

**Rhododendron CPO  
Meeting Minutes  
Zig Zag Inn  
10:30 am  
January 17, 2009**

◆ **Open Meeting**

*Welcome and determine quorum*

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:33 am. 13 people attended, including 4 Board members. It was determined a quorum was present. President Graeper asked everyone to introduce themselves, as there were several new members present.

◆ **Read Minutes**

*Additions or corrections to the October 18, 2008 minutes*

President Graeper indicated that the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed and posted and asked that they be read. Sharon Lamoreaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Nancy Dougherty seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

*Vote to Accept as Read or Amended*

Graeper asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions. Hearing none, it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written and distributed. The vote to approve was unanimous.

◆ **Treasurers Report**

*Accept and Submit Report into minutes*

Sharon Lamoreaux submitted the Treasurers report. Ending balance from October was \$776.84. As of December 31, 2008, there was \$859.53 in the checking account. Of that total, \$255.00 is from donations for the Rhododendron Community Garden. The Treasurers report was accepted and submitted for addition to the minutes.

◆ **Old Business**

*Open Position on CPO Board*

*Search for Secretary*

*Search for Treasurer*

President Graeper mentioned that Michelle Lamoreaux, at last quarters meeting, had agreed to be the CPO Secretary. After the last meeting, she reconsidered and felt that she could not adequately fulfill the duties and withdrew as Secretary, but wants to remain as a Board member. Sharon Lamoreaux was reluctant to take on the Secretary/Treasurer position again, but is willing to remain as Treasurer if someone would like the Secretary position. In addition, there was still a vacancy for one "At-Large" position on the Board. Nancy Dougherty volunteered to be Secretary, but indicated she would be unable to attend meetings held on the last Saturday of the month and Linny Adamson accepted a nomination to serve on the Board. There were no objections to either appointment and both were confirmed.

*Property use and zoning issues*

*New Development with the All Ways Towing property*

Graeper reported that on November 5<sup>th</sup> the CPO received notice from Clackamas County informing interested parties that All-Ways Towing had re-applied for a Zig Zag Principle River/Green Way permit. Knowing that there was not enough time to call a CPO meeting before the deadline for permit comments, he wrote a letter to the county outlining the CPO's stance regarding this property (see attached). After reading his letter into the minutes, the members were quite upset with Clackamas County's lack of response and action in enforcing the regulations and the RR-RTC zoning ordinances on All Ways Towing. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the members to appoint Dan Holm to contact the State and D.E.Q., to see if they could assist our community in removing this pollution generator and community eyesore.

There was also some discussion about the Michael P. Jones property near the Meadow Lands. It was indicated that some surveying had been done since last meeting. The CPO has not received any information from the county regarding this property.

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*Rhododendron Memorial Garden Update:*

*Status of 501 (C) 3*

Graeper reported that because of time and weather constraints not much progress has been made toward the IRS "Not for Profit" designation for the Oregon Corporation that was formed called, "**Friends of the Rhododendron Community Garden**". Federal 501 (C) 3 status is pending the organization adopting a set of By-Laws.

*Committee formation*

The "Friends" group will be operating independently from the CPO, but will report to the CPO any developments involving the garden.

*Timeline for maintenance*

With winter rapidly approaching after last meeting, Graeper met with Derek Shugart, who owns a local Landscape Maintenance company, to get a bid for garden maintenance. Instead of a bid, Mr Shugart voluntarily "Weed Whacked" the entire area and cleaned up the garden. In addition, Dan Holm, Merv Novinger and Bill Nyland spread bark mulch on the weed cloth around the plants to help them "winter over". Once spring is in the air, the garden committee will meet to determine what the next steps for the garden will be. The CPO extends a huge THANK YOU to Derek Shugart, Dan Holm, Merv Novinger and Bill Nyland for their work on the garden.

*Fund Raising*

Graeper submitted a grant application to the Oregon Historic Trail Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation in August. On December 17, he received a letter stating that we did not receive funding for the 2009 fiscal year, but to re-apply if desired.

◆ **New Business**

*Road 20 Maintenance & Upkeep by National Forest Service*

*Letter of apology from Forest Service*

In response to a letter sent after the last CPO meeting, President Graeper read a letter of apology from Burnham Chamberlain, Zig Zag Ranger Station, Mt. Hood National Forest, apologizing that the Forest Service and Turin Construction had not fulfilled the terms of a contract to repair Road 20 and several other roads in the area. Chamberlain did not know why the work had not gotten completed prior to the end of the summer construction season and could only apologize that it did not take place.

*New Federal Economic Stimulus Forest Service Road package*

Larry Berteau, Editor of The Mountain Times, spoke of the article in the January issue indicating that Federal Economic stimulus funds were being made available to the National Forests specifically for road and trail improvement and maintenance

*Other New Business*

Carol Haugk has done the spring and fall clean up of Henry Creek Road in accordance with our agreement with Clackamas County.

◆ **Adjournment**

*Date, place and time of Next Meeting*

The date place and time for the next CPO meeting was determined to be:

**April 18, 2009 at 10:30am at the Zig Zag Inn.**

There being no further business to be brought before the CPO, Jim Massoni and Sharon Lamoreaux moved and seconded respectively that the meeting be adjourned. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Dougherty, Recording Secretary