

Rhododendron CPO Minutes
Saturday, January 19th, 2019
Mt. Hood Oregon Resort

Open Meeting:

President Steve Graeper opened the meeting at 10:32 AM. He welcomed the audience and special guests County Commissioners Bernard and Humberston. 36 people signed in (Sign-In sheets available on request). He also introduced the board. It was determined there was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the November 18, 2018 meeting were posted at the Post Office and distributed to the email list. Graeper asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes for the November 18, 2018 meeting. There were none. Ray Amling moved and Melony Farnsworth seconded **a motion that the minutes be approved as distributed**. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Sharon Lamoreaux gave the Treasures report.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Rhody Rising		1,473.64	
General Fund		1,203.68	
Garden Fund		304.69	
As of last CPO Mtg	11/17/2018	\$2,982.01	Beginning Balance for this report
Balances as of	01/19/2019		
Rhody Rising		1,612.83	
General Fund		1,175.68	
Garden Fund		304.69	
Total Combined	01/19/2019	\$3,093.20	Ending Balance on the books

Sharon moved and John Young seconded **a motion to reimburse Mike Miskowicz \$137.52 for money he spent on The Rhododendron Garden**. The motion passed.

Guest Speaker:

The CPO Chair introduced Mr. Jay Wilson, Resilience Coordinator for Clackamas County Disaster Management. He discussed the flood risks along the upper Sandy River, channel migration zone mapping, and potential land use policy changes being considered by the county and State of Oregon. Steve let Jay know that the Rhody CPO would assist if they could. Jay presented a great slide presentation of the 1964 flood on the mountain. He stated that there were 155 homes destroyed by the flood.

Land Use Applications:

There were no land use applications at this time.

Old Business (Committee Reports):

Rhododendron Memorial Garden: Merv Novinger gave the garden report. He stated that there were a few shrubs to cut back and that he and Barbara would fertilize the Rhododendrons in March. Merv also thanked the members who worked on the garden in 2018.

Road Clean-up: Carol Haugk gave the road clean-up report. Al Forno Ferruzza Pizzeria has volunteered to assume the Friends of Joey Smith ODOT Road clean-up.

Chamber of Commerce: Connie Scott, Vice President of the Chamber, gave the report. She alerted the audience of the Chamber's up-coming events. The main goal of the Chamber is to get people to the mountain and encourage them to spend time here.

Clackamas County CPO Summit: Steve Graeper reported there have been no meetings since October. He stated that the next summit meeting will be on January 21, 2019. He will report on it at the next CPO meeting.

New Business:

The Rhododendron CPO was approached by Stephen Ferruzza of Al Forno Ferruzza Pizzeria and volunteered his restaurant as a possible CPO meeting place. A discussion followed and it was decided the CPO would look into it for the meetings this summer. The main concern was the size of the location being able to comfortably accommodate the average of 30+ people attending the meetings and the logistics associated with any AV presentations for guest speakers.

The Rhododendron CPO was approached by the Hoodland Fire District to possibly assist with the expenses involved with repairing the Highway 26 reader board located at the fire station. A discussion concerning the Reader Board followed. It was noted that the sign has had some issues, like some of its lights were not working. Graeper asked if the CPO was willing to donate towards the repair of the sign. Carol Haugk moved and John Young seconded **a motion to have the Rhody CPO donate \$50.00 to the Hoodland Fire Department, payable when they do the repair.** There was a discussion on the motion. Mary Wilden offered to donate an additional \$50.00 toward the sign and moved to amend the motion **to have the Rhody CPO donate \$100.00 to the Hoodland Fire Department, payable when they do the repair.** The Amendment to the motion was seconded by ????. The amended motion carried unanimously. Then the two County Commissioners offered to donate \$100.00 (\$50.00 each) for a total donation of \$200.

Mike Miskowicz reported that the Revel Marathon would take place June 29, 2019. The CPO will supply volunteers to handle the water station in Rhododendron and possibly Race Marshalls, like the CPO did last year. Connie Scott stated that the Revel Marathon was a huge success last year and that it brought a lot of business to our area.

Rhody Rising Subcommittee Report:

A gateway entry sign for Rhododendron was discussed. The proposed location was the DAR Garden area on ODOT Right of Way at the west end of Rhododendron. An application to ODOT for a sign permit must be made by the county. The RR subcommittee is having difficulty determining which department within the county would be the best to work with the committee and submit the permit application to ODOT. Commissioner Humberston requested the CPO write a letter to the BCC and they would determine which department would be best. Graeper said he would have that letter within a week.

The RR subcommittee is working with Clackamas County Planning Department to write an ODOT Transportation Growth Management – Quick Response grant to fund developing a cross section of Highway 26 proposing some of the highway safety changes the committee is recommending as a result of the community input meetings. The grant application will be submitted in April and ODOT should make a determination on approved grants to fund sometime in June.

Judi Graeper has taken over the Rhody T-shirt sales. She has both long and short sleeve shirts available. Please contact her via email at rhodycpo@comcast.net if you would like to order. T-shirts are \$20.00 each.

Commissioner Humberston gave a talk on low income housing and some of the issues facing the county.

There was no further business, Graeper adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM. The next CPO meeting will be March 16, 2019. Time and place to follow.

Respectfully,

Merv Novinger