

Villages at Mt. Hood Board of Directors

c/o Mt. Hood Corridor CPO

P.O. Box 632

Welches, OR 97067

September 27, 2006

Endorsement for: Attached letter and proposal from Subcommittee for Development of the Villages at Mt. Hood Community Park and Recreation Facility

Board of County Commissioners and
Clackamas County
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045

Mr. Dan Zinzer, Director, Parks and
Recreation Dept., Clackamas County
9101 S.E. Sunnybrook Blvd.
Clackamas, OR 97015

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Zinzer:

At our Board of Directors' meeting on September 19, 2006, we approved and agreed to support the detailed plan and proposal presented by the (Strategic Planning Committee's) Subcommittee for Development of the Villages at Mt. Hood Community Park and Recreation Facility.

Accordingly, the attached letter from the chairman of that subcommittee, which explains their worthy community project (along with pertinent information and rationale) and requests your approval, support and action, is forwarded with our endorsement of approval and concurrence.

As indicated in their letter, we have also agreed that this worthy project should be included on the agenda for our next Town Hall meeting in November for a public vote to become a supported activity of the Villages at Mt. Hood. In addition, and most importantly, we strongly concur with this subcommittee that there is a very urgent need at this time to ask the county to take immediate action, prior to your planned land sale to the Western Rivers Conservancy, to retain and reserve the proposed, desired 15-acre land site within your Cedar Ridge property (just south of Highway 26) for the development of our Villages at Mt. Hood Community Park and Recreation Facility.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,



Rick Applegate, Chairman
Villages at Mt. Hood Board of Directors

Attachment: (1) Ltr dtd 9/26/06 from Subcommittee for Development of the Villages at Mt. Hood Community Park & Recreation Facility

**Subcommittee for Development of the Villages at Mt. Hood
Community Park & Recreation Facility
P.O. Box 233, Rhododendron, OR 97049**

September 26, 2006

To: Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Dan Zinzer, Director, Parks and
Clackamas County Recreation Dept., Clackamas County
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Oregon City, OR 97045 Clackamas, OR 97015

Via: Villages at Mt. Hood Board of Directors
c/o Mt. Hood Corridor CPO
P.O. Box 632
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Dear Commissioners and Mr. Zinzer:

During the Villages at Mt. Hood Board of Directors' meeting on September 19, 2006, this subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Committee (a Villages at Mt. Hood supported activity) presented our comprehensive plan and proposal for development of a community park and recreation facility for the Villages at Mt. Hood. Board members approved our proposal and voted to support our project.

For your information, community leaders had determined previously that there is a definite, increasing need in this area for a suitable park and recreation facility for the daily use of our youth, adult residents, their visitors and tourists. Unfortunately, recreation facilities now located within our village boundaries are owned by other government and private agencies and are restricted to daytime use only (normally for a fee), and they lack adequate seating and parking space for large numbers of people.

On July 12, 2006, the Strategic Planning Committee requested formation of this subcommittee to plan, develop and supervise construction of an appropriate community park and recreation facility. We were also tasked to locate a suitable, centrally-located site for our proposed park on either county, state, federal or private land.

Subcommittee members then began formulating plans for an appropriate park and recreation facility based on the recreational and entertainment needs of our residents, and we determined that the following facilities should be included and would need a land area of at least 15 acres to develop properly:

- * **Outdoor Amphitheater** for music concerts, movies, live theater productions, etc., that seats 2,000 to 2,500 people, with adequate parking areas for more than 800 vehicles.
- * **Community History Display Center** with display boards presenting the history and development of each of our communities - Rhododendron, Zigzag, Welches, Wemme, Wildwood, Brightwood, etc.; plus a display board for the Wild and Scenic Salmon River and sport flyfishing.
- * **Picnic Areas** with pavilions, barbecues, tables/benches in a natural setting.
- * **Horseshoe Pits.**
- * **Volleyball and Badminton Court** (grass surface).
- * **Athletic Field** (grass surface) for soccer, softball and touch or flag football.
- * **Frisbee Disc Golf Course** (in a natural setting among the trees).
- * **Tennis Courts** and **Basketball Court** (concrete surfaces).
- * **Nature Hiking, Running and Biking Trail.**

We believe that construction and operation of this community park and recreation facility can be accomplished entirely with funds raised from county, state, federal and corporate financial grants; business and private donations; and fundraising events and activities.

As required, a thorough investigation was conducted by subcommittee members to identify and inspect all available undeveloped county, state, federal and private property within our village boundaries that might be adequate for development of our proposed community park and recreation facility.

We determined that the only available, centrally-located, undeveloped land within our village boundaries that would be suitable for construction of this proposed community park and recreation facility is located within the Clackamas County Parks and Recreation Department's Cedar Ridge property just south of Highway 26; specifically the 15-acre portion configured as follows:

The front portion of Miller Road and one acre east of that road and two acres directly south of that acre (a total of three acres), plus three acres west of Miller Road along the south side of Highway 26 and the land area behind those three acres that extends south (toward Salmon River) to a depth of four acres inland from Highway 26 (a total of 12 acres).

The above-described 15-acre land area is mostly flat, centrally-located within our village boundaries and exceptionally well-suited for development of our Villages at Mt. Hood Community Park and Recreation Facility. (Please see the attached map with this area outlined in red.)

This desired land is also within the Clackamas County Sewer District and near the Mt. Hood Village Water Company, so sewer and water services would be available for our proposed park. The Mt. Hood RV Village manager has already indicated their water company could supply water for the park for a monthly fee, if water lines are installed and connected to their main water line.

We are fully aware of current county plans to sell your Cedar Ridge land south of Highway 26 (and the land we desire) to the Western Rivers Conservancy for future sale to the Bureau of Land Management (to be maintained as recreational land), and that the Mt. Hood Corridor Community Planning Organization (CPO) agreed earlier to that proposed sale.

However, that was before our great need for this park and recreation facility was truly realized and before we determined there are no other available county, state, federal or private lands within our village boundaries that are sufficient and large enough for development of our planned community park and recreation facility project. We would also like to point out that the proposal to use this 15-acre site for our community park and recreation facility would ensure the land is used for recreational purposes, as recommended by the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO.

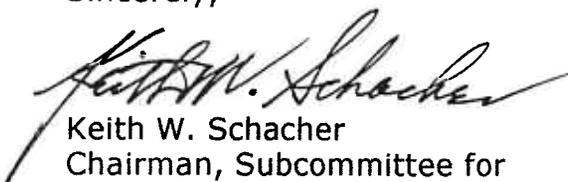
As noted, following presentation of our plan and proposal on September 19th, the six attending members of the Villages at Mt. Hood Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve and support our proposed project. (The Chairman, who was absent because of a family emergency, has also agreed since then with our plan and proposal, and the other two members were absent on vacation.)

The Board of Directors also agreed that our proposed community park and recreation facility project should be placed on the agenda for the November Town Hall meeting for a public vote to become a supported activity of the Villages at Mt. Hood.

We ask that you also support this very worthy and needed community park and recreation facility project for the Villages at Mt. Hood.

And, most importantly, we urgently request that you take action now, before your planned land sale to the Western Rivers Conservancy, to ensure that the desired 15-acre site we need in the county's Cedar Ridge property south of Highway 26 (as described above) is retained and reserved specifically for use to develop and construct our proposed Villages at Mt. Hood Community Park and Recreation Facility.

Sincerely,



Keith W. Schacher
Chairman, Subcommittee for
Development of the Villages at Mt. Hood
Community Park & Recreation Facility

Attachment: (1) Map of Proposed Site for Villages at Mt. Hood
Community Park & Recreation Facility

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