

**UCHUCKLESAHT TRIBE PUBLIC HEARING  
SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2015  
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT AND ZONING ACT**

**Scott Coulson, Chair**

**Monty Horton, UTG Director of Lands and Natural Resources**

**Carla Halvorsen, Law Clerk**

This Public Hearing is convened pursuant to Part 3 of the *Uchucklesaht Government Planning and Land Use Management Act* in order to consider the proposed Uchucklesaht Tribe Government Official Community Plan Act and Zoning Act.

At this Public Hearing, all persons wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard.

However, I ask that:

- All who speak at this meeting restrict their remarks to matters contained in the Acts;
- Those wishing to speak at this public hearing commence their remarks by stating their name and whether or not they are a Uchucklesaht Tribe Enrollee;
- Written comments must be submitted to the head table before closure of this public hearing.

Comments received to date on the proposed Acts are contained in the binder located at the head table. Anyone wishing to review those comments is invited to do so.

An audio recording is being made for minute-taking purposes only.

The proposed Acts introduce land use regulation to all of Uchucklesaht Treaty Settlement Lands.

I will now ask Monty Horton, Director of Lands and Natural Resources, to outline the proposed Acts.

**I declare the Public Hearing open and ask if there is anyone who wishes to speak to the proposed Acts.**

**Director Updates/Public Hearing OCP- Zoning Act:**

**Motion #04:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to discuss the director updates, OCP and Zoning Act.

Moved: Sabrina Crowley

Seconded: Randall

Ginger

(All in Favor – 12)

Motion Carried

**1<sup>st</sup> Call Out** – Are there any questions on the proposed OCP and Zoning Act?

No questions are asked.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Call Out** – Are there any questions on the proposed OCP and Zoning Act?

**Thomas Rush - Comment:** Please let us know who was all participating on the Advisory Planning Committee over the last year.

**Monty Horton - Answer:** Sabrina Crowley, Gina Laing, Dorothy Cootes, Sharon Styan Sr, Phyllis Halvorsen, Tina Halvorsen, Jaylene Sam.

**Steve Rush - Question:** I am wondering how land ownership works today? Years ago in the 1970's we were working on how existing lots would look. We were told that no one owned any of the lands. We were only allowed to build on the lands so now, how are old and new lots consolidated?

**Monty Horton - Answer:** All lands belong to the Uchucklesaht Tribe and will go through a process of establishing property lines and how they are divided after the plans are accepted. The formal plan opens up for all of the other residential interest work to begin.

**Steve Rush - Comment:** James Rush built me a home to live in a long time ago but I moved to Seattle. I didn't get the lot and somehow got pushed out of that lot.

**Monty Horton - Answer:** The Official Community Plan must be in place first before any work regarding surveys, lot sizes and residential interest work can be done. There will be a process in place for applying for a residential interest.

**Randall Ginger - Question:** How large of a lot will each person be eligible for? The larger the property, the larger the property tax. We need to plan for all of these next steps.

**Monty Horton - Answer:** The minimum lot requirements apply to new lots but there are already some homes that have existed for many years that might have to be grandfathered in. That process still needs to be looked at. We are looking at around .27 acres per lot.

**Randall Ginger - Comment:** Larger the lot, the larger the taxes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Call Out** – Are there any questions on the OCP or Zoning Act?

**Randall Ginger - Question:** How long has it taken to get the work done on these Acts?

**Monty Horton - Answer:** It has been about one year to get this work done.

**Scott Coulson - Comment:** If there are no further questions, we would just like to let you know that if you have any further comments or concerns, then please forward those to one of the Legislative Councillors that works with Uchucklesaht Tribe.

**Jason Titian - Comment:** I want to say that cultural protections are a good thing to have in the Official Community Plan. Those cultural areas are so important to protect.

**Steve Rush - Comment:** I have no idea how many acres will be allowed if the lands are not really ours and belong to Uchucklesaht. If I wanted a piece of land I wonder how big it would be. The lots were too small in the past and we are a growing nation. I am angry about how much we have to fight for now.

**Scott Coulson - Answer:** Uchucklesaht membership are the people that voted on having the treaty and ensuring the lands belong to Uchucklesaht.

**Randall Ginger - Question:** How will we determine the quarter lots? Zoning will definitely be an interesting process. I feel like we need more time to go over this work in the OCP and Zoning Law. If we are not careful about this then it can be bad – we should consider other conflicts in this plan.

**Monty Horton - Answer:** If there are conflicts, then there is an opportunity to amend the plan.

**Randall Ginger - Comment:** I am concerned about the LNG Ships passing by as well. They will be traveling past Uchucklesaht Treaty Settlement Lands. If there

was ever an accident, that would take a lot of money to get it all cleaned up. I wonder if Uchucklesaht is involved in all of that and keeping updated on the LNG?

**Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes - Answer:** Yes, Uchucklesaht is involved and keeping updated on the LNG process.

- a) Is there anyone who wishes to speak further to the proposed Acts?
- b) For the third and final time is there anyone who wishes to speak further to the proposed Acts? (*Final opportunity to submit letters*)

**Hearing none, I hereby declare this public hearing closed.**

**End of Public Hearing**