

February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Lyle Community Council Meeting

Lyle Activity Center, 308 Klickitat St.

Call to Order @6:37 p.m. LCC members present: Glenda, Doug, Julie, Oren, Doug, Marty, Bill

18 total attendees, 10 on Zoom

Greetings & Introductions Thanks to Claire West for setting up the Zoom system.

Reading & Approval of the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Current LCC account: \$1,383.91

Oren moved and Bill seconded to have Glenda be a second check signer for our Umpqua Bank account
Unanimous vote to approve.

New Business

Sharon Carter from Mt. Adams Transportation was unable to attend due to weather. Ms. Carter plans to participate in our March, 2024 meeting.

Boat Ramp: Bill reached out to Commissioner Lori Zoller and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife to support boat ramp maintenance.

Gorge Hunt: The Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce has established a Gorge Hunt platform for Gorge Communities to tell their story. A Chamber of Commerce rep. will be invited to our March, 2024 meeting.

USPS: Glenda contacted the USPS Regional Customer Service Rep (Janell Harrin (sp?)) to attend the next council meeting. However, the USPS has a policy preventing her from speaking at public meetings. When asked why Lyle PO Boxes are so expensive, Ms. Harrin did not have a response.

The USPS would like to hear from Lyle customers. Glenda has a hard copy complaint form and they are also accessible on the Lyle Community Council Facebook page.

Standing Community Reports:

Lyle Fire Dept. Update—Patty Elkins: Patty acknowledged the Lyle Fire Department's outstanding emergency response partners including the Bingen, Klickitat, Appleton, and High Prairie Fire Departments.

There was a major medical call on February 13.

There were 221 Fire Dept./EMS calls in 2021

160 “ “ in 2023 of which 61% were medical calls.

In January, 2024, there were 19 total calls:

8 – medical

6 – fire

2 – car accidents

3 - structure

The Lyle Fire Department is seeking additional volunteers.

Lyle School Update—Ann Varkados: The Lyle High School Boys Basketball Team made it to the first playoff round.

Three student representatives are now serving on the Lyle School as non-voting members.

US Fish & Wildlife Service Spring Creek Fish Hatchery staff paid visit to 4th. grade classrooms.

Old Business

Klickitat Delta— No reports from the committee. Guest Erika Owens from the Kiteboarder School reported on her organization not receiving a 2024 permit from USFS to conduct her school at the Klickitat Delta. Erika is hopeful for a permit later this year. Her last permit was only valid for six months. The school is only on USFS land when the Columbia River level is high and most of the sandbar is under water. She didn't know who the property owner is on the sandbar area that is not under Forest Service jurisdiction.

Santa Night Celebration Finances: Oren talked about the generous donations for the Santa Night last December. \$1711.46 was received of which \$710.00 consisted of cash or checks and \$1,001.46 were in-kind gifts. An additional ~\$120.00 will be needed to purchase tree decoration containers and a tree storage box.

Pothole Update: Marty Denis--- Marti reported that two downtown Lyle potholes in need of maintenance were filled in by Klickitat County Public Works. Glenda has also submitted requests to the county to repair additional potholes.

Electric Car Charging Station Update: No report except that the \$600,000 grant to place six EV charging stations at the Lyle Merc. was approved.

Lyle Market Mural: No report

Lyle Klickitat Trailhead Safety Concerns: Oren brought up safety concerns from neighbors located near the Lyle Klickitat Trailhead regarding “suspicious activity” at night. Oren discussed the issue with the Klickitat County Sherriff’s office. Washington State Parks is open to closing their parking access gate at night. Another need is to place a high intensity illuminating light on the restroom structure. A new subcommittee will be formed. The Council will write a letter to Washington State Parks requesting a locked gate at night and light placement.

How can we help: Identifying neighbors with immediate needs?

A celebration of life service for Joann Titus will be held February 25, noon, at the Lyle High School.

Public input: Cynthia Hayes reported on her project to create a Lyle Business Directory, which will include a map of business locations.

Mtg adjourned @8:07 p.m.

*****Notice of next meeting: March 13, 2024