

RHODODENDRON CPO
Meeting Minutes
Zig Zag Inn
July 17, 2010

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:35am by acting Chair, Sharon Lamoreaux. There were 9 people in attendance and it was determined that a quorum was present. Lamoreaux explained that the meeting was a special meeting called to determine if there was any interest from the community in maintaining the CPO. She explained that the CPO had a number of options available, which would include in worse case the dissolution of the CPO. She was buoyed by the fact that the Mountain Times articles generated some inquiries and brought in some new faces to the meeting.

Read Minutes

Lamoreaux explained that until the future of the CPO is determined, it would be an exercise in futility to read or act on the minutes of the May 15, 2010 meeting.

Treasures Report

Lamoreaux reported that the balance from the Bank Statement did not match the balance in the checkbook. She reported that there was a \$10.00 discrepancy and that she will do some reconciliation to determine where the mistake was made.

The current balance shown in the checkbook is \$696.80 and the checkbook at last meeting balanced at \$744.27. \$250.00 of that is dedicated to the Rhododendron Memorial Garden of which \$59.97 was reimbursed to Michelle Lamoreaux for the purchase of 3 Rhododendron plants. There was a \$15.00 expenditure to Zig Zag Inn for last meeting and donations at last meeting were \$33.00. Lamoreaux recently submitted receipts to Clackamas County of \$150.00 and is waiting for reimbursement to the CPO.

Old Business

Lamoreaux began the discussion regarding the continuance of the Rhododendron CPO. It was her desire to see the CPO continue. There was a brief history presented of the Rhododendron Neighborhood Association, which evolved into the CPO. In summary, The Rhododendron Neighborhood Group was active in the 60's - 80's and became dormant after the liquor store moved down to Welches. It was resurrected in 2006 by Nancy Dougherty, who served as President for 2 years and who was succeeded by Steve Graeper until May 2010. Since being resurrected, the CPO has been involved in various land use and community beautification projects. However, with attendance waning recently and little interest shown from the community, there has been discussion of dissolving and/or merging the CPO with Mt. Hood Corridor CPO.

Lamoreaux opened the meeting for discussion with everyone given ample opportunity to express their feelings and opinions.

The discussion revolved around various projects the CPO could take on since Land Use issues have slowed and are relatively infrequent. Among the projects discussed were providing a covered area for chain up and removal, a decorative sign identifying Rhododendron, continuing the Memorial Garden upgrade and beautification of the Rhododendron Hwy 26 business corridor.

Also the possibly of re-aligning the CPO Boundaries to incorporate Fabion Loop and Woodlands was discussed.

While the Pros and cons of merging or dissolving were discussed, the consensus of the members involved was to retain the Rhododendron CPO.

Rhododendron Memorial Garden update

The garden is looking good and is being maintained by a small, but caring group from our C.P.O. Many Thanks to Carol Burke and her husband for watering the garden and to Merv & Barbara Novinger and Dan & Shari Holm for mowing and maintaining the garden. Also, Thanks to Michele Lamoreaux for the purchase and planting of 3 new Rhododendrons.

New Business

Lamoreaux then opened the meeting to nominations of interested individuals who wish to participate as Officers and Board members. She indicated that she would take on the responsibilities of President. Nancy Dougherty voiced an interest in serving as Vice President, Merv Novinger in Treasurer and Steve Graeper reluctantly agreed to serve as Secretary. Bob West, Barbara Novinger, Jason Johnson and Kevin Libardy voiced an interest in serving as Board Members. The Executive Board was nominated and elected under Unanimous Consent.

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The Officers elected to serve until May 2011 are:

Sharon Lamoreaux – President
Nancy Dougherty – Vice-President
Steve Graeper – Secretary
Merv & Barbara Novinger – Co-Treasurer

Member Representatives on the Board are:

Jason Johnson
Kevin Liburdy
Bob West

Graeper indicated that he would contact Clackamas County to inquire about the boundary issues and the By-Laws Amendment to move from a 7 member to 5 member board.

Other New Business

Dave Fulton of the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO brought to the CPO's attention a planned 5 acre timber harvest that was not quite a "clear cut" but more then a "thinning" of a forested area near Belle Lake Rd across from the Toll Gate camp ground. He was not sure of the exact location, but he was told there were no homes near the area of the planned cut. For more information call Jeff Hebler, Dept of Forestry, 503-829-2216.

He also gave a brief presentation on the Clackamas County "EngAge" program.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment an action plan was developed. Jason Johnson will prepare a design proposal and bid for a possible sign to be placed in the Rhododendron Memorial Garden. Steve Graeper will contact Clackamas County for By-Laws interpretation and procedure for possible boundary changes.

It was decided that the next meeting will be Saturday October 16th 10:30am at the ZigZag Inn.

There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:54am.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Graeper, Secretary
Rhododendron CPO