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VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

July 2, 2013

Chair Bob Reeves called the July 2nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 4:04 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Judith Norval, Bob Reeves, Marci Slater, George Wilson
- ❖ Absent: Nathaniel Ingrao
- ❖ Excused:
- ❖ Staