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Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee  
Special Meeting, February 21, 2020

Committee Members:

Allison Calder (PRRVA) (alternate)  
Stephen Falk (at-large)  
David Gellatly (CoC)  
Steve Wolff (PRTA), excused  
[empty seat] (at-large)

**1. Call to Order.**

The special meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

**2. Business**

The limited purpose of this special meeting of the PRCAC was a discussion with County Executive Satpal Sidhu and Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder

SF welcomed Mr. Sidhu and Mr. Schroeder and noted that there was no scheduled public comment period at this meeting.

In opening remarks, Mr. Sidhu expressed the interest that Point Roberts become more active and vibrant, turning its challenges into opportunities. While not advocating for a “casino town”, he hoped the community could be economically vibrant. On the way to Point Roberts, Mr. Sidhu and Mr. Schroeder met with the mayor of Delta, BC to keep communication channels open with the government of Point Roberts’ neighbor since Point Roberts gets water from British Columbia and has relationships with Delta for some EMS services. He noted that Delta could possibly be a partner if Point Roberts moved to a public sewer system.

Mr. Sidhu wants to see Point Roberts come together as a community. The local community needs to develop its vision for Point Roberts; it is not for the County to impose its ideas. The County is there to facilitate efforts developed locally. He said that when the community is unified, it can move County Council to action. He suggested that efforts should be undertaken to stimulate the economy, including through changes to WCC 20.72.

With respect to the current changes to WCC 20.72 which the PRCAC has proposed, Mr. Sidhu suggested that the community go further. He encouraged the community to be bold and to make more changes, both to property zoning and to property uses. Mr. Sidhu echoed the proposal of PRTA that the community first identify its consensus vision for Point Roberts, considering what Point Roberts should be like in 2040, get a new economic development study, then revise the Sub-Area Plan consistent with that vision, then propose changes to zoning, and finally make further changes to implement the vision and Sub-Area Plan. He reiterated that the County could provide expertise and possibly financial support for clearly defined initiatives related to those steps in the development in a community plan.

Regarding the open At-Large seat on the PRCAC, Mr. Sidhu acknowledged that the process is in his hands. He has been considering the structure and function of the PRCAC and was inclined to defer appointing the new At-Large member until after his review is complete and possible changes are implemented. In response to comments, Mr. Sidhu indicated that he would reconsider his position and may decide to make the appointment, possibly with a limited term (in view of those possible changes).

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He encouraged the PRCAC to prepare bylaws for the PRCAC, including the process for selecting members, and to start the process of developing the community's vision for Point Roberts.

He responded to questions and comments from members of the public in attendance. A video recording of the meeting can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiGLKvwZZfl>

**3. Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.