

Mt. Hood Corridor CPO

MINUTES

August 2, 2012 Meeting,

Dorman Community Center

Dave Fulton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

June minutes were approved with no changes. Note: the July meeting was canceled.

Amy Kyle provided an update on the plans to repair the sewage discharge into the Sandy River as a result of the flood in January of last year.

Applications

Z0300-12-C Portland Audubon Society - recommend approval with conditions

Z0347-12-HL- Scott Bowman's application - recommend approval

Z0127-12-C – Mark Fritch Log Homes – recommend disapproval with the following motion (see Exhibit A). A letter to be sent to the Commissioners was also approved (see Exhibit B).

Z0279-12-AAC; Z0381-12-D Proposed ATT cell tower to be located at the fire station was discussed but no action taken.

Treasurer's report was not given.

Dorman center will be closing and the county will not assist with finding the CPO alternative meeting space despite the fact that they own a suitable building in the area.

The CPO board urges members to submit nominations for the September election.

Dave Fulton adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Exhibit A

The Mt. Hood Corridor Community Planning Organization recommends to the Clackamas County Hearing Officer that the application submitted by Mark Fritch for a Conditional Land-Use Permit be denied.

This recommendation is based on the following issues:

1. Incompatible industrial operations immediately next to residential homes and in an established neighborhood;
2. Incompatible industrial-level noise from power-driven equipment and machinery next to residences;
3. Air pollution from heavy diesel- and gas-powered equipment emissions, and chemical fumes and odors next to residences;
4. Air pollution from industrial-level burning operations in a residential neighborhood;
5. Use of industrial pesticide chemicals in a residential neighborhood which includes 2 fish bearing creeks & riparian areas.
6. Risk of chemical, hydraulic and petroleum contamination to soil and waters.

The above comments apply to the purpose of land zoned for timber, 406, and the criteria for conditional use, specifically 1203.01 D.

In addition, the zoning requirements for subdivisions 406.10 needs to be addressed by the applicant and county planning department.

This motion was approved 40 yes and 2 nays at our August 2nd meeting.

Exhibit B

August 2, 2012

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County
2054 Kaen Road
Oregon City, 97045

Dear Commissioners:

Regarding Mark Fritch Log Homes' application – the citizens of Mt. Hood Corridor CPO object to the way officials of Clackamas County and the applicant have handled this conditional use application (Z0127-12-C). Our issues are:

1. Operations started last year and the CPO is only now able to address the conditional use application, which is one year late.
2. Oversight or monitoring of this operation has been lacking by Clackamas County, especially since this site is adjacent to a number of residential lots with homes and near a principal river (the Sandy River).
3. Neighbors have contacted county, state and federal agencies with their concerns and they remain frustrated and unsatisfied by the lack of response from elected officials and staff.
4. The applicant came to one our meetings in the Fall of 2011 and promised to work with his neighbors and file the conditional use application timely. Unfortunately this has not happened.

We like Mark Fritch. He may build log homes better than most. We think it is great that his business is ongoing and these jobs are located in Clackamas County. We like our neighbors. Unfortunately, their residential area and their living conditions have been negatively impacted for nearly a year by excessive industrial activity. For whatever reason, the process for meaningful and timely input on land use issues has failed for the residents impacted directly and for all the citizens of rural Clackamas County.

The above motion was approved by 40 citizens with 2 abstentions.

Sincerely yours,

David Fulton
President