

Governmental Affairs Committee
Tellico Village POA
Minutes of the Meeting on October 26, 2021

DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM, MINUTES ARE UNABLE TO BE APPROVED.
THIS SUMMARY IS PROVIDED.

The meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee was called to order at 1:08 pm on Sept. 26, 2021 by Susan Kirk.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Susan Kirk, Sharon Jones, Tom McCrystal
Absent: John Baucom, Carey Brown, Tom Lee
Guest: Susan Gingrich

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2021 will be done at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Outreach

Committee 100 meeting is Nov. 11 at the Venue-if committee member is available, RSVP

TRDA meeting is Nov. 12- Susan

School Board meeting-Carey

County Commission meetings-it's important to someone emphasize need for traffic light near Monroe County school

Redistricting of County Commission

Susan made presentation on status to POA Board. The northern part of the Village west of 444 to Clear Creek Bridge, including Toqua Coves, will be District 1 and the rest District 7. Results to be approved on Nov. 1.

Meals on Wheels

The STAYinTV group (Aging in Place project) wanted to know the numbers of TV residents on meal delivery routes in Loudon and Monroe Counties. However, the agencies don't track recipients within planned communities.

Meals are currently frozen and delivered once a week due to a shortage of employees and volunteers during Covid. Sharon suggested inviting Meals of Wheels representatives to the Our Place facility when it opens. The agencies in Loudon and Monroe appear unaware of it and want to learn more. The committee agreed.

Waiting lists have been temporarily eliminated due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Guest: Susan Gingrich, Tellico Village resident, conservative activist and freelance writer

Susan asked to speak to the Committee about local government. She started by saying that she appreciated the work of the Committee in representing residents' interests. Susan gave members a meeting package with articles she has published in local newspapers and transcribed comments given to the Loudon County Commission over the last several years.

Some of her concerns include the following:

- The Loudon County *News-Herald* does not do a good job of covering local government and serving the public and taxpayers
- County Commission policies and procedures are not consistently followed
- Loudon County government lacks transparency and spends too much taxpayer money
- Tellico Village contributes much to county growth, but does not have a representative on the county planning commission or redistricting committee
- The county website is inadequate and many elected or appointed officials lack official county email addresses