

**Rhododendron CPO
Meeting Minutes
Zig Zag Inn
10:30 am
October 18, 2008**

◆ **Open Meeting**

Welcome and determine quorum

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:34 am. 9 people attended, including 3 officers. It was determined a quorum was present.

◆ **Read Minutes**

Additions or corrections to the July 19, 2008 minutes

President Graeper indicated that the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed and posted. Sharon Lamoreaux moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Bill Nyland seconded 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 July was \$673.34. As of September 30, 2008, there was \$776.84 in the checking account. Of that total, \$155.00 was from donations for the Rhododendron Community Garden. The Treasurers report was accepted and submitted for addition to the minutes.

President Graeper submitted a \$10.31 bill for services rendered by Mt. Quail Business Services for a letter he wrote to the Forest Service regarding Road 20 and he asked for approval to use CPO funds to pay the amount due. It was moved and seconded to pay the bill from CPO funds. The vote to approve was unanimous.

◆ **Old Business**

Update on Rhododendron Post Office relocation

Graeper reported that Rhododendron Postmaster Tim Park had informed him that after last quarters meeting Coldwell Banker and the USPS received numerous letters and e-mail correspondence from the community expressing support of the post office relocation. However, it appears that the USPS has decided to put the post office relocation on hold because of the current financial crisis and budgetary constraints. Graeper read a letter from Linda McNulty. (See Attached) Discussion revolved around how unfortunate it was that the USPS got the community's hopes up by starting the relocation process only to have those hopes dashed by Bureaucratic wrangling. The question was raised what the community could do to get the current landlord to make necessary repairs to the parking area in front of the current Post Office. It was believed that only the current tenants have the right to complain to the property owner regarding making improvements to the building and its surrounds. Complaints about parking, access, potholes, etc. should be directed to Post Master Tim Park.

Property use and zoning issues

It was reported that no further actions have been taken by the tenants at the All Ways Towing property to comply with the conditions set forth by the County. Therefore, it appears they remain out of compliance, but according to the Conditional use permit, they may have up to 2 years in order to comply. Complaints about the property should be directed to the county.

The CPO received notice of a Property Partition request after last quarters meeting. President Graeper sent a letter from the CPO stating the CPO had no objections to the county approving the partition. Sharon Lamoreaux reported that the partition was granted and thanked the CPO for the support.

There was discussion about what Michael P. Jones intends to do with his property near the Meadow Lands. The CPO has not received any information from the county regarding this property.

Rhododendron Memorial Garden Update:

Status of 501 (C) 3

Graeper reported that a "Not for Profit" Oregon corporation has been formed called, "**Friends of the Rhododendron Community Garden**". Federal 501 (C) 3 status is pending the organization adopting a set of By-Laws. Graeper donated the \$50.00 filing fee to the Garden Committee.

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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

Bill Nyland reported that perhaps he has a connection that can provide, at no charge; bark dust for the area. He will have information within the next month. Sharon or Dan Holm should be the point of contact for the final arrangements on delivery.

Fund Raising

Graeper mentioned his idea for a possible fundraiser, calling it a “Weed and Feed”. Timeline possibly next spring and could include a Pancake or Hot Dog feed with donations from local businesses and could possibly include a monetary donation and/or a weed pull by those who wish to participate in the “Weed and Feed”. He also indicated that the “Friends” group has submitted a grant application to the Oregon Historic Trails group. It would be a dollar for dollar grant and any in kind or monetary donations can be used to determine the amount raised for the match.

The garden committee will be meeting soon to focus on the winterization of the garden.

Road 20 Maintenance & Upkeep by National Forest Service

As requested at last quarters CPO meeting, Graeper submitted a letter to Ranger Bill Westbrook of the Forest Service requesting that Road 20 get repaired (See attached). A response was received (See attached) and it appears the Forest Service will be repairing Road 20 within the next couple of weeks.

◆ **New Business**

Appointment of Secretary

Board member Michelle Lamoreaux has stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of Secretary.

Appointment of Treasurer

Board member Sharon Lamoreaux has stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of Treasurer.

Graeper expressed his gratitude to both and pointed out that a Board position remains “Open”. He asked that anyone interested contact him via e-mail at rhodycpo@comcast.net or by phone at 503-939-5220.

Other New Business

There was a recent meeting focused on the ODOT Multi-Modal 20 year plan for the Hoodland area. The meeting was facilitated by Cogan, Owens and Cogan and was essentially a “Brainstorming” session. Some of the ideas presented for consideration were the reduction of truck traffic on Highway 26 through Hoodland area, possible Light Rail expansion into the area, pedestrian crossings and speed reductions in congested areas.

Rick Applegate presented his opinion on the fairness or lack thereof in the tax census tracking for the population of the area. He pointed out that the recent Library levy has brought forward some taxing and census inconsistencies whereas a portion of the community is made up of non-full time residences and is therefore not counted in census populations, yet a number of those “Part-time” residents utilize the Library and other county services in the area. He asked that perhaps Rhododendron CPO look at various possibilities for a fairer distribution of county tax revenues.

◆ **Adjournment**

Date, place and time of Next Meeting

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

January 17, 2009 at 10:30am at the Zig Zag Inn.

There being no further business to be brought before the CPO, Sharon Lamoreaux and Merv Novinger moved and seconded respectively that the meeting be adjourned. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Lamoreaux, Acting Recording Secretary