

RHODODENDRON CPO

2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2012

10:00AM

Zig Zag Inn

◆ Open Meeting

President Sharon Lamoreaux opened the meeting at 10:01AM. She welcomed the nine members and three guests in attendance and determined a quorum was present. There were a few opening remarks regarding a change in the meeting time to accommodate the Rhododendron Water Association Annual meeting at 12:30PM. She also reminded attendee's that any remarks need to be concise in an effort to move the meeting along.

◆ Read Minutes

President Lamoreaux called for the reading of the minutes of the March 24, 2012 CPO meeting. Since the meeting minutes were emailed to the community and posted at the Rhododendron Post Office, Merv Novinger, seconded by Bob West, 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.

President Lamoreaux asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the circulated minutes. Carol Haugk asked for a correction to the Treasurers Report, indicating that there was not \$.95, but \$100.95 in the Garden reserve. Carol Haugk also asked for a correction of the spelling of her last name from "Hauck" to "Haugk" in several occurrences of the minutes. Merv Novinger, seconded by Carol Haugk, made **a motion to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2012 as corrected**. The motion to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2012 CPO meeting as corrected, **Passed** by unanimous vote.

◆ Treasures Report

Co-Treasurer Merv Novinger was asked to give the Treasurers Report. It was reported that there was \$736.99 in the checking account with \$100.95 of that reserved for the garden. Carol Haugk submitted some receipts for reimbursement. The Treasurers report was submitted for audit.

◆ Old Business

Rhododendron signage and Mt. Hood Scenic By-Way update: Sharon Lamoreaux report.

Sharon reported that funding is still on hold. Janine Breshears, Director of the project has communicated with Lamoreaux indicating that her office has been going through some staff changes and once the new staff members are up to speed, the process will move forward.

Rhododendron CPO Boundary Update: Steve Graeper report

Steve Graeper reported that the CPO Boundary Change effort has moved to the Community Input stage and it was well advertised that this meeting would be one of two Community Input meetings where interested individuals could ask questions and voice opinions. Graeper explained the boundary change process and referred to the proposed CPO boundary map and asked for any community input. There was much discussion and there was unanimous support for the boundary change from those attending the meeting. Graeper explained that the Mountain Times ran an article in the May edition, which called for input from the community. Graeper then read a letter he received from Susan Corwin who is opposed to the boundary change. (Content of letter attached to these minutes). Graeper went on to explain that there will be at least one if not two more community input sessions before a vote is taken.

There was some discussion regarding CPO membership, the By-Laws and commercial business membership. No motions were made.

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Rhododendron Memorial Garden Update: Merv Novinger report

Merv Novinger reported that the garden caretakers needed a “Weed Eater” to help take care of weeds. Carol Haugk reported on her research for a “Steel Blade” Stihl Weed Eater for \$330.00.

He thanked Carol Haugk for her help in planting the garden this year. A watering schedule needs to be set up and the weather is now dry enough to start a mowing schedule.

Carol Haugk reported that the DAR Monument, damaged this winter by a county road plow, would be repaired soon. She spoke last week with Mr. Randy Harmon, from Clackamas County Transportation Department, who said he would personally see that the repair is completed.

Carol also reported that she needs ODOT Releases signed by everyone who wishes to work in the garden. She also thanked Judy Fletcher who has committed to work with Carol in the garden every Wednesday. Fletcher is a member of a local garden club and her assistance is much appreciated.

John Young inquired about the spraying of the weeds by ODOT. Novinger indicated that they likely would spray on the ODOT Right of Way, but it would be up to the garden committee to spray, burn, pull or weed whack any weeds growing on or near the monument.

Belle Lake Road Land Use Issue

Mike Rysavy was not in attendance and did not submit a report. However, Lamoreaux reported that it was her understanding that Clackamas County was aware of the issues and that Kim Benthin, Clackamas County Code Enforcement is following up on the issue. Discussion regarding water provisions

◆ Other Old Business

John Steiner’s passing was mentioned and it was noted that the mountain has lost a Great Man and that he will be remembered for the lasting legacies he leaves behind in the cabins he, along with his father and brother created.

◆ New Business

2012/13 Board of Directors Election

After introducing the current Board, Lamoreaux opened the nominations for CPO Board of Directors. Lamoreaux nominated herself as Treasurer; Graeper offered that he would consider the Presidency on the condition that a strong Vice-President is nominated. No nominations for Vice-President were offered from the floor and it was suggested the position remain open until a candidate can be selected. It was suggested a nominating committee be formed; however no action was taken. Merv and Barbara Novinger were nominated as Secretary. Linnny Adamson, Nancy Dougherty and Carol Haugk were nominated as Board members at large. Lamoreaux closed the nominations. Graeper, seconded by Merv Novinger, made a **motion to submit a Unanimous Consent Ballot consisting of:**

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| Steven Graeper | President |
| Open Position | Vice-President |
| Merv & Barbara Novinger | Co-Secretary |
| Sharon Lamoreaux | Treasurer |
| Carol Haugk | Board Member at Large |
| Linnny Adamson | Board Member at Large |
| Nancy Dougherty | Board Member at Large |

The Unanimous Consent Ballot **passed with no Nays or abstentions.**

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◆ Any other New Business

Steve Graeper read a letter sent out to the community from County Liaison, Christine Roth regarding county staff recommendation to close the Dorman Center. Evidently, a structural evaluation conducted by the county has determined that it would be too costly to maintain the center and bring it up to code. It was recommended that any interested parties who had strong feelings one way or the other toward the Dorman Center contact the county by phone or letter. A BCC Study Session will take place on Tuesday June 5th at 11:30 in the county hearing room. No testimony will be accepted at the Study session, but all letters and phone calls will be taken into consideration.

Linny Adamson, seconded by Bob West, made a **motion to have Sharon Lamoreaux send a letter to the county suggesting that the county allow the center to remain open until such time that the planned new Community Center can be constructed. Motion Passed** unanimously.

Carol Haugk reported that she spent parts of 5 days totaling approximately 7 hours on Road Clean-up. Carol was thanked for her efforts.

◆ Adjournment

The next Rhododendron CPO meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Zig Zag Inn at 10:00AM.

The Rhododendron CPO meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM.

Respectfully submitted
Steve Graeper, Secretary

Attachment: Letter from Susan Corwin