

Mt. Hood Corridor CPO

PO Box 313 Rhododendron, OR 97049

503-622-6387

Monthly General Meeting

Minutes (unapproved)

March 4, 2010 7pm

Dorman Room of the Community Center, 24500 E. Salmon River Road

Meeting called to order by Roy Bellows, President, at 7:00 pm

Attendance: 4 CPO Board members, Land Use Committee Chair, Grievance Committee Chair. 8 CPO members The February minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements and County Correspondence:

1. Hearing officer decision regarding Mr. Massey application to temporarily establish manufactured home site for son to provide caretaking: granted approval.
2. Notice of decision to approve the time extension for Apex Holdings I, LLC for the development of Highland Meadows, a 9-lot development off of E. Salmon River Road. Received their extension.
3. County approved ZDO-219 Tree ordinance – amendments to the county ordinance. This ordinance applies within the urban growth boundary.

Treasurers Report

Dave Fulton reported that request for reimbursement was submitted to Clackamas County in late December and still has not been received.

The CPO received \$2 in February for refreshment donations.

Committee Reports

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Chris Doyle reported that there have been no grievances.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Don Mench reported on several issues pertaining to: sensitive groundwater areas, home occupation business ordinance changes, Salmon River habitat restoration, Curveball Timber Sale, Kip O'Conner hearing. O'Conner spoke in support of his application.

Don Mench recommends that the CPO await the hearings officer decision and a possible FEMA ruling, and see whether conditions are complied with before further discussion of the Kip O'Conner Application.

Janine Bertram moved and Donna Bellows seconded that the CPO write a letter recommending approval of the proposed changes on ZDO-221. The motion carried 12-0 with 1 abstention.

Don Mench moved and Christy Slovacek seconded that the CPO write a letter supporting the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) action on the side channel restoration and enhancement project for the Salmon River. The motion carried 13-0.

Land Use Applications Review

There were no new land use applications since the prior meeting.

Unfinished Business

1.Z0665-09-C and Z0666-09-D – ATT Mobile/ Scott Michaels application to construct new wireless telecommunications wireless facility consisting of a 150' tall monopole inside a 20' by 40' fenced compound.

Dave Fulton reported on hearing results: Applicant has until March 11 to present further documentation

Opposition then has until March 25 to present further data.

Applicant has until April1 to respond.

In hearing, applicant agreed to reduce tower to 100' and camouflage tower to appear as a Fir tree,

County found that applicant failed to consider co-location sites, specifically noting the BPA power line structures,

Cascade Geographic Society and Mt. Hood Preservation Alliance maintain that Oregon State and Clackamas County failed to follow their own codes and failed to include citizens in historic review process.

David Monette reviewed his work and the tests and science used documenting mobile phone coverage in the Mt Hood Corridor and co-location sites, explaining that Cascadia PM either misspoke or spoke untruths regarding cell coverage on HWY 26 and the coverage that the tower in the application would provide.

Members of Don't Cell Us Out provided 2 handouts to CPO members: 1. A sample or template letter to send documenting AT&T cell coverage in the Mt. Hood Corridor and 2. A list of suggested actions citizens can take.

It seems there is some confusion in that the Sandy Post editorial and Mountain Times article seem to assume that those opposing this particular cell tower application do not want any cell coverage improvement in the area. It was reported that the vast majority of members want to assist all stakeholders in finding the best location to improve coverage for the area and one that is not a visual eyesore in our rural, historic community. The concern for Chief Eby and improved emergency services communication has been consistently expressed.

It was also noted that before there was knowledge of the current application, CPO members had made numerous requests to county planning that CPO representatives be involved at the earliest planning phases of cell tower location. Indeed, Mt. Hood Corridor CPO has repeatedly discussed the seminal importance of real citizen involvement in all significant land use decisions.

There was no new business of agenda items suggested for the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Bertram, Secretary