

# Rhododendron CPO Minutes

## September 17, 2016

### Hoodland Fire Station

#### Open Meeting:

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. Fifteen people attended. Attendee's included Board members: Steve Graeper and Nancy Dougherty. Carol Haugk, Chamber Representative was also present. Board members Sharon Lamoreaux, Michele Lamoreaux, and Merv Novinger were absent and excused. Graeper initially reported that there was not a quorum, but after review of the By-Laws, he corrected himself and noted that a quorum was present. For a quorum, the CPO needed five voting members, two of which are elected Board officers. A quorum was determined.

#### Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the July meeting have been on display at the post office and were distributed prior to this meeting. Graeper asked if there were any changes or corrections. There were none. Carol Haugk moved and Nancy Dougherty seconded **a motion to approve the July 2016 minutes as distributed.**  
**Motion carried.**

#### Treasurer's Report:

Steve Graeper gave the treasurer's report in Sharon Lamoreaux's absence.

#### 7-16-2016 Beginning Balance

General Fund:	\$394.18
Garden Fund:	<u>\$111.67</u>
As of last CPO Mtg:	<b>\$505.85</b>
Reimbursement Clackamas County	\$150.00
Donations to General Fund:	\$ 05.00
Donation from Graeper:	\$ 18.00
Checks written:	\$ (66.00) US Post Office Box Rental
	\$ (23.00) Zigzag Inn for meeting

#### Balances as of 9-17-2016:

General Fund:	\$478.18
Garden Fund:	<u>\$111.67</u>
9-17-2016 Ending Balance	<b>\$589.85</b>

#### Guest Speaker:

Graeper introduced Ranger Bill Westbrook from the Zig Zag Ranger Station. Westbrook addressed the "Dispersed Camping" issue in the National Forest. "Dispersed Campers" are campers who camp in undesignated or undeveloped camping areas. Westbrook introduced Mark Engler, National Resources Specialist for Mt. Hood National Forest and they showed a Power Point presentation on how Dispersed Camping affects the National Forest. Westbrook pointed out that while Dispersed Camping is an appropriate use of the National Forest, it has recently become more prevalent with the homeless issue that is taking place in the valley. Dispersed Camping is allowed in the National Forest, but only when following specific guidelines. A copy of the Guidelines is attached. The Salmon River Corridor seems to be an area where dispersed camping has become somewhat of a problem.

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The discussion and questions were very informative and Graeper thanked Westbrook and Engler for their time and presentation. Volunteers are very welcome to help the Forest Service patrol and cleanup the dispersed campsites, especially in the Salmon River Corridor.

In an effort to thwart dispersed camping in the Salmon River corridor, Mitch Williams, MHC-CPO member, suggested that the RCPO write a letter to the Forest Service recommending that the Salmon River Corridor become a “Day Use Only” designated area. Nancy Dougherty moved and Linny Adamson seconded **a motion to have the CPO write a letter to the Forest Service recommending that the Salmon River Corridor be designated “Day Use” only. Motion Carried.**

Westbrook also mentioned that Lloyd Musser, Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum Curator, received an Oregon Humanities Grant and a community forum will be presented on Dispersed Camping at the museum. The event will be held at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum on November 4, 2016 from 6:30-8:30PM. For more information go to:

[oregonhumanities.org/calendar/events/unregulated-camping-a-community-forum/1849](http://oregonhumanities.org/calendar/events/unregulated-camping-a-community-forum/1849)

Carol Haugk recommended that everyone send a letter individually to the Forest Service in support of changing the Salmon River Corridor to Day Use only.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Graeper then introduced a second guest speaker, Mr. Travis Roundy from The Ant Farm in Sandy. The Ant Farm is a community sponsored Youth Activities program that unites area youth with community-members and elders in a variety of indoor and outdoor “classrooms” in and around Sandy, Oregon. The Ant Farm is an innovative way to support and educate youth and one of their more successful programs is a Café and Bakery in Sandy Oregon. The café received numerous accolades from meeting attendees. Roundy presented the group with a list of programs that The Ant Farm provides. All the programs are maintained by grant funding, volunteers and donations from the community. They also accept recycled cans and bottles to help fund programs. Recycling trailers are located at the Hoodland Thriftway and the Sandy Transfer Station to accept cans and bottles. For more information about THE ANT FARM go to: [www.antfarm-international.com](http://www.antfarm-international.com)

Linny Adamson suggested that the Ant Farm be used in conjunction with the forest service as an education source for the Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear programs.

Mitch Williams suggested that small monthly donations are best, but any donations are very welcome. Nancy Dougherty moved and Carol Haugk seconded **a motion that the RCPO send a donation to the Ant Farm in the amount of \$50.00. Motion carried.** Graeper will instruct Treasurer Lamoreaux to send the donation after she returns from vacation.

