

RHODODENDRON CPO

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2011

Zig Zag Inn

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:33AM by Chair, Sharon Lamoreaux. There were 16 people attending including one guest and it was determined a quorum was present. Lamoreaux welcomed all.

Read Minutes

In Secretary Graeper's absence, Lamoreaux asked for a review of the minutes. Lamoreaux indicated that the minutes had been posted at the Post Office and distributed by e-mail for all to review. **There was a motion and second to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.** The Chair then asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes that had been distributed. It was clarified that MHC-CPO has not formally approved the boundary change. **There was a motion and second to accept the minutes as written and distributed. Motion passed.**

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Barbara Novinger reported that the checking balance from the Bank Statement is \$794.54. The Treasurers report was submitted for audit.

Old Business

CPO continuation and Boundary Change Secretary Graeper was absent but has been conducting some discovery and has attended several meetings with neighboring communities regarding the possibilities for boundary expansion. Dan Holm had a copy of Graeper's report (attached), which he read. Graeper was complimented for the work he has put into this project. There was a question from the floor as to exactly what the boundary change would look like on a map and if the Forest Service has been contacted. Lamoreaux explained that the exact boundaries have yet to be mapped but would roughly include all the Forest Service Cabins, East of Rhododendron up to Road 39 and the Fabion Loop/Woodlands neighborhoods the west. **There was a motion and second that RCPO formally request of Clackamas County that the Rhododendron CPO boundaries be expanded to include Fabion Loop, Woodlands, and all MHFHA Cabins west of Road 39.**

Discussion included: confirmation that all affected parties need to vote on the boundary change; The boundary change would be only a recommendation to BCC and that BCC needs to approve the boundary change after all parties agree. There was a question as to the county approving the Forest Service cabins inclusion in the boundary change. MHC-CPO representative, Don Mench, said that the county would approve it if the communities have agreed that is what they want. Mench also clarified the use of a "CPO". Nancy Dougherty added that it was her impression from previous discussions with the MHFHA and the Forest Service that both would agree to a boundary change.

There was a call for the question and the vote to approve the motion was unanimous in favor. Lamoreaux indicated she would get word to Graeper he is approved to move forward with the county to get proposed maps and schedule more community meetings to discuss the issue.

Rhododendron Roadside Sign The Chair reviewed the topic of a possible sign for Rhododendron. Jason Johnston submitted some additional renderings of a possible sign and reported where he stands in the Grant process. He had submitted a Grant request to fund a portion of the sign to the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition for a Community Cultural Participation Project Grant and to the Regional Arts and Cultural Coalition for a Personal Project Grant. Both requests were denied, but he was encouraged to re-apply. He suggested perhaps a different approach be made by first bringing ODOT on board with the idea and then going after funding. He also commented that there were other avenues for funding, such as the grant awarded to the city of Sandy for storefront upgrades. He would research further areas of funding. Barbara Haugk suggested we find others in the community who are familiar with writing grants. Nancy Dougherty will get in touch with she knows who are experienced in grant writing.

Discussion then focused on the design of the sign and ways to possibly reduce the cost. Johnson suggested the totem poles be removed and questioned whether the bronze sculptures could be vandalized and if they should be removed. Renee Lamoreaux said she would like to see all the options on the table for a community input session. Sharon Lamoreaux commended Jason for his efforts and encouraged him to continue.

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There was a motion and second that a “Sign” committee be formed. Barbara Novinger, Linny Adamson, Michelle Lamoreaux, Dan Holm, Sharon Lamoreaux and Nancy Dougherty all volunteered to serve on the committee. **The vote was unanimous to form a “Sign Committee” made up of the individuals who volunteered.** If additional members of the community are interested in participating on the “Sign Committee” please contact one of the individual’s listed above, or send an email to RhodyCPO@comcast.net.

Rhododendron Memorial Garden update Barbara Novinger reported the boulders that were previously placed in the garden, were moved as requested by ODOT. It was suggested a garden work group get started this spring. The formation of that work group was tabled until next meeting.

Chair Lamoreaux explained that the ODOT permit has been amended and updated to reflect the new rock placement.

Holiday Lights in Rhododendron Chair Lamoreaux suggested a committee be formed this summer for the placing of Holiday Lights to decorate Rhododendron along Highway 26 for the Holidays during the 2011 season. Lamoreaux will continue the discussion of Holiday lights in Rhododendron again this summer.

CC Timber Management Program MHC-CPO representative, Dave Fulton reported on the Clackamas County Timber Management program. He suggested a joint CPO meeting to discuss timber management issues, perhaps the second week of March. That joint meeting could also be used to get updates on other programs throughout the area, i.e. Bike Trails, etc. All agreed a joint meeting would be good, Fulton will follow-up and schedule.

New Business The Meadow Creek area was discussed as a wetlands and possibly getting it listed on the Clackamas County inventory as a Riparian area. Chair Lamoreaux noted that Mike Rysavy had contacted her recently regarding the Meadow Creek area. He has been working closely with Clackamas County to get that area recognized and placed on their inventory so it would fall under the same development requirements and restrictions as other riparian areas in the county. Lamoreaux reported that Rysavy had in fact been successful in getting the area on the county list. Don Mench clarified for the group the difference between a Wetland and a Riparian area and the standards that Clackamas County uses to differentiate the two.

Other New Business Chair Lamoreaux reported that she recently received an e-mail from Mark McDonald of Oregon Youth Authority asking for the CPO’s help in recruiting families to work with the State Juvenile Agency as Foster Families. She introduced Mr. McDonald and he spoke briefly of the desire to place children in Hoodland area homes for fostering. If you are interested in being a Foster home for Hoodland area children, Mr. McDonald may be contacted at 503-705-0667 or by email at: mark.e.mcdonald@state.or.us for further information.

Barbara Novinger reminded everyone to attend the Villages at Mt. Hood Town Hall on Saturday the 22nd at 9:30AM. The Forest Service is speaking about the proposed Mountain Bike trails around Timberline Lodge.

Don Mench reported that FEMA is remapping the area for potential flooding. He brought maps for all interested.

Nancy Dougherty reported that the Historical Society is having a brunch on Thursday the 20th followed by a Snow Shoe walk.

Adjournment It was decided that the next meeting will be Saturday April 16, 2011 10:30am at the ZigZag Inn. **There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Graeper, Secretary
Rhododendron CPO

As transcribed from Michelle Lamoreaux’s excellent notes