

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

May 19th, 2018

Resort at the Mountain, Lolo Pass Room

Open Meeting:

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:40AM. He welcomed everyone and thanked Commissioner Ken Humberston for attending. 31 people signed the attendance sheet (available on request) and it was determined there was a quorum with three Board members present. Everyone who signed in received one ballot and all present will be able to vote on the Rhody logo. Voting will take place and be explained later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Merv Novinger reported that the minutes for the March 17, 2018 meeting had been posted in the Rhododendron post office and were emailed to the membership. Graeper called for corrections or additions. Barbara Novinger made, and Regina Lythgoe seconded, a **motion for the minutes to be approved as written. The motioned passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report:

The President gave the Treasurer's report in Sharon Lamoreaux's absence.

Rhododendron CPO Treasurer's Report as of 3-16-2018

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| Rhody Rising | \$3,671.63 | |
| General Fund | 590.68 | |
| Garden Fund | <u>204.69</u> | |
| Total as of last CPO mtg | \$4,467.00 | Beginning balance |
| <u>Balances available as of this report:</u> | | |
| Rhody Rising | \$1,785.30 | |
| General Fund | 622.68 | |
| Garden Fund | <u>204.69</u> | |
| Total combined | \$2,612.67 | Ending balance on the books |

Land Use Applications:

There were no land use applications received.

Guest Speakers:

President Graeper introduced Regina Lythgoe, from the Hoodland Women's Club (HWC). Lythgoe is the Coordinator and Marci Slater (also in attendance) is the Assistant Coordinator for a possible HOODLAND PARK DISTRICT. Lythgoe explained that HWC has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Clackamas County, which allows time to determine the feasibility of establishing a park district and allowing the HWC to assume responsibility for the Dorman Center property. Lythgoe handed out the HWC 2020 Park Vision (attached) and explained that forming a Park District would need to be voted on due to a possible increase in taxes to fund the park district. She indicated that the county considers the Dorman property

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surplus and will likely sell it to developers unless a park district assumes responsibility. Lythgoe asked for volunteers to serve on the committee and help plan this project.

Graeper introduced the next guest speaker, Jeff Stallard, Civil Engineering Supervisor for Water and Environmental Services for Clackamas County (WES). WES is planning construction projects for the Hoodland Water Pollution Control system this summer. Mr. Stallard explained the impact and how the projects will improve water treatment. He handed out an information sheet (attached), which explain the projects and their impact.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

Rhododendron Garden Report: Barbara Novinger gave the garden report. She thanked the volunteers who donate their time and effort in helping spruce up the garden. She also informed everyone about what is planned for this summer and mentioned the need for setting up a watering schedule. She asked that anyone interested in helping water the garden this summer please contact her.

Road Clean-up:

Carol Haugk reported on cleanup projects she has performed in the area. She reported that she no longer wishes to be in charge of road cleanup and asked for volunteers to take over the county Adopt-A-Road projects on East Henry Creek and Still Creek Road for the CPO. She also reported that Friends of Joie Smith will also no longer be in charge of ODOT's Adopt-A-Highway cleanup along Hwy. 26. She stated that Stephen Ferruzza might possibly be assuming the Hwy. 26 cleanups, but was not absolutely sure. Both the county and state "Adopt" projects require an organization or group to be responsible and fill out proper documentation. If no one takes over for her, the Rhododendron CPO will no longer be involved in road cleanup.

Chamber of Commerce Report:

Graeper introduced Coni Scott who gave the Chamber report. Coni has stepped down from the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving as Vice-President. Coni reported that there is going to be a qualifying run for the Boston Marathon in our area. The run route will be from Timberline Lodge to The Trout Farm near Alder Creek. She explained that there are fund raising opportunities for non-profit organizations to provide volunteers for water stations along the route and felt the CPO might be able to use this opportunity to raise funds. She also explained that this event could be a shot in the arm for the entire community, as it will attract a number of visitors to the area. The run will be July 28, 2018 and about 3,000 runners are expected.

