

April 21, 2007
Rhododendron CPO Meeting Minutes

Eighteen people in attendance.

I. Meeting called to order by President Nancy Dougherty at 10:30
Nancy welcomed all attendees.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT- Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Lamoreaux

The beginning balance in the Rhododendron CPO Checking account, as of December 1, 2006 was \$583.64. Since there has been no activity since fall 2006, the ending balance remains the same.

III. OLD BUSINESS – Vice President Steve Graeper

Steve will send an email setting a date/time for a volunteer *cleanup* of the **DAR monument/park.**

"Everyone is welcome to help."

In order to maintain the monument/park it will need to have access to water hookup. Currently there is discussion with the Rhododendron Summer Homes Association regarding steps to secure.

Michelle Lamoreaux volunteered to attend the next Rhododendron Summer Homes Association meeting to ask the board for water hookup to the DAR monument/park.

A special thanks to Barbara and Merv Novinger for taking time to spread top soil on the monument/park area.

Rhododendron Bridge Park

Steve reported the next step in the process of creating the Rhododendron Bridge Park is to identify boundaries to the property, then to ask the adjacent owners permission to plant Rhododendron's and to beautify the area. Steve is researching the boundaries through Clackamas County.

Barbara Novinger spoke to Andy of All Ways Towing. All Ways Towing borders the area of the bridge park on the SE side. Andy has been kind enough to volunteer to move some boulders to the area for future use. Barbara is waiting to hear when Andy will be free to do this.

NOTE: Since we are unclear of the ODOT right of way boundaries at this point in time, do not permanently place the boulders.

High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rhododendron

If you are interested in finding out information regarding access to high speed internet connectivity please contact lukethemailman@aol.com. Also, you might like to talk to Rick Applegate about wi fi connection.

Rhododendron Signage

Dan Holm would like to remind the community to begin visualizing the type of signage you would like to see for Rhododendron. Once the DAR monument/park is ready, signage will be the next step.

CPO Officers and board up for elections in May!

If you are interested in running for a volunteer position with the Rhododendron CPO and own property or run a business in our community you are eligible to run for an officer position or sit on the board.

Attend the next Rhododendron CPO meeting on Monday, May 21st at 7 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Community Congress V: A sustainable Clackamas County

Saturday May, 12th (8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

At the Jackson Campus, 1306 12th Street, Oregon City

Topics:

- ? Community design
- ? Economic development
- ? Green government
- ? Health
- ? Housing
- ? Land use
- ? Social services
- ? Transportation

Contact Cherie McGinnis at 503-655-8581 for more information.
Or see attached flyer

This event is FREE to the public

Mediator from Clackamas County to speak at Rhododendron CPO meeting in May.

At a recent CPO meeting it was suggested we invite a mediator come speak to our community on the subject of dispute resolution. This will occur at our next meeting in May.

New Location for CPO meetings

Steve Graeper suggests looking for another location to hold our monthly CPO meetings. While it is very generous of Bridgette Romeo to allow us to meet at the Still Creek Inn, it is difficult to discuss business due to the popularity of the restaurant. Steve will make some phone calls and let everyone know the outcome.

Dan Holm seconded the motion and all voted in favor of moving the venue.

Pipe emptying into Meadow Creek on East Henry Creek Avenue

Michelle Lamoreaux asked if anyone knows the source of the pipe that is emptying directly into Meadow Creek on East Henry Creek Avenue? There is a new residence nearby and she is wondering if this is related. No one in attendance had information regarding the pipe. Michelle is going to contact Clackamas County and research. She will report at the next CPO meeting.

Guest Speakers: Representative's from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Chris Cate
Deputy Jesse Ashby

There is one sheriff department car designated to the Mt Hood area. This car prioritizes the urgency of the incident to best serve our community.

We have a sheriff on duty 24 hours a day.

There is a desire to have more sheriff's on duty to minimize the response time. Due to financial cutbacks the sheriff's department is maximizing efficiency in order to minimize risk to our communities.

Length of response time is dependent on the urgency of the situation.

Since there's only one car the sheriff's department works with other entities like the police and fire departments.

The audience expressed frustration since as individuals we contribute a significant amount of tax dollars for this service annually.

Steve Graeper asked who do we need to talk to about increasing man power?

Lt. Lowe of the sheriff's office is the person in charge of traffic issues and

Sheriff Sgt. Nokohama is in charge of prioritization of incidents.

Also, we need to ask the Clackamas County Commissioners to make manpower in the mountain area a priority.

The community is the eyes and ears of the response team. Watch for patterns and phone immediately if you notice unusual behavior.

The non emergency phone number for Clackamas County is:503-353-4649

In light of the financial cutbacks our CPO thanks the Sheriff's department for doing such a good job and we appreciate them coming and speaking to us.

Jerry Sabel, a guest to the CPO meeting, reiterated the sheriff's department and the Oregon State Police are providing the best coverage they can for our area until funds are found in order to increase manpower.