

New Carissa Committee Minutes

The minutes of the New Carissa Committee meeting held on April 14, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the manager's conference room at city hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon.

Those Present

Mayor Joanne Verger, Deputy Recorder Joyce Jansen, Beve Saukko, director of Tourism Promotions Committee, Rod Stalcup, Stalcup Trucking, Larry Hink, Coldwell Banker,

Greg Stevens, Publisher of The World newspaper

Martin Callery, Port of Coos Bay Marketing Director was not able to attend.

The New Carissa Committee is charged with developing a plan for capturing the adventure story of the New Carissa ship wreck and to explore the significance of the New Carissa in promoting the entire area.

Discussion

Mayor has been appointed to the governor's new Carissa committee and she will need to take our ideas and concerns about the New Carissa. She will report back to the committee after the governor's New Carissa meeting on April 30th.

Accessibility - will anyone be able to watch as the stern is being dismantled. Currently one of the dune buggy company is charging \$10 for a trip. Rod thought there may be a barrier once the dismantling begins while the dismantling is taking place. Joanne said will be taken on the barge for cutting up. Larry asked where in relation to access. Joanne said go down Horsfall Road and approx two or three miles down the beach.

It beached here, 11 percent unemployment, Veral Tarno and Ken Messerle on the committee, can we talk them into doing more for Coos Bay area because of economic plight. Rod commented he might not be excited about looking at the ship being cut up. Beve said while attending Rotary convention there was a tremendous amount of interest in coming to look, want to take pictures. Larry Hink has been asked about it, where to go, how to get about. Larry said people think they can see it close up.

Joanne said has been suggested a camera be placed to run while the removal is being done, however, she believes there should be a place close for people to come and look. Asked how Beve could handle. Beve said do a press release. Joanne said there is a brochure out at the hotels. Joanne asked about doing flyers. Capt Dan Shuerer has a video. Larry noted there is no restrooms, electrical, services, suggested using a yurt and do a display, bring in restrooms. Rod said would be difficult dealing with state parks. Larry said could have story of the shipwreck, pictures, video and refreshments. Rod suggested a location to set up the display and have a telescope would be easy

access. rod concerned about safety concerns while the stern is being dismantled; it is still moving, parts falling, etc. Mayor said good site is sewer plant #2. Joanne suggested committee members visit the plant site. Larry asked about using the old Elks lodge and use a portion of the building for the display. Beve said would be through the end of summer. Joanne said the coast guard is working on two videos. Rod said could set up a number of telescopes inside the building, weather wouldn't be an issue then. Joanne mentioned tribe may not be willing that someone else use the building, but they might do it if approached.

Joanne asked if community is concerned. Larry said remember money that brought in, remainder needs to be removed and need to look at the next best thing. Joanne said committee could think about the ghosts of the New Carissa. and could be a draw for tourism. Joanne said view through the eyes of people who don't live here. shipwrecks have an intrigue for people. Larry Hink commented about a feature on shipwrecks on the Oregon Coast, not limit ourselves to the New Carissa and include other ships in the display. informative and educational.

Museum. city has received the life ring and the flag. will have out for the maritime festival. asked committee for thoughts on a maritime museum; need some leadership. city is working on developing the Front Street area. what is the city's role in the museum / economic development. Beve said its a natural to have located in the Front Street area. Larry said some years ago talked with Doug Fletcher who suggested the city have a submarine, painted yellow and put games on for kids; government has several mothballed. Beve said will not deliver and are not maintained. she looked into at one time, the maintenance is overwhelming. Joanne said the art museum could possibly do a small maritime gallery for this summer for the New Carissa. Larry asked if they would allow the video presentation. Would need to consider displaying our items. Larry commented parking is an issue, getting tourists to know where the museum is and where parking is located. Beve inquired if the display could be done on the boardwalk, they are expecting a lot of people to come through this year. display, history, photos, continuous video display. Joanne said security would be an issue if planned to use mementos. Joanne said tape could also direct people to the museum, include picture of museum, parking.

Rod said need museum this summer to capture the interest, waterfront is ideal. could a relocatable building be used, and set up next to chamber, easy access, parking, next to waterfront, between north bound and south bound traffic. Rod said location is everything. Rod said they would stop.

Joanne / Beve - pictures, video,

Larry said could sell The World's special edition on the New Carissa. Rod suggested shops along the area could really use a shot in the arm. Joanne said t-shirts were popular. Beve said important to include information on area attractions. She noted the State parks are the ones who have the yerts. Rod cautioned need to emphasize the community, gov and industry got worked together that it does not keep industry from coming here. Joanne said important to know the beaches are clean so people don't stay away because they think there is oil all over the beaches. Larry commented a number of people from out of the area still think the beaches are not clean.

Joanne said would need a banner to draw attention.

state legislative committee will be discussing issues surrounding the shipwreck. Clean beaches

should be emphasized. Information to the public was good during the situation. Larry said everyone did a great job. access to the beach, clamming, etc. Beve said didn't hear complaints, people just hoping it was going to be okay. Joanne said there was a fear that people would be afraid to eat the seafood, she noticed that at the recent tourism conference people didn't hesitate to eat the seafood.

Joanne has asked for memorabilia from the stern and have been told anything will be locked up due to criminal lawsuit. someone had suggested using pieces of the stern to make paper weights to sell.

she has been appointed to a nine member committee - april 30th. perhaps regulatory issues will be discussed, this incident is the first one in many many years, we don't want to make it impossible for shipping to do business with us. rod reported the new carissa maiden voyage was to here. would like to call on you if needed for the gov meeting.

Beve said Shirley Liberante, coos county econ dev, has some ideas and Beve will follow up with her. Web page include New Carissa.

thankyou for your time. will speak with city manager about using the chamber parking lot, need to move quickly with a plan. Joanne said will need to consider funding, look for volunteers to man the facility. Make a report at the May 4th council meeting. Beve will report at the April 20th city council meeting. Beve will contact the Tourism Promotions Committee about the plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.