Graeper asked the CPO if it wished to participate. Regina Lythgoe made and Ellen Hemmert seconded **a motion for the Rhododendron CPO to form a committee to look into having a water station along the route. The motion passed unanimously.** Graeper then asked for volunteers. Mike Miskowicz and Thia Allen volunteered to assist with this committee.

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Commissioner Humberston spoke up and stated that he felt this marathon would be a great opportunity to promote our community. He said that in addition to the water stations, there might also be opportunities to set up a booth at the end of the race to offer information or sell souvenirs. He also stated he was in favor of the HWC project concerning the Dorman Property.

Clackamas County Candidates Forum

Graeper reported there were over 75 citizens who attended the Candidates Forum on May 5. He thanked the candidates and all participants who attended. He indicated there might be another forum prior to the general election.

Clackamas County CPO Summit:

Graeper reported that the CPO Summit was successful in obtaining insurance for CPO's and is now tackling county code enforcement, which is a big issue for many CPO's. He reported that the CPO Summit and the BCC are working together on this issue.

Rhody Rising Subcommittee Report:

Graeper reported that the committee is only \$1,280 short of the \$10,000 goal. There will be a final Community Input meeting, Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6:00PM in The Trees Room at the Resort. He encouraged everyone to participate and offer his or her input and concerns for improving Rhododendron.

In response to a question, he explained a brief history on what CPO's do and the role they play in land use issues. He also explained, in addition to offering input on land use issues, CPO's also play a role in developing community involvement.

He went on to explain the goals of the Rhody Rising Subcommittee, which are; Pedestrian Safety, Traffic calming, and Community Identity/beautification to name just a few. All of which will help stimulate Economic growth. Rhododendron would like to be established as year-round destination and create its own unique identity.

There are eight members on the Steering Committee. They all volunteered to serve one year. Graeper explained that the year is up and applications are available for anyone wishing to become a part of the steering committee.

Logo Contest:

After a vote at the March CPO meeting, six of the 45 logos submitted went before the Matrix Committee for evaluation. The Matrix committee evaluated each of the six entries and gave a weighted value based on agreed upon criteria. Four logos, instead of three, moved forward because there was a tie for third place in the Matrix numbers. The four logos were on display at the Post Office, publicized in the Mountain Times, and were displayed on the RR Facebook page.

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Graeper explained that everyone who signed in at this meeting received one ballot. The ballots have the numbers 1-4 on them, which corresponded with the number assigned to each logo. There was also an area to mark whether the voter lived/worked within the boundary of the CPO or outside the boundary (CPO Boundary map was displayed for reference). Graeper asked that voters circle the number corresponding to the logo of choice and indicate whether the voter lived/worked within or outside the CPO boundary. While the primary vote will be from voters within the CPO boundary, all votes will be tabulated to help determine the winning logo. The audience was then allowed a few minutes to make a choice and turn in ballots.

The ballots were tabulated and Laurie Crabb's entry was the winner by a clear majority. The prize package was displayed by Graeper, which consisted of... Four Ski Bowl Adventure Park passes, \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Skyway Bar and Grill, 18 holes of golf and cart rental at the Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Cross County Ski rental from Otto's in Sandy, and five crisp \$100 dollar bills. Congratulations to Laurie and thanks to every one who participated in the logo contest.

The logo will be on display at the Rhododendron Post Office and we will be seeing it displayed on various promotional items to help raise funds for Rhody Rising.

New Business:

At the last CPO meeting five members were nominated to serve on the CPO board. The following were the nominees:

Steve Graeper
Michelle Lamoreaux
Sharon Lamoreaux
Mike Miskowicz
John Young

The President opened the floor for additional nominations. There were none and the floor was closed for nominations.

Linnny Adamson moved and Carol Haugk seconded **a motion to elect the board by unanimous consent ballot. The motion passed unanimously.**

The next Rhododendron CPO meeting will be held July 21st at 10:30AM at The Resort. Room to be announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Merv Novinger, Secretary