



**Saxman
Government Consortium Meeting
October 22, 2020
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:06 PM

Prayer: by Ed John

Roll Call/Quorum

City of Saxman:

Mayor Frank Seludo
Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Councilor Rick Makua

Organized Village of Saxman:

President Lee Wallace
Sylvia Banie
Nora DeWitt
Edward John
Clarita Seludo
Cara Wallace
Paul Young

City of Saxman Clerk:

Lori Richmond

**Organized Village of Saxman
Clerk:** Winona Wallace

Public Comments

Mayor Seludo requested public comment:

Asks to keep comments to the topic of the CUP for 2707 Bear Clan Ave.

President Wallace corrected Mayor Seludo and stated that the agenda was for 2707 and 2779 Bear Clan. The COS Clerk explained that at the time of publication of the agenda the COS Clerk's office had not received the letter from the Borough Planning Commission granting the Conditional Use Permit of 2779 Bear Clan. The Mayor Ruled that comments were to be kept to the topic of 2707 Bear Clan.

Tom Charles 2644 South Tongass Hwy. He conveys that he is concerned that the container [for emergency supply storage] will not be secured or safe from environmental damage. He also opined that the money could be used on "open[ing] a clinic" he expressed concern that he has no lights, no heat, no water. Stated: I could use some help getting my water hooked up..." He also shared concerns of the population of medical professionals located in the City of Saxman.

President Wallace asked Mayor Seludo if he could answer the gentleman's questions. Mayor Seludo stated "After we close for public comment"

Mayor Seludo asked for the next speaker.

Trudi Swink 2585 Killer Whale asked if the presiders were going to answer the public's questions. Mayor Seludo responded that the elected officials would speak to the public's questions after public comment was over. She questioned the contents of the containers and "After you guys get the huts up what are you guys going to do with those huts if they are not approved by the Borough because you guys can not hook up to water sewer by the deadline of

December 31?” She also questioned: “What is going to happen with the buildings after that?” She also states “...And may I remind OVS that I have 54 signatures from the residents of Saxman saying that they don’t want you to purchase 2707 Bear Clan and turned into a commercial lot. They didn’t want 2779 Bear Clan to be used for your guys office and storage place. She stated “this building has been and will be the South Tongass Emergency response building. She questioned if a precious statement made about helping 98% of the population was accurate as she has not received help for her home from them.

Marvin Charles: Asked how much CARES Act money did OVS receive and asked for a copy of “that”.

Evelyn Shields: Opined that OVS did not need “that house” . She suggested that they could use the Public Safety Building. She expressed concern that her family members were evicted. She opined that she did not want to use residential property for commercial. She expressed concern that her sister was asked by a member of the OVS government approached her sister and asked if she was going to sell.

Tom Charles: Stated there was a lot of room at Seaport and that it was zoned industrial. He suggested that there was enough room for OVS there.

Marvin Charles: Asks who that house belongs to and how it was purchased. He suggested the IRA might like to help other people that are having a hard time.

President Wallace closed public comment.

President Wallace thanked the City for hosting. Stated he had intended to jointly meet since March. Thanked those that are wearing masks. He states there is more CARES Act money that is going to come. He states that until every citizen in Saxman receives a vaccine, family members may still be harmed by COVID19.

He states he truly wants both governments to start meeting to coordinate projects. It was clear from the October Planning Commission that the chair wanted both governments to meet. He states they are meeting to discuss both properties.

Mayor Seludo: The reason I want to only take care of the CUP because that is the topic at hand that has a short deadline. He states that this is just a starting point. Mayor Seludo states tomorrows Special Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 on Friday (tomorrow). Mayor Seludo stated that the COS intention was to operate the meeting like a Committee with a couple members from each side and a chair and take recommendations back to the Council.

New Business

1. Background: Meeting between the joint governments to discuss the proposed use of lot 20-058 and 20-059

President Wallace states that OVS put 2707 Bear Clan Street on their agenda because the planning commission ruled in favor of the OVS CUP application for 2779.

B.J. Thomas: States he can’t speak for the entire Council. He states he doesn’t understand the reason for both the CUP permit requests. Furthers that there is a joint EOC for planning. He elaborates that he is concerned about housing as there is not enough. He was

concerned that he had to wait to move back “home” due to a lack of housing. I don’t think it is the right use for either property. He states that he believes there are other places that are more appropriate for the intended uses.

R. Makua: He recognizes the two governments and the difficulties in both governments carrying out the people’s business and asks for mutual respect.

Mayor Seludo: States that on his notes from the public speaking he wants to attempt to answer some of the concerns directed at the City.

How many EMTs: 4 plus one paramedic

Containers: We have 3 containers that are coming from Tlingit and Haida. The City is paying for ours. Working on an agreement to home KICs Conex.

President Wallace: Wanted to speak to the Conexs. States the regional tribe is Tlingit and Haida and received a large sum of money from the federal government. He states the Conexs were to go to the partner tribes. PPE will be in the Conex as well as food, electricity and they were well insulated.

**** Clerk’s Note - Other members of the OVS Council, leadership and COS Council had discussion on options once the initial statements were made. A full recording is available in the City Clerk’s Office*

President Wallace: “If COS would not have any objections I would be willing to dismiss on the 2707 if COS would not have an objection to the 2779 CUP and look for another location on COS property”

Council/Mayor Comments

Final Comments from each member of the meeting. A full recording is available in the City of Saxman Clerk’s Office

***Date of Next “Meeting”:* November 5 at 5:00 PM**

Adjournment at 7:44 PM