

# RHODODENDRON CPO

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2012

Zig Zag Inn

## ◆ Open Meeting

President Sharon Lamoreaux opened the meeting at 10:30AM. She welcomed the eight members and one guest in attendance and determined a quorum was present. There were a few opening remarks regarding a change in the agenda to accommodate our guest, Mr. Peter Nordbye D, who is running for State Representative in House District 52.

## ◆ Read Minutes

Nancy Dougherty was asked to read the minutes of the October 22, 2011 CPO meeting. Since the meeting minutes were emailed to the community and posted at the Rhododendron Post Office, **Merv Novinger seconded by Barbara Novinger, made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.** There was no discussion. The motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, **Passed** by unanimous vote.

Sharon asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the circulated minutes. **Steve Graeper seconded by Merv Novinger, made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2011 as posted.** Carol Hauck questioned whether the minutes needed to be changed, since the meeting date for this CPO meeting had been changed. After discussion it was determined the minutes need not be changed. The motion to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2011 CPO meeting as posted, **Passed** by unanimous vote.

## ◆ Treasures Report

Co-Treasurer's Merv and Barbara Novinger were asked to give the Treasures Report. Barbara Novinger reported that there was \$728.99 in the checking account. \$100.95 of that is reserved for the garden. Last fall, a check for \$100.00 was written to Carol Hauck for supplies and plants, leaving \$0.95 in the Garden Fund. Carol was asked to submit receipts. The Treasures report was submitted for audit.

## ◆ Old Business (Tabled)

Sharon asked that Old business be tabled to allow for our guest speaker.

## ◆ Guest Speaker

Sharon introduced Mr. Peter Nordbye, Democrat, who is running for State Representative in House District 52. Mr. Nordbye spoke to the group about his candidacy.

## ◆ Old Business (Un-Tabled)

### **Rhododendron CPO Boundary Update: Steve Graeper report**

Steve Graeper has been heading the effort to expand the boundaries of the current CPO. He reported that he has been following the Best Practices Guidelines as outlined by Clackamas County and had previously gained approval from neighboring CPO's to proceed with the process. He reported that a map of the proposed Boundary was drawn and approved at a previous RCPO meeting. That map was then presented to the Neighboring CPO's and Neighborhood groups. With one minor change to the NW corner boundary, the Government Camp CPO (GC-CPO), the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO (MHC-CPO), the Mt. Hood Forest Cabin Homeowners Association (MHFHA) and the Woodlands Neighborhood Group, have approved the proposed boundaries as outlined on the revised map. The minutes of the motions from each group were read and he has record of those minutes in his file.

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Graeper went on to explain the reasoning behind the MHC-CPO request for a minor boundary adjustment, which was merely to consolidate the Ranger Station maintenance area on the north side of Hwy. 26 and allow MHC-CPO to retain that area.

Following the Best Practices Guidelines, the next step in the process is to garner community input. To that end, Graeper has submitted a Press Release to the Mt. Times, Sandy Post and Gresham Outlook. He will be scheduling at least 2 Community forums designed to allow community input.

Discussion then turned to the possibility of bringing into the Rhododendron boundary the Autumn Lane area, currently served by MHC-CPO, which is located on the east side of Lolo Pass Rd approximately 1 mile from US Hwy. 26. No motions were presented and it was decided during discussion that Autumn Lane residents and/or the MHC-CPO should make a formal request during the community input stage, if in fact, that is their desire. Graeper pointed out that the county has requested boundaries follow either man made or natural boundaries such as roads or rivers. That being the case, a Boundary adjustment to include Autumn Lane could potentially include all the properties on the east side of Lolo Pass Rd. and he didn't think MHC-CPO would be real keen on that.

## **Land use application #Z 0487 11 NCU: Mike Rysavy report**

Mike Rysavy reported on the current status of this Non-Conforming Use (NCU) application to Clackamas County. County has denied the original NCU application and the denial is currently being appealed. After 2 hearing set backs, the county is scheduled to hear the appeal sometime in April. Essentially, the property owner needed to gain a Non Conforming Use permit to gain county approval for a structure that was illegally placed on the property prior to his purchase of the property.

There was some discussion on the increased amount of code enforcement being conducted by Clackamas County. Consensus was that it is good that the county is finally taking a pro-active stance on code enforcement.

## **Mt Hood Scenic By-Way funding status: Sharon Lamoreaux report**

Sharon reported that she has been in contact with Jeannine Breshears, from Clackamas County Tourism and Cultural Affairs. To date there has been little headway to report, as they are still in negotiations with ODOT. Information can be gathered on the Scenic By-Way project from any of the web sites below:

<http://www.bywayonline.org/grants/funded/detail.html?id=56048>

Or

The link to the Interpretive Management Plan & Design Guide:

<http://www.mthoodterritory.com/partners/interpretive.pdf>

Or

Contact the Project Coordinator, Jeannine Breshears at: [jeannine@mthoodterritory.com](mailto:jeannine@mthoodterritory.com) or by phone at 503-655-8419

## **Rhododendron Memorial Garden Update: Merv Novinger report**

Merv Novinger thanked Carol Hauck and Doug Burk for their help in the garden last season. He also thanked Dale Crockett, who will be donating a lawn mower to replace the broken one, and Curt Thompson, for allowing the garden group to use his lawn mower in the meantime.

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Carol Hauck reported that the DAR Monument was damaged by a county road plow and she has been in contact with Mr. Randy Harmon, from Clackamas County Roads. She was informed they would be repairing the monument after the snow melts. She also clarified that the road in front of the monument is NOT Arlie Mitchell Road, owned and maintained by the county, as some people think, but it is actually called State Hwy Access Road, owned and maintained by the State of Oregon.

Sharon indicated the ODOT Permit for the Rhododendron Memorial Garden has been renewed for another year.

## ◆ Other Old Business

None

## ◆ New Business

### Rhododendron Water Association Award

Steve Graeper, on behalf of the Rhododendron Water Association (RWA), presented a plaque RWA was recently awarded from Oregon Association of Water Utilities for having:

**“THE BEST TASTING SURFACE WATER IN THE STATE OF OREGON”**

This award and a previous, “EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE” award will be on display at Mt. Quail.

### Clackamas County ZDO Amendments

Sharon reported that she has received notice that Clackamas County intends to amend some ZDO's and public comment is welcomed by May 16, 2012. Information can be obtained from the Clackamas County Web site:

<http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/planning/zdoproposed.jsp>

She also indicated that a survey, conducted on behalf of the county, was completed indicating the needs throughout the county. Access to the results can be obtained on line through:

<http://www.clackamas.us/docs/misc/survey.pdf>

Carol Hauck brought up the issue of ODOT permits allowing those listed and signed on the permits to work in the garden. She will have more information and clarifications for next meeting.

## ◆ Adjournment

The next Rhododendron CPO meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Zig Zag Inn at 10:00AM. **Please note the time was moved up from 10:30 to 10:00AM.**

The Rhododendron CPO meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted  
Steve Graeper, Secretary