

**Rhododendron CPO
Meeting Minutes
Zig Zag Inn
10:30 am
April 19, 2008**

Open Meeting

President Steve Graeper opened the Rhododendron CPO meeting at 10:32 a.m. He welcomed the attendees and determined that there was a quorum. Eight citizens and one visitor attended.

Read Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Lamoreaux indicated that the minutes from the January 19, 2008 CPO meeting had been posted in the Rhododendron Post Office and sent to everyone for whom she had e-mail addresses. Nancy Dougherty moved and Michelle Lamoreaux seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as written and distributed as there were no additions or corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasures Report

- Sharon reported the beginning balance of the Rhododendron CPO checking account on January 19th was \$520.27.
- Fifteen dollars was donated at the January meeting to cover the \$15 charge from Zig Zag Inn for coffee.
- Sharon submitted receipts and received a check from Clackamas County for reimbursement on costs incurred by the Rhododendron CPO since July 2007. The check totaled \$131.87.
- As of April 19, 2007, the Rhododendron CPO checking account totals \$652.14.

The Treasurers report was accepted and submitted for inclusion in the minutes.

Old Business

Property Use and Zoning Issues

- All Ways Towing property zoning issue

Steve Graeper read a decision sent to the CPO from Clackamas County regarding the approval of a Design Review for a Conditional Use Permit for the All Ways Towing property. The counties decision for a "Conditioned Approval" was made on March 4th, 2007. Due to the length of the document, he synopsized some of the conditions under which the permit was issued.

1. Since the property in question contains two zoning districts, RTC (Rural Tourist Commercial) and RR (Recreational Residential) the commercial use of the RR portion is not permitted and must cease immediately.
2. They must obtain a River & Stream Conservation Area permit.
3. They must obtain an ODOT access and approach permit for all accesses from Hwy 26.
4. The buildings must comply with Section 1005 subsection "b" of the CC ZDO, which states that buildings must be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, uses and the natural environment.
5. The site must have adequate area for: vehicle circulation, parking (Bicycle and vehicle), drainage, waste disposal and storage.
6. They must provide additional vegetative "Buffering" along the southern property line.
7. They must obtain "Written" approval of Utility plans from the local Water District.

For a complete copy of the Design Review Decision, contact President Graeper.

- Rhododendron Memorial Garden Update

Nancy Dougherty has graciously accepted the leadership position regarding the maintaining and scheduling the care of our Rhododendron Memorial Garden.

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Saturday, April 26th at 10 a.m. will be the first meeting for all interested volunteers who are interested in helping maintain this garden, or who have ideas to share. The meeting will be held at Nancy Dougherty's cabin located at: 27353 Holden Avenue

- Zig Zag Ranger Station Roadway Maintenance

Steve Graeper reported his findings regarding roadway maintenance in the National Forest. He was told that due to a funding shortage there is little money available to maintain National Forest roads. He was also told that it is an issue for citizens who use and live on the roadways and whose driveways merge directly on or off of these arteries.

Steve Graeper, Linny Adamson, Dan and Sheri Holm spoke of several issues including the lack of and or the types of responses given by Forest Service employees regarding ideas on how to fix National Forest Service Roads and specifically the pothole craters located on Road 20 directly off of Highway 26.

It was pointed out that the Forest Service roads are deteriorating and the citizens of Rhododendron want to find solutions to fixing the roads that are directly impacting our community. Steve Graeper is hoping to get an article written sometime in the future for the Mountain Times and Sandy Post regarding the sorry state of Forest Service roads and the need to secure funding for roadway maintenance. In the meantime, he suggested that those with concerns about roadways contact:

Vurnham Chamberlan at the Zig Zag Ranger Station 503-622-3191 ext 633

Or

Lennie Mull or Ed Klaassen, Engineers at the Clackamas River Ranger Station District Office 503-630-8681

- CPO Boundary Map and possible By Law amendments

Exhibit: A map obtained from Clackamas County shows the boundaries of the Rhododendron CPO. The map will be made a permanent attachment to the bylaws as per Article IV of the Bylaws. President Graeper pointed out that there was no need for any By-Law amendments as they are clear on the CPO boundary and membership.

