

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

Zig Zag Inn

Monday, May 19th, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Graeper at 7:05 pm. President Graeper stated that a quorum was present.

President Graeper went directly into the program. He introduced Jim Bernard, Clackamas County Commissioner. Commissioner Bernard introduced Barbara Cartmill and Diedre Landon both of the Department of Transportation and Development. The program centered on county roads and road funding. It was a very informative program. After the program, there was time for questions followed by a fifteen-minute break.

President Graeper called the meeting back to order at 8:25 pm. Sharon Lamoreaux moved to dispense with the reading of the September 21st, 2013 minutes. Linny Adamson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Sharon made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Barbara Novinger seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Sharon Lamoreaux reported that the Rhododendron CPO is now a tax-exempt organization with IRS 501 (c) 3 status. Donations now made to our CPO are tax deductible. Sharon reported that the CPO has \$420.02 in the General Fund and \$44.57 in the Garden Fund. A total combined of \$464.59 as of May 19th, 2014.

Old Business:

Merv and Barbara Novinger gave the Rhododendron Garden Report. They felt there were enough plants in the garden. They thanked Judy Fletcher for her time. John Young has offered his help to weed the monument.

Carol Haugk has been busy organizing the Highway 26 cleanup. Carol worked with ODOT to get authorization to put up road cleaning signs stating the highway was maintained by "Friends of Joie Smith". The CPO cleanup boundary goes from Tollgate Campground to The Skyway Restaurant.

New Business:

The CPO took this time to remember Joie Smith and her impact on our community. It was felt that we in our CPO community will miss her very much. She was a big part of our area, and was a big part of our CPO. It was reported that Dale Crockett is donating \$200.00, in memory of Joie Smith, to the Rhododendron CPO.

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Steve and Sharon were chosen as the committee to change the verbiage in the CPO By-Laws to specify that funds will go to public areas, such as the garden, to comply with IRS guidelines for the 501 (c) 3 status. They will submit the amendments to the By-Laws, in accordance with current By-Laws, at the next meeting

There were no new land use issues.

Steve said the CPO should be thinking about nominations for officers for the July ballot.

Maryellen Englesby from the Government Camp CPO was present. She voiced some concerns and issues the Government Camp CPO was facing and asked for support from the Rhododendron CPO should it be needed. She suggested that one issue, specifically the Music Festival proposed for Ski Bowl this summer, might have an impact on the Rhododendron community. More information will follow.

Since there was no further business, Barbara Novinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lanny Adamson seconded they motion. Motion was carried.

Next scheduled meeting will be Saturday, July 19th at 10:00 am at the Zig Zag Inn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv Novinger, Secretary