

## Tribal Council Actions

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

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stated that Tribal Council Relations Coordinator Dakota Whitecloud is contacting previous council members and would be in touch shortly. Council is still looking into selecting members.

■ LeLani Folden #1939 asked whether there were any plans to amend enrollment requirements. Chairwoman Kennedy advised that the council has selected the Enrollment Ad-Hoc committee members, who will advise the Tribal Council on possible changes to the Tribe's enrollment requirements. Council member Jack Giffen, Jr. stated that any language changes proposed will be brought before the general membership for consideration.

■ Val Grout #268: Acknowledged the large attendance of the membership at the meeting and wished that all meetings could be attended so fully. Asked the council to consider sending a letter to the Tribal Elders reassuring that their pension funds are not being reduced, in light of the rumors. Referred to an e-mail drafted by a new Tribal member to the area which attacked what is being given to our Elders. Reminded those present that we need to respect our Elders for what they have done on behalf of the Tribe. Asked the council to consider honoring the family of Merle Leno #446 for all Merle's devoted efforts on behalf of the Tribe [i.e. Pow-wow, Tribal Council, Advocate for Tribal Youth, etc.] at the Restoration Celebration on Sunday, November 20, 2005.

■ Jolanda Catabay #3424 commented that not enough information available on prospective Tribal Council candidates.

■ Ron Rife #2124: Asked that council member Chris Mercier would shut off his recording. Discussion followed. Council member Mercier volunteered to shut off his recording. Shared comments on the rumors regarding reducing Per Capita. Discussion followed.

■ Pam McDaniel #2579 asked if additional funding could be available to teach Tribal members. She was allegedly advised by the Education Department that this year's funding was committed already. Discussion followed. Council member Blackwell offered to work with Ms. McDaniel.

■ Joyce Kirk #16: Advised that beading materials are available for classes, should an instructor be available. Commented on the rumors regarding reducing Per Capita, Elders Pension, etc. because we want someone [council] to listen to us.

■ Charlotte Gray #1517 asked for a raise in Elders pension due to the cost of living expenses and that more staffing is needed on the floors of the casino to deliver beverages to patrons.

■ Lori Walker #2273: Sought clarification of the hiring of landscape contractors for Tribal property. Chairwoman Kennedy advised that the Tribe has a Tribal member preference hiring practice. General Manager Adams stated that the majority of the maintenance crew are Tribal members, however, the landscape contractors are overseen by the Housing Authority. Housing Director Carina Kistler Ginter stated that HUD requires licensed and bonded contractors to work on HUD financed property. Housing Authority has hired two (2) Tribal members recently, who are in training and will be proposing another position in the 2006 budget. Asked for information about the Polk County Sheriff contract with the Tribe. Discussion followed. Council member Blackwell stated that a meeting is being planned with Polk and Yamhill County Sheriffs and the Council to review the level of protection services to the Tribe. Would like the council to review Tribal Housing's Zero Direct Tolerance clause and remove the second chance option for Methamphetamine users, for instance. Discussion followed.

■ Terry Boerckel #1751: Shared comments regarding the appearance of the food service areas at Spirit Mountain Casino Coyote Buffet. Advised council that she would like to reach a person rather than voice messaging when contacting Tribal programs.

■ Marcellus Norwest Selwyn #1721 advised council that her granddaughter was not properly introduced at the Grand Ronde Pow-wow and asked that an apology be given. Council member Blackwell was sorry that this happened.

■ Marcia Bolton #1187: Asked if the Tribe planning to build a museum and, if yes, when. Chairwoman Kennedy advised that no date had been set to build a museum. The council is currently looking to prioritize buildings new venues, like a museum. Announced that no funding for medical needs is available from Spirit Mountain Casino to help with her daughter's injury. "Tribal members are hurting." Asked if a way for Tribal youth to work along side security at the pow-wows could be arranged. Chairwoman Kennedy recalled an incident where Tribal youth were able to shadow security personnel. Council will look into the possibility. Reported that Elders are not feeling secured when people are knocking on their doors. Asked that security be more aware of this activity.

■ Yvonne Chapin, a non-Tribal member, sought permission to speak before the council. Hearing no objections from council, Chairwoman Kennedy permitted Ms. Chapin to speak. Asked that council not to consider removing the second chance clause offered by Housing Authority.