The question was raised about the Forest Service cabins and their desire to become a part of the Rhododendron CPO, which was expressed well over a year ago. Why is Clackamas County not supporting the community on this request? What has happened? President Graeper stated that the request is possibly on hold because the boundary issue involved changing the boundaries of The Villages at Mt. Hood. If the Forest Service Cabins are still interested in becoming a part of the Rhododendron CPO then perhaps they need to take some action and contact the county to see why nothing is happening.

New Business

- WAVE Communications and High Speed Internet

Charter Communications has now become WAVE Communications. President Graeper spoke with a representative of WAVE and was told that they plan to upgrade the transmission lines throughout the area and have plans to offer high-speed Internet service to Rhododendron by the end of 2009.

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Other New Business

- **Land use – Minor Partition Request**

The Rhododendron CPO received a land use notice from Clackamas County regarding a partitioning request by Allen R and Sandra G Petersen to partition 27995 E. Belle Lake Road into three properties.

After discussion amongst citizens who attended this meeting, no one could see that their intent was to do no more than divide and sell existing lots. This being the case, Steve Graeper will draw a letter to the county saying that the CPO has no objection to this partition request.

- **CPO Leaders Meeting**

The next CPO Leaders Meeting will be held Thursday, May 29 (7-9 pm) and will include a presentation on Senate Bill 10 (Ethics Reform), which was passed last session, and how it impacts CPO leaders.

Clackamas County Citizen Involvement is also looking at having Round Table Discussion (or breakout groups) on the Urban/Rural Reserves process, which will take place over the next 18 months.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact:
Barbara Smolak, Citizen Involvement 503-655-8552
or email: barbarasmo@co.clackamas.or.us

The next Rhododendron CPO Meeting will be:

**Saturday July 19th
At Zig Zag Inn
10:30 a.m.**

In accordance with the By-Laws, this next meeting will include choosing and voting for new Rhododendron CPO board members. Below is the excerpt from the Rhododendron By-Laws concerning elections:

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Officers shall be elected at the first organization meeting and in a selected month of each year thereafter. The elected officers will take office the following month.

ARTICLE IX BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members: three elected officers and four elected representatives, all members of the organization, as follows:

- A. President: Presides at all meetings. May represent the community in all conferences or Activities involving inter-organizational planning and coordinating.*
- B. Vice-President: Presides over meetings during the absence of the President. Is a member of the organization and works with the President and other members of the organization on inter-organizational planning and coordinating. Shall direct the activities of all committees and see to it that the organization actions are carried out*
- C. Secretary-Treasurer: Keeps minutes and attendance records of all membership and committee meetings. Keeps a file of all correspondence and records available for public inspection and review in compliance with state statutes regarding public access. Will serve as treasurer, as needed, by recording funds, if any, and reporting same to organization.*
- D. Area Representatives: Four or more elected members who shall represent geographic areas within the boundaries of the organization.*

ARTICLE X TERMS OF OFFICE

All terms of office shall be for one year.

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The current 2007-2008 Board consists of:

President: Steve Graeper
Vice President: Dan Holm
Secretary-Treasurer: Sharon Lamoreaux
Area Representatives:
Nancy Dougherty
Joie Smith
Michelle Lamoreaux
Barbara Novinger

If you are interested in serving on the 2008-2009 Board for the Rhododendron CPO, please contact any current Board member or attend this meeting and place your name into nomination. Names may only be placed into nomination in abstentia, with the written consent of the individual whose name would be placed on the ballot.

Motion to Adjourn

Shari Holm made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Dougherty seconded. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lamoreaux, Secretary/Treasurer
Rhododendron CPO