

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.R.A.C.)

October 19, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Gitschlag, Bob Reed, Bob Rieke, Curt Schonbrod, Ray Streeter, and Jack Brooks

Bill Howard

STAFF: Jon Oshel-Public Works Director, Pat Oakes-Engineering, Jeanette Steinbach-Recorder

GUEST: Gina Firman PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:04PM

Meeting minutes of 08-31-98 were approved as written.

Jon relayed the discussions that are being held with the new TransCable coming through Pacific City. He hoped that they would agree to pave the southbound bicycle lane if they were allowed to place the cable under the pavement.

EDUCATION PROGRAM: Jon shared the memo sent to Tim Lutz addressing the data needs of the Road Department so that the CRAC Committee can form a better financial picture. He hoped to get a response by the end of the month.

Gina and Jon shared the outcome of City Council meetings that they had recently attended. . Presentation covered revenue sources, timber revenues dropping, efficiencies and working with the legislature. Jon and Gina clarified with them that the meetings were held to ascertain whether a tax needed to be run and to allow the cities the opportunity to be aware of the situation. Cities seemed very interested in the discussion and agreed that something needed to be done to improve our roads. Gina stated that education still needs to be the main focus since the general public does not necessarily understand where their taxes are going and that is where this committee needs to be more involved. Gina feels that town hall meeting's needs to be set up in North and South County where that forum is more effective and well received.

Bob Reed asked if there were any general funds available for the Road Department. Gina said that there was only about \$200,000 available which has already been budgeted. Discussions are still in the works for a percentage of the State Forest timber growth to be put in a fund for the road department. With the CRAC presentations and what the legislatures are saying the Road Department definitely needs other funding sources. Although property tax would definitely impact the Senior Citizens who are on fixed income it is the only tax that will cover the part time residents as well.

NEWS RELEASES: Discussed and added news release topics to be addressed through Headlight Herald on a weekly format if possible. Gina suggested that the news releases need to put in lay terms so that it is understandable to the general public. Consensus reached that letters to the editors need not

be responded through the paper but perhaps more on a personal contact basis to stay away from coming across as being too critical instead of informative. Also inviting the particular citizens to the meetings to vent their concerns would be a preferable option so information can be shared.

UPDATE ON CREW STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Jon stated that although the main focus of this group was to concentrate on the maintenance management system, the crew would like to be more involved in other maintenance issues. The crew feels that a maintenance task should be completed before going to another to save on costs. They are also concerned that effort is being put on residential streets, one resident roads instead of the more heavily used roads. Jon added that they will be working together to come up with a list of roads that need to be dropped. Once the list is completed recommendations will be made to the CRAC. CRAC members commended the crew on the quality of their work especially in view of the shortage of funds and materials. Jon stated that he is fortunate that he has such a dedicated crew who are willing to put their best foot forward at all times no matter how tough it is.

Next Meeting scheduled for November 31, 1998.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25PM