

Mayor's Report, May 25, 2010

Items Worked On:

- 5/13 Colleen and I met with Greg Knott, chair of the Methow Watershed Council
- 5/13 I met with Bobby Lloyd and explained how believed the W-C CUP could have negative implications for both the Town and the Lloyd family interests, especially the value of their commercial property.
- 5/13 met with some property owners along potential trail route; described past Town efforts at planning and current thinking- economic development, transportation, education, etc. The owners sounded quite receptive to working with the Town.
- 5/18 @2:30pm Walsh-Christen CUP; DNS hearing:

The DNS hearing was about the adequacy of the DNS made by Planning Director Huston, to the Okanogan County Commissioners. (Hover was absent, apparently for family reasons.) Not only did the Commissioners deny the appeal, (which I still feel was sound) the Director and a Commissioner (Peterson) actually questioned the legitimacy of my acting in an administrative capacity on an administrative appeal. Informing them that I am the CEO of the Town, and that I had kept the Council informed of my actions seemed to make no difference. In addition, Director Huston directly questioned the legitimacy of the Council's previous UGA designation, without giving any specific reason. I left the hearing with the sense that County does not respect Town officials, or their legitimate actions.

- 5/18 @ 7:30pm, Walsh-Christen CUP hearing: 3 hour hearing. FD 6 Chief made recommendations about fireflow (ignored) and Mr. Lloyd did say that he felt that approval would decrease the value of his family's commercial property.
- Water/Sewer Systems: Randy and I met with reps from Neptune- I stressed the importance of having accurate meters.
- Water rights: CUP item led to several discussions with DOE officials, who expressed interest in helping solve Twisp's water rights issues.
- 5/21 Met with Lee Hatcher, ED for MWC, discussed how Town could perform MWC actions (and receive payment).
- 5/24 (2:00pm) Met first with Ray Johnson and Maggie Coon for PDA update and discussion about possible PDA Board expansion. Talked about purpose of a board and the PDA's technical/staffing needs. Attended PDA Board meeting at 4:00pm. Kate Jones and Rusty Post will be leaving and need to be replaced, plus desire expansion. Suggested committee approach, instead of expansion f Board. Board by-laws still need to be changed, if Board is to be expanded. Draft Master Plan to be released June 9th.

In the Next Couple of Weeks:

- Meet again with Lee Hatcher/ Greg Knott, MWC
- More Trails meetings, prepare for RCO presentation
- Decide whether to appeal W-C SEPA or CUP