

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

Dragonfly Café & Bakery

March 19th, 2016

Open Meeting:

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. Graeper noted that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

Barbara Novinger made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Nancy Dougherty seconded, the motion passed. Sharon Lamoreaux moved to approve the minutes as written. Carol Haugk seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sharon gave the treasurer's report. The CPO checking account balance as of March 19, 2016 was as follows:

Beginning Balance as of 11/19/2015			\$642.69
Pass through for shed being built to hold community tools	11/19/2015	Ed DeVito	-90.79
Garden fund to reimburse for supplies	11/19/2015	Novinger	-42.35
Garden fund to reimburse for supplies	11/20/2015	Haugk	-59.20
General fund donation	11/30/2015	Dougherty	+20.00
General fund donation	11/30/2015	Trillium Trails	+40.00
General fund donation	11/30/2015	Graeper	+50.00
Annual OR filing CT-12 fee	2/17/2016	OR Dept. of Rev	-10.00
Ending Balance as of 03/19/2016			\$550.35
		Garden Fund:	\$44.67
		General Fund:	<u>\$505.68</u>
		Total Combined:	\$550.35

Guest Speakers:

Kimberly Dinwiddie and Richard Watanabe, with ODOT, spoke on the Highway 26 construction project. ODOT's goal is to have the project finished by the end of summer 2016. The main priority is to improve highway safety in this area. Work on the project is expected to start full time in April. Kimberly said there would be several electronic signs put in position to relay road conditions and travel times. The trailhead parking area may be moved west of Ski Bowl for safety purposes. Handouts were distributed and more information can be obtained from the ODOT web site:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/pages/mthood/project_mhh_safety.aspx

Old Business:

CPO boundary change update: Steve has been working with Clackamas County on this project.

He reported that the county was on board with our proposed boundary change.

Road Clean up report: Carol Haugk gave an update on the road clean up and the clean up of the

Swinging Bridge. Carol said she planned to have a road clean up in April.

Clarification:

a. County is aware.

b. Procedure will be followed

Rhododendron Memorial Garden report: Barbara Novinger thanked Carol Haugk, Judy Fletcher, and Michelle Lamoreaux for their work on the garden. Carol has worked with ODOT on repairing the sign in the garden and has been diligently working to control the mole issue in the garden.

Chamber of Commerce meeting report: Carol updated the CPO of what was happening with the chamber and the success of the Chamber Volunteer Recognition Banquet in December and the “After Hours” event at the Fly Fishing Shop last month.

Land Use Applications:

Steve reported that there were no issues for the Rhododendron CPO. He did report on two substantial land use issues in our region. One is a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed RV park by the Ark Motel on Highway 26. Written comments to Clackamas County need to be submitted by March 24, with the Public hearing scheduled for April 7, 9:30AM. The other is a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed private campground on fifty acres of Federal Forest land off Lolo Pass Road. Written comments to Clackamas County need to be submitted by April 7, and the public hearing will be April 21, at 9:30AM.

There was considerable discussion regarding both land use issues and interested citizens are encouraged to submit comment to Clackamas County or attend the public hearings.

New Business:

Clackamas County and Villages at Mt. Hood: The Villages at Mt. Hood still exists; however, it is currently inactive. Clackamas County BCC dissolved the current Villages Board and placed the status of The Villages at Mt. Hood on hiatus until the By-laws could be updated and a new set of Directors voted on. A community task force is being organized to help restructure the Villages. The Rhododendron CPO boundary change might figure in the restructuring of the Villages.

Bite of Mt. Hood: Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce President, Coni Scott gave a presentation on The Bite of Mt. Hood. The date for this prestigious event is Saturday April 23' 2016 at 5:00PM. Coni handed out a financial report on the expenses involved putting on the event. The Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce puts in a lot of work and The Bite of Mt. Hood has become a tremendous annual success for the Chamber. This year's musical entertainment will feature **TONY STARLIGHT** and should be a very entertaining evening. Linnny Adamson made a motion that Rhododendron CPO should donate \$50.00 to the 2016 Bite of Mt. Hood. Sharon Lamoreaux seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Tickets for The Bite are available in advance at Clackamas County Bank.

New eatery in Rhododendron: Graeper welcomed **Al Forno Ferruzza Pizzeria** to Rhododendron. The new Italian eatery received a favorable response from those who had eaten their food. The Mexican restaurant has also received positive feedback. Graeper encouraged all CPO members to frequent ALL of the restaurants/coffee shops in Rhododendron

CPO director nominations for May election: Graeper mentioned that according to the CPO By-Laws, the CPO election for Board members should held each May. There are five (5) positions on the CPO Board and elections will be held at the May CPO membership meeting. Graeper opened the floor for nominations. The following members accepted nominations for placement on the May Ballot:

Nancy Dougherty
Melanie Farnsworth
Steve Graeper
Carol Haugk
Michelle Lamoreaux
Sharon Lamoreaux
Merv Novinger

Graeper closed the nominations. Nomination will be open again prior to the vote at the May meeting.

Other Business:

Carol Haugk is in the process of having a plaque made for the Road clean-up storage shed. It was decided the plaque should read "Adopt A Road Shed." County is paying for the plaque.

Carol reported she had been working with ODOT and the Forest Service on having the Road 20 sign made more visible from Hwy 26.

Carol is working with OPB's "On The Road" program to film a segment on the Barlow Trail. It will be filmed at the DAR Monument on Thursday March 31. Contact Carol for more information.

Mary Ellen Englesby, Government Camp CPO, requested we attach the list of attendee's to the CPO minutes as the Mt. Hood Area Chamber and the Government Camp CPO does. The suggestion was taken under advisement as perhaps a part of a By-Laws change.

Clackamas County has recommended that the current CPO By-Laws be updated. Graeper is working with the county and will present a first draft of recommended By-Laws changes at the May membership meeting, the new Rhododendron CPO by-laws will be presented. Steve will be putting it together with the county.

The next CPO meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:00AM at Still Creek Inn. If there are any changes in date, time or location, it will be posted.

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linny seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv Novinger, Secretary