

LA PINE TRT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739

South County Building Meeting Room

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2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Added Agenda Items
5. Approval of Minutes
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6. Report on Meeting with City Attorney – Various Issues

Art Uecker, Committee Chair

7. Review of First Draft Recommendation to the City Council Presented at the June 9, 2010 City Council Meeting
8. General Discussion
9. Additional Comments from Committee Members
10. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Tourism Committee to consider or discuss additional subjects. The meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. This Tourism Committee meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting is a public meeting not a community forum; audience participation is at the discretion of the Chair of the Tourism Committee. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Luana K. Damerval at (541) 536-1432.

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Tuesday, June 15, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present were:

Chair Art Uecker

Mike Jensen

Linda Johnston

Lupita Lewis

Linda Smith

Ann Gawith

Quorum Established

Absent were:

Robin Mirrasoul – excused by prior arrangement

Justin Cutler – excused by prior arrangement

Chair Uecker welcomed the new City Manager, Rick Allen, and also the two new committee members, Ann Gawith and Linda Smith. He said that the third new member, Justin Cutler, was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Uecker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Added Agenda Items

Mike Jensen asked for a discussion on the 2% set aside of TRT revenue funds. Chair Uecker asked to have a discussion on the selection of a new Chairperson for the committee since his term is expiring.

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5. Approval of Minutes

May 18, 2010 – TRT Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Jensen and seconded by Linda Johnston to Approve the Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2010.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Art Uecker</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Linda Johnston</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Mike Jensen</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Lupita Lewis</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Ann Gawith</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Linda Smith</i>	<i>X</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Matters:

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City Manager Rick Allen stated that regarding the expiration of Mike Jensen's term in December 31, 2011, it would probably just be a matter of Mr. Jensen requesting another term from the City Council. Mike Jensen was suggested for Chairperson and he was nominated. Lupita Lewis nominated herself for the Chairperson. After a paper vote was taken, Mike Jensen was elected Chairperson of the TRT Committee. It was decided to wait until after January 2011 to nominate a Vice Chairperson.

There was also a discussion about going over the State statutes at a meeting sometime this year. The Committee next discussed the 2% set aside of TRT revenue funds. City Manager Allen said that the money can only be spent on tourism activities that missed the deadline for applying for TRT funds. Chair Uecker stated that he believes that the 2% set aside should be given to the Visitor Center to disperse as needed to last minute applicants. City Manager Allen stated that with a City Manager now at City Hall, the application process could be streamlined for emergency use of the 2% set aside. He also suggested that there was nothing wrong with the fund building for awhile to offset last minute cost changes for an activity. City Manager Allen recommended the monies stay with the City but streamlining the application process. He also recommended the TRT funds, including the set aside, be kept in a separate fund and not be put into the General Fund.

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Linda Johnston discussed the TRT funds from the greater La Pine area (East Lake, Paulina Lake, Crane Prairie, Wickiup Reservoir, Twin Lakes, RV Parks, etc.) that go directly to the County and COVA (Central Oregon Visitor Association), and that the City of La Pine does not receive any of this revenue. It was decided that the committee would work on this item at a future meeting.

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There was also a brief discussion on raising the TRT tax. City Manager Allen suggested if the City increases the TRT tax it should be tied to something to justify the increase. He suggested an Urban Renewal District that would ultimately help La Pine. City Manager Allen said that there needed to be revenue to get the District up and running. The Committee liked the idea of an Urban Renewal District being formed in the future.

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6. Report on Meeting with City Attorney – Various Issues

Art Uecker, Committee Chair

Chair Uecker stated that he had a conversation with City Attorney Green regarding the committee seeking input from him by first going through City Hall as stated in the TRT Committee Resolution. He said the decision was to leave that statement in the resolution because of the need to reduce legal expenses.

Ann Gawith left the meeting at 6:20 pm due to a prior commitment.

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7. Review of First Draft Recommendation to the City Council Presented at the June 9, 2010 City Council Meeting

Chair Uecker reported that the draft recommendation was presented to the City Council and it was adopted 100% based on their recommendation.

8. General Discussion

None

9. Additional Comments from Committee Members

Linda Johnston recognized the hard and good work that Chair Uecker did during his term as Chair of the TRT committee.

It was announced that the revised TRT Resolution 2010-08 (that created the committee) was available on the City of La Pine's website.

Each committee member was requested to e-mail Chair Uecker with available dates in September to have another TRT Committee meeting.

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Jensen and seconded by Linda Smith to Adjourn the Meeting.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Art Uecker</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Linda Johnston</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Mike Jensen</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Lupita Lewis</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Ann Gawith</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Linda Smith</i>	<i>X</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Art Uecker at 6:33 pm.

Chair Mike Jensen

Attest:

City Recorder Luana Damerval