

Rhododendron CPO Minutes  
Hoodland Fire Department  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sharon Lamoreaux, acting Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am as President Steve Graeper was unable to attend this meeting. It was determined a quorum was present and Sharon thanked everyone for attending.

**Secretary Report:**

Lamoreaux called for a reading of the May 16, 2015 minutes. Barbara Novinger moved and Michelle Lamoreaux seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried. Sharon Lamoreaux called for any corrections to the minutes as distributed. Nancy Dougherty moved and Michelle Lamoreaux seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written and distributed. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Vice President/Treasurer Sharon Lamoreaux gave the treasurer's report:

Balance of both funds combined as of last CPO meeting on May 16, 2015: \$509.89

Activity since:

Garden Fund:

5/16/15 Beginning balance: \$64.22  
5/16/15 contributions: \$115.00  
5/16/15 reimburse Novinger's for garden supplies: (\$33.00)  
9/19/15 Ending balance: \$146.22

General Fund:

5/16/15 Beginning balance: \$445.67  
5/16/15 contributions: \$15.00  
6/29/15 County reimbursements: \$122.80  
7/27/15 Goode contribution: \$50.00  
5/16/15 Pay Zig Zag Inn for meeting: (\$15.00)  
5/18/15 Pay Corp. Division annual fee: (\$50.00)  
7/14/15 Pay U.S.P.S. P.O. Box fee: (\$68.00)  
9/19/15 Ending balance: \$500.47

Balance of both funds combined on September 19, 2015: \$646.69

**New Business:**

**Mt. Hood Express**

Sharon Lamoreaux introduced Jacques Livingston, administrative analyst for Mount Hood Express Transit Services, Clackamas County. He spoke on the success of the Mt. Hood Express and included historic overview on how the program evolved, where it stands and the demand for growth in the future.

Mr. Livingston addressed the change of the eastbound stop location to its new location near the swinging bridge. This makes more sense as it is now directly across highway 26 from the westbound

stop; questions from attending citizens included the need for a crosswalk on Highway 26. Mr. Livingston mentioned that Clackamas County is open to reviewing this possibility and will be conducting further independent surveys of installing a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to cross the highway between the eastbound and westbound stops.

### **Adopt-A-Road**

Our next guest speaker was Mr. Ron Buck, IVM Coordinator for the Transportation Maintenance Division of Clackamas County. He spoke on the Clackamas County Adopt-A-Road program, the successes and challenges with road clean up. Mr. Buck reiterated safety rules and guidelines for public participation in Adopt-A-Road. Sharon Lamoreaux read a letter written by Steve Graeper recognizing the dedication and hard work contributed by volunteers in our communities. Carol Haugk reported on the "Friends of Joie Smith" and the "Rhododendron CPO" Adopt-A-Road programs that she is involved with.

### **Dale Crockatt/How do we honor his memory?**

There was discussion on ideas regarding how to remember those who have recently passed on including Dale Crockatt. It was decided an advisory committee should be formed to develop ideas and make recommendations for remembrances. Nancy Dougherty made a motion to establish an advisory committee. Merv Novinger seconded the motion. The motion passed. The advisory committee includes Merv Novinger, Barbara Novinger and Nancy Dougherty.

### **Villages September 2, 2015 Board meeting**

Merv Novinger reported that CPO boundary issues were discussed at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Villages Board meeting. Nothing decisive occurred regarding these concerns at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as it was purely an informative discussion.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Swinging Bridge Grant report**

Since President Steve Graeper was not able to Sharon Lamoreaux reported that we are still waiting to be notified of developments regarding the Clackamas County Swinging Bridge Grant application.

#### **Rhododendron Memorial Garden**

Barbara Novinger reported on the Rhododendron Memorial Garden. The garden continues to thrive, the plantings are establishing and the garden, overall, is maturing. Barbara commended Carol Haugk for all the efforts she put forth keeping the garden watered and trimmed during the dry spell. Michelle Lamoreaux was also recognized for her contributions to the garden over the summer months.

#### **CPO Boundary Change report**

Sharon Lamoreaux reported that the CPO boundary change continues to be in the works and that President Steve Graeper has a meeting with Barbara Smolak at Clackamas County on CPO boundaries at the end of September, 2015.

#### Road Clean-up report

Carol Haugk reported on the need for more of the authorized Adopt-A-Road clean-up vests, and liabilities concerning citizen involvement. Carol reported the next clean-up will occur in October and that she prefers to schedule these for mid-week since traffic tends to be lighter.

#### Chamber of Commerce meetings report

Nancy Dougherty spoke on the Commerce meetings that occurred during the summer months. She mentioned the meetings provide beneficial information and networking opportunities to businesses and individuals in the Hoodland area. Carol Haugk also attends the Commerce meetings on behalf of the Rhododendron CPO and concurred with Nancy.

#### New eatery(s) in Rhododendron

The new Mexican restaurant in Rhododendron was discussed and it is hopeful that it will be a success. The potential for an Italian restaurant was also discussed but there have been no new developments on this to date.

#### **Other New Business:**

Carol Haugk read a Thank you note to one of Rhododendron's citizens from ODOT to commend him for the cutting of the dry fire hazardous weeds that were growing along the guardrail on E. Arlie Mitchell Road.

Since there was no further business, Michelle Lamoreaux moved and Merv Novinger seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Sharon Lamoreaux adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

#### **Next meeting Rhododendron CPO meeting:**

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am at the Hoodland Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merv Novinger, Secretary