

# ***Rhododendron CPO Minutes***

November 18, 2017

ZigZag Room

Resort at the Mountain

## **Open Meeting:**

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:37AM. Graeper welcomed everyone and introduced Commissioner Ken Humberston and his wife Grace, who were visiting the area for the day. It was determined a quorum was present. 18 people attended the meeting and the sign-in sheet is available upon request.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Graeper called for corrections or additions to the distributed July 15, 2017 minutes. There were none. Sharon Lamoreaux moved and Carol Haugk seconded **a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Report on Swinging Bridge Ceremony:**

The Swinging Bridge Dedication ceremony was held September 16, 2017 in lieu of the regular CPO meeting. Graeper called on Melanie Farnsworth to give a report on the ceremony. Farnsworth reported that the ceremony was well attended and was enjoyed by all. Four of our five County Commissioners attended, as did County Administrator, Don Krupp and several representatives from County Roads and Bridges department. State District 52 Representative, Mark Johnson also attended. The original bridge designer, Richard "Dick" Dopp also attended and was honored for his contribution to our community. There were over 75 community attendees at the ceremony.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Sharon gave the treasurer's report. It was as follows:

	ACCOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
	Rhody Rising		1,715.00	
	General Fund		588.68	
	Garden Fund		303.67	
As of last CPO mtg	Total combined	7/15/2017	<b>\$2,607.35</b>	Beg bal for rpt
Bal avail as of this report		11/18/2017		
	Rhody Rising		2,266.09	
	General Fund		483.68	
	Garden Fund		204.69	
	Total combined	11/18/2017	<b>\$2,954.46</b>	End balance

Steve asked for **a motion to pay \$100.00 to The Resort at the Mountain for the Rhody Rising Community Input meeting.** Melanie Farnsworth so moved and Barbara Novinger seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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## **Land Use Application:**

No land use applications have been received.

## **Rhody Rising:**

Graeper gave the Rhody Rising report. He said there is now a "Rhody Rising" Facebook page, which will attempt to keep the community informed of events and activities happening with RR. The page, which can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/RhodyRising/> also has a "Donate" button and so far over \$170.00 has been raised since the page went active less than a week ago. The funding goal set by the CPO's RR Steering Committee is \$10,000.00. In less than a year, the subcommittee has raised just over \$6,000.00. The funding will help pay for community input meetings and display materials that will help illustrate various planning concepts for Rhododendron.

Graeper then gave a Power Point presentation, which reflected on the past, present and projected future of Rhododendron. He also spoke on the decline of Rhododendron and major issues facing the community. Sharon Lamoreaux read a message on visions and dreams. She equated it to our Rhody Rising visions. Graeper summarized the input from the Rhody Rising Community Input meeting and what was next. He stated that Clackamas County Planning and ODOT have been part of the process and they are very open to reviewing any plans.

Commissioner Ken Humberston asked if he could give his input on Rhody Rising. He stated he likes the direction RR is going and how important it is for the community to be giving its input and support. Graeper pointed out that Rhody Rising is a long-term project. Nothing will grow unless seeds get planted. RR is in the process of planting seeds.

## **Old Business:**

Rhododendron Memorial Garden report was given by Merv and Barbara Novinger. Merv reported that the garden is ready for winter and thanked the volunteers for all their help.

## **Road Clean-up:**

Carol Haugk gave the Road Clean-up report. She said there was a lot more litter due to the increased traffic detoured from I-84 when it was closed due to the Gorge fire. She also wants to get more signs describing the road littering fines.

## **Chamber of Commerce:**

Graeper has been attending the Mt. Hood Area Chamber meetings. He said Connie Scott was stepping down, as President, and a new Chamber Board will be voted on soon.

He has also been attending CPO Summit meetings and said the Summit group is working with the county on a Commercial General Liability and a Directors and Officers Liability insurance policy for CPO's.

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## **New Business:**

Melanie Farnsworth reported that Nancy Dougherty is working with the Museum on the 2018 Steiner Cabin Tour featuring Rhododendron cabins. There is a possibility that some of the proceeds could go toward the Rhody Rising fund.

Graeper asked if there was any further business. Since there was none, Carol Haugk moved and Michelle Lamoreaux seconded **a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47AM.

Next Rhody CPO meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in January. Time and place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv Novinger – Secretary