

July 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Skamania County Disability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Skamania County Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) met at the Skamania County Courthouse on July 25, 2012.

Attendees were:

Mary Davis, Stevenson High School
Marissa Anderson, Rock Cove Assisted Living Community
Patrick Crane, Community Volunteer
Arlene Johnson, Skamania County Senior Services
Clara Lamb, Senior Citizen and Volunteer
Timothy Todd, Skamania County Auditor
David O'Brien, Skamania County Elections Supervisor
Sharon Weinhold, Skamania County Accessibility Coordinator

Welcome. Skamania County Auditor Tim Todd welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their continued participation. He said the committee has already made a positive difference in Skamania County.

Review/Approval of May 9, 2012 Minutes. The committee members reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2012 DAC meeting. Mary made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Marissa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Primary Update. David said 6,700 ballots were mailed the previous week and about 300 ballots had already been returned.

Feedback on Events/Activities.

Mr. Todd announced that the three new ballot drop boxes, approved by the committee at the May meeting, were installed and are being used for the Primary. He remarked that he had heard a number of very positive comments about the new ballot drop boxes. Pictures of the installed ballot boxes were presented to the members.

Mr. Todd, David and Sharon visited the Stevenson Senior Lunch program on June 27 to demonstrate the eSlate and answer questions about the eSlate and Primary ballot. Approximately 50 people attended.

Mr. Todd, David and Sharon visited the Rock Cove on June 27 to help residents register to vote and update their voter information, and to demonstrate the eSlate. About 10 residents participated.

David and Sharon visited the Rock Cove on the morning of July 25 to give the residents an opportunity to vote on the eSlate. Three residents voted on the eSlate; several others gave us their marked ballot to take back to the Elections Office.

The Skamania County Pioneer published an article titled, “*Voting machines offer helping hand*” on July 18, 2012. The article introduced the eSlate to the readers and provided information about the 2012 Primary. A copy of the article was distributed to the attendees.

Mr. Todd prepared a letter to the editor about the ballot boxes and the Primary. It was published in the Skamania County Pioneer on July 25.

Casey Roeder, Chamber of Commerce, announced prior to the meeting that a brief article about the eSlate and Disability Advisory Committee will appear in the Chamber’s newsletter on August 1. A copy will be provided for the record.

Review/Approval of eSlate/Ballot Box Cards. Committee members reviewed the proposed eSlate and Ballot Box cards. The eSlate card contains information about the eSlate and when and where it is available. The Ballot Box card lists the six ballot box locations in Skamania County. Suggestions were made to change the font on the Ballot Box card and to include the Auditor’s Office’s website address on the eSlate card. There was discussion on whether to include the information on one card or two. One member commented that with one card, all of the information is available in one place. Patrick made a motion that the information be included on one card. Arlene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. Sharon will order 200 cards.

Upcoming Events.

The Skamania County Fair begins on Wednesday, August 15 and runs through Sunday, August 19. There was discussion about having a booth at the fair to register voters and share information about the eSlate and ballot boxes. Marissa said she would be available to help staff the booth on the weekend. Sharon will submit an application and fee for the fair booth. She will send an email asking for volunteers to help staff the booth.

There was discussion about having a Seniors Fair. Organizations and businesses that offer services to seniors would be invited to participate and have an information table. Mary and Marissa said the Health Department has a health fair and maybe we should look into partnering with them rather than having a separate event. Sharon will contact the Health Department and obtain information about the health fair.

Other Opportunities.

Mr. Paul Spencer, Democratic Party, visited the Elections Office on July 25. The Elections staff walked him through the eSlate voting process. We have attempted to contact David McKenzie, Republican Party, but our emails are not getting through.

We would like to demonstrate the eSlate to the North Bonneville seniors. A good time is on a senior lunch day, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Arlene asked for a short blurb about the eSlate and she will include it in her Seniors News Column in the Skamania County Pioneer.

The next Disability Advisory Committee meeting will be the last week in October, after ballots for the General Election are mailed.

Next Steps.

As a result of the discussions, the following actions will be taken:

- The cards will have information about the eSlate on one side and a list of the Skamania County ballot box locations on the other side. Order 200 cards for distribution at events. (Sharon)
- The DAC will participate in the Skamania County Fair. Submit an application and fee for a fair booth. (Sharon)
- The DAC would like to participate in the health fair. Contact the Skamania County Health Department and obtain information about the health fair. (Sharon)
- Schedule the next DAC meeting for the week of October 22-28, 2012, possibly on Tuesday or Thursday so we can demonstrate the eSlate at the North Bonneville Senior Center. Arrange a time with the North Bonneville Senior Center to demonstrate the eSlate. (Sharon)
- Prepare a short blurb for Arlene's Senior News Column in the Skamania County Pioneer. (Sharon)

After the meeting, one committee member voted their ballot on the eSlate. Others plan to vote on the eSlate when they are ready to vote.

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