■ Marilee Norwest #1530: Stated that a reduction in the Elder's pension would hurt the assistance she gives to her family. Asked if the Tribe consider funding, i.e. Elder car repairs? Announced she was one of sev-

eral Elders, whom recently travel to Warm Springs, which were not comfortable riding the older/smaller van. Chairwoman Kennedy advised Ms. Norwest to contact the Elders Committee and share your concern on using the older/smaller van. Asked if the Tribe ready in an emergency situation? Is grant assistance available to work on emergency response preparedness, i.e. ambulance response times. Chairwoman Kennedy identified that the council will be reviewing the proposed 2006 Tribal budget and will consider options. Commented that security needs to be enhanced in the Tribal housing areas. For instance, running through living areas and low lighting concerns.

■ Violet Folden #625 commented that during termination the Tribal members went without. The Tribe survived. We need to come together as a community.

■ Lori Walker #2273 stated that she was given no second chance and has been sober for 21 years. "I did this on my own. I am concerned, that methamphetamine is being distributed, made, and that there is dumping of chemicals in the Tribal wetlands. We need to remove the second chance clause from the Tribal Housing Authority."

■ Lottie Child #1695 commented on Spirit Mountain Casino's re-hire policies as they affect her daughter Brandy Sanchez #4899. Discussion followed. Vice-Chair Blackwell advised that the SMGI Board of Directors raised the concern regarding their re-hire policy at their last board meeting on September 26, 2005. Councilwoman Kennedy stated that council and the board will continue to look into the concern.

■ Wanda McCoy #996 is a recipient of the Starr Award Certificate for the last two years, having never missed a day of work and no complaints filed on her. A certificate was received, but wondered if an alternative award, for instance, a food coupon could be given. Thanked the Tribe for all of the funding benefits received.

■ Betty Bly #3544: Stated that the Tribe needs to better assist their members, to truly help them. Chairwoman Kennedy advised that the council is reviewing usage of the benevolence funds by Tribal members with the thought of enhancing or whereby more opportunities for usage. Council member Leno stated that Tribal and grant dollars need to be separate. The Tribe has more flexibility over Tribal dollars. Discussion followed. Stated that council Mercier was recording the Tribal Council meetings longer than has been elected Secretary to the council.

■ Val Grout #268: Stated that employees need to be trained before placement, not made to fail. Expressed concern over the handling of an employee after injury at Spirit Mountain Casino. Discussion followed. The employee is concerned over the wages lost while off work. Thanked Tribal member Buddy Haskins for helping our country as a Vietnam Veteran.

■ Charlotte Gray #1517 inquired as to the number of people suing the Tribe. Council Vice-Chair Blackwell advised that the records are available online or through Tribal Court. Staff Attorney Stephen Kelly advised that no specific statistics are available. Ms. Gray inquired of council member Tom whether she was suing the Tribe. Council member Kathleen Tom stated no.

■ Kristy DeLoe #1513 expressed her thanks in educational assistance from the Tribe. Opportunities abound for Tribal members, just need to pursue them.

■ Council member Soderberg polled the council as to whether they had a relative receiving Tribal benefits. Therefore, no council member would harm their own family regarding Per Capita payments or other Tribal benefits per council member Soderberg.

■ Marilee Norwest #1530 asked when Tribal members would have legal representation available to them. Councilwoman Kennedy stated that the council is seriously taking this under consideration.

■ Pam McDaniel #2579 inquired as to whether the Tribe was considering transitional housing for its members and managed by the Tribe. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Kennedy advised that council will take this under consideration while reviewing the proposed 2006 Calendar Budget.

■ Council member Tom asked those present to sing "Happy Birthday" to Jack Giffen, Jr., who's birthday was today.

■ Marcellus Selwyn Norwest #1721 shared additional comments regarding a proposal for transitional housing for Tribal members and one to be managed by the Tribe.

■ Karen Plunges #1117 shared comments on the well being of Tribal members. "Ignore the family politics and offer compassion to those in need."

■ Maxine Rock #1173: Stated that she does not believe NARA is meeting the needs of the Tribe's membership. Doctors here in the Clinic are doing a better job. Asked that the council consider more transportation options for its members living in the Grand Ronde area.

■ Linda Olson #17: Thanked the efforts of who ever installed the card locks at the Health Clinic. The safety of the patients is improved. Shared concerns over an Indian Child Welfare worker handling of the legal issues. A worker needs to know their abilities within the law and assist the family without hurting. The Tribe may want to pursue establishing a family or parent advocate for Tribal members.

8:10 p.m. — Jan D. Reibach moved, Angie Blackwell seconded to adjourn the meeting.