

Mt. Hood Corridor CPO

MINUTES (unapproved)

Date: October 1, 2009
Location: Dorman Community Center
24500 E Salmon River Road
Welches, OR 97067
Officers Present: Janine Bertram and Dave Fulton
In attendance: 13 community members, including 2 CPO officers

A REGULAR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

Approval of September Minutes

The September minutes were approved unanimously with no additions or corrections.

County Correspondence

We reviewed all official county correspondence and no actions were taken.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that \$22 was collected for refreshments at the September meeting. Don Mench and Christy Slovacek donated \$121.18 to the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO.

Committee Reports

Chris Doyle was introduced as Chair of the Grievance Committee

Don Mench, Chair of the Land Use Planning Committee, and Mitch Williams made presentations on wilderness designations, USFS decommissioning forest service roads, and the USFS off road vehicle travel management plan.

The CPO voted unanimously to send letters to Senators Wyden and Merkeley, and Members of Congress Blumenauer and Walden supporting additional wilderness designations in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

The CPO voted 12 to 1 to send a letter supporting the USFS plan for road decommissioning in the Mt. Hood Forest. The Land Use Planning Committee will draft this letter for the Chair's signature.

The CPO voted 11-2 to send a letter supporting the USFS option #4 : developing three designated sites for off highway vehicle usage. The CPO supports the USFS alternatives for not making the Mt. Hood National Forest a key destination for off highway vehicle usage. The Land Use Planning Committee will draft this letter for the Chair's signature.

Mitch Williams reviewed and reported on timber notifications from the State Department of Forestry. No CPO action was taken.

Review of Land Use Applications

1) #Z0558-09 Gautney application – application renewal to operate home excavation business/park 1 dump truck

Dave Fulton discussed his findings from a site visit. Neither Brian Gautney nor any neighbors came to discuss the renewal. The CPO voted unanimously to recommend that Mr. Guatney receive approval for this application as long as he is complying with the conditions of approval.

Unfinished Business

1) Application #Z0507-09 (cont.) Interpretation of opening of unconstructed or public Roads (e.g. Skookum Lane)

The application to make the opening of unconstructed or public roads a land use planning matter was denied by the county. The CPO expressed strong concern that county transportation staff does not receive meaningful input from citizens prior to making decisions affecting their communities.

The CPO voted 11-1 with one abstention to send a letter to Cam Gilmour, Department of Transportation and Development, asking that the county revise the county road standards manual /developmental review process for reviewing road opening and/or improvement of roads and add community notification and input and an appeals process.

2) Cell tower planning letter report

The CPO voted unanimously to direct Janine Bertram to continue dialogue with the county on cell phone towers in order to effect meaningful community input.

New Business

There was no new business

Announcements

Mitch Williams asked that CPO members write individual letters to Members of Congress supporting the USFS option # 4 for off highway vehicle usage in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Contact Mitch Williams for specifics.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on November 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

(Related correspondence is available at CPO meetings)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Bertram

Secretary