

MEETING NOTES
Channel Migration Zone Citizen Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 1st, 2009
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Pierce County Central Maintenance Facility
4812 196th St. E., Spanaway

CAC Members Present

Don Hawkins, Chair
Thomas Magnan
Hal Michael
Kathy Hatcher
Karen Willard
Betty Zenkner
Ted Hill

Jeff Barney
Valerie Wilson
Jerry Harnish
Shelly Butterfield

Mike Fenimore

Absent

Hans Hunger, PC SWM

PC Staff and Speakers

Harold Smelt, PC SWM
Dennis Dixon, PC SWM
Melissa Paulson, PC SWM

Also Present

Approximately 10 members of the general public

Introductions and Announcements

Handouts distributed included the notes from the June meeting, copies of a June 19th letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding proposed Pierce County levee repairs, and an article from the Everett Herald related to channel migration on the Skykomish River (“Index homes threatened by river erosion,” 6/29/09). No public comments were received since the last meeting.

Review Second Draft of Final Report to Council

The first draft of the CAC’s final report was revised according to the comments made at the June meeting and was sent out to the group for review two weeks in advance of this meeting. Revisions to the first three sections of the report (related to mapping, development standards and notification) were discussed and edited further, with Melissa capturing the notes on the laptop. The final section of the report, “Other Related Issues,” was discussed for the first time. Revisions included fleshing out of placeholder recommendations and the addition of a new recommendation to encourage a coordinated look at flood hazard issues across the multiple jurisdictions in Pierce County (i.e., PC, cities, tribes, etc.).

After these changes are made, the third draft of the report will be sent out for the group’s review and comments. The draft will be emailed no later than Wednesday, July 8th. Any further comments or suggestions will need to be emailed to Melissa within a week so that there is time to make final revisions before the last CMZ CAC meeting on August 5th.

Public Comment

Three people took the opportunity to provide comment or ask questions during this meeting. Questions included requests for clarification on terminology used during the discussion, as well as a question about how people can keep updated on CMZ happenings after the public meetings have wrapped up. (Melissa



encouraged folks to sign up for the email distribution list, which will be used by PC staff to send updates as needed.) A comment was made that the current CMZ regulations can be equated to a “take” and should be treated as the first step of the condemnation process. Please see the end of these notes for a more detailed account of the comments that were made.

Next Steps: Final Product and Process

The group’s report will be revised for the final time between now and July 29th, when it will be sent out to the group. The CAC will be asked to approve the recommendations for the final time at the August 5th meeting, at which point the group will also discuss how the report will be transmitted to Council. Because of the short turnaround, it’s important that all CMZ CAC members be committed to sending any comments or suggestions on the report to Melissa via email after she sends out the revised draft. This will be the last opportunity to make changes to the report before the CMZ CAC process wraps up.

The CMZ CAC’s final meeting on August 5th will include public release of the group’s final report, celebration and reflection on our accomplishments over the last year, and discussion of the next steps.

Assignments

All Members: Read and provide written feedback on the draft report via email in advance of the next meeting.

Don: Work with PC staff on development of next month’s meeting agenda

PC Staff: 1) Distribute meeting materials (agendas, notes, revised recommendations, etc.) prior to the next meeting date; 2) Work with Chair to develop agenda for July; 3) Revise second draft of CMZ CAC final report per today’s discussion and distribute within one week; 4) Compile comments from CMZ CAC via email and make any necessary revisions; 5) Distribute the final report at least one week before the August 5th meeting.

Parking Lot for Future Meetings

No parking lot items were added at this time.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Central Maintenance Facility (*Objectives: Discuss next steps for delivering the report to the Pierce County Council*)



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- **Paul Nerge:** It's important to be clear about the terms used in this process. Need to also be clear about whether it's appropriate to dredge in the different river systems.
- **Bill Berry:** The CMZ CAC report should talk about and include discussion of the concept of "eminent domain." I would suggest that the notification postcard sent to property owners include notice that Pierce County is beginning the first steps of exercising eminent domain.
- **Bill Bailey:** How will people be kept updated on the progress as we move forward after this report is delivered to Council? (Bill is a former Corps engineer and lost his home on the Puyallup River.)
 - **Answer: Pierce County staff will keep the CMZ CAC and interested parties up-to-date on any progress that is made through use of the existing email distribution list. Melissa encouraged Bill and others to sign up for the list if they haven't done so already. Updates and announcements will also be posted on the CMZ CAC website at www.piercecountywa.org/cmzcac.