### **Old Business:**

#### **By-Laws Amendment:**

At the July CPO meeting, it was moved and seconded to adopt a new set of amended By-Laws. In accordance with the existing By-Laws, any amendments to the RCPO By-Laws need to be approved by County Counsel and then presented to the CPO. After a vote favoring the addition of the proposal to the meeting minutes, copies of the proposed amendment are then distributed to the CPO members, as well as being posted in the Post Office. Graeper stated that all

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requirements have been fulfilled. Graeper called for discussion or questions about the proposed By-Laws. Linny Adamson moved and Nancy Dougherty seconded **a motion to approve the Draft By-Laws as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Clackamas County and Villages at Mt. Hood:**

Graeper stated that he attended a Policy Session of the BCC on September 6. At that meeting, the BCC initiated the process to dissolve The Villages at Mt. Hood. According to county charter, a Villages Town Hall meeting needs to be held between 30 and 60 days from when the process to dissolve began and a vote taken to dissolve. The status of the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO has not changed. Graeper explained what the possibilities could be should the Villages dissolve.

### **CPO Boundary Change Update:**

With the possibility of the Villages dissolution, and if the MHC-CPO remains inactive, there is a void of representation from our area with the county that needs to be filled. Graeper reported he is once again working with the county on expanding the Rhododendron CPO boundaries. He was waiting for Katie Wilson, Clackamas County Assistant PGA, to provide guidance from County Counsel on what next steps need to be taken. If the Villages at Mt. Hood do dissolve, that opens up possibilities of Rhododendron forming its own Village or Hamlet. However, that is far in the future. Graeper is waiting to see what the outcome is of the dispute between the Villages and the BCC.

### **Bike/Pedestrian Committee Report:**

Michelle Lamoreaux was absent. No report was given.

### **Rhododendron Memorial Garden Report:**

Merv and Barbara Novinger were absent. No report was given.

### **Road Clean-up Report:**

Carol Haugk reported that Road Clean-up continues. Carol reported that all crews who help with trash pick-up needed to be listed on the RCPO's County and ODOT permits and wear caution vests, which are available in the Road Clean-up shed at the Hoodland Fire Station. She reported that the trashcans have been removed from the Toll Gate Wayside, eliminating the temptation for area residents and travelers to dump their trash in that area. The Swinging Bridge and parking area on the east of the bridge have been cleaned. Graeper again thanked all those involved in road cleanup.

### **Chamber of Commerce Report:**

Carol also spoke on the Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce. She has reported to the Chamber about the various CPO activities and guest speakers. She also reported on a Chamber Guest Speaker, Mr. John Erickson, former General Manager at the Resort at the Mountain, who spoke to the Chamber about tourism and a unique class he teaches at Marylhurst University on community involvement and customer service in the hospitality industry.

### **Land Use Applications:**

A new land use issue was presented. The land use issue is outside the current Rhododendron CPO boundary, but that does not preclude the CPO from offering an opinion on the proposed land use application. Graeper explained that the Rhododendron Water Association is proposing a 135,000-

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gallon Water Reservoir they wish to build on land the association recently acquired off Hofeldt Road in the Woodlands area. The association is requesting a Conditional Use Permit from the County. As part of the permit process, the jurisdictional CPO needs to be contacted and recommendations from the CPO need to be submitted to the County Hearings Officer. Since there is no active MHC-CPO, the RCPO should offer its opinion. After discussion and questions, Nancy Dougherty moved and Linny Adamson seconded **a motion to have the Rhododendron CPO issue a letter of support, favoring the proposed land use of the property in the Woodlands, owned by the Rhododendron Water Association, allowing it to be used for the purpose of erecting a 135,000-gallon Water Storage Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.**

### New Business:

Carol Haugk reported that the Mt. Hood Recreation Center is now open in the former Antique shop location. The shop sells cannabis and related items. She had opportunity to visit with owner Sara and was impressed with their professionalism and the cleanliness of the facility.

Carol also reported that the county removed some obstructive brush along E. Henry Creek Road and that she was reminded by the county workers that each property owner is responsible for the removal of brush and any obstructions that may impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic along the roadway. She also reported that the county removed a 20' log from under the Henry Creek Bridge, which could have caused a debris dam and possibly some riverbank damage.

Travis Roundy from the Ant Farm reminded attendee's that The Ant Farm personnel could be used to help area residents, who are unable, remove debris or mow lawns and would welcome the opportunity.

Marge Stewart from the Firwood CPO was introduced and discussed an issue relating to the old Candy Farm, which is now a legal marijuana grower. The county approval to allow that property to be a legal grower has been appealed and results from the hearings officer are forthcoming. Graeper admitted that Marijuana dispensaries and growers are now legal parts of our society. If anyone has an issue, they are urged to contact the county to insure codes are enforced.

### Adjournment:

Graeper thanked the Hoodland Fire Station for the work they do and for the opportunity to use the public meeting room for CPO meetings.

There being no further business, Graeper suggested the next Rhododendron CPO meeting be held on Saturday November 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. Location to be announced.

Linny Adamson moved and Carol Haugk seconded **a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.** Graeper adjourned the meeting at 11:56A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Graeper  
President/Recording Secretary