City have begun and one aspect is that they would like to see the clean up area paved for a parking lot. Basically this means it would be capped and not a lingering problem. It also alleviates some other potential problems (burrowing animals) and should help to protect the wetland areas.

The Landsite is scheduled to have the work done and analyzed by the end of June. Liz did say that she spoke with Steve about the waning patience of the Board. She explained that we are attempting to work this land sale while the market is in our favor. The concern is that they think the possible ‘vapor’ issue may be due to solids that were not removed and that may be a problem for a residential sale.

**Financials ~** Seth showed us our EJ growth chart and we are on a slow and steady climb. The transfer to the checking account took place. Liz thinks we should be in good shape for a while, Expo being the big spender at this point. The insurances are paid so the normal expenses are all we are looking at.

New Business

**Expo ~** Most of the discussion centered around where we will hold the Expo. Jim, Liz and Steve met and went over the proposed site: Jim and Margi’s property just off Hwy 57. Jim distributed maps to everyone and Liz had an aerial map. The site looks like it would be very doable both from transportation to station set up to an area on Steve’s very nearby property for the harvest demo. Liz and Jim will meet up there to look over the site. Apparently there is some brush clean-up that needs to take place so getting Mike Reynolds up there as well will be helpful.

Jill made the motion to proceed with using the Stevens’ property for Expo 2021, Seth seconded the motion and all agreed.

Then the details start: we will have NO supplies and equipment up there, so careful planning will be needed ~ much like the very first Expo. Things like tables, towels and water for papermaking, and possibly some very different stations. We all agreed that if the stations don’t follow the workbook exactly, that is fine. Liz and Mike were going to put together a short Kalispel Tribe culture/history and maybe we can get Kevin Lyons to present some of that information. After Liz visits the site, things will be clearer. The other potential challenge is if agency folks are/can be willing to participate. We may need brand new folks to step in and again, that will be like starting all over. We all agreed that it is all doable, just challenging. Liz will report out as things become clearer. So some of the things to think about EVERYONE:

ITD help with flagging~highway access, weather station, masks and port-a-potties, …

*Liz has contacted the school district and the 6th grade teachers here ~ all are revved and excited. She also contacted the 6th grade teachers at Newport and they would like to have the workbooks for teaching materials despite not being able to attend again this year.*

**STAY TUNED**

At this point a number of folks had to jet off so we were unable to finish the agenda items, most of which were about the trail.

**Another topic was to remind everyone that we have our annual meeting in April ~ elections are up this year. Please give this some thought. We should also take about some strategic planning for the upcoming year.**

**NEXT MEETING: April 14th @ 6:30 am.**

Liz adjourned the meeting at 7:30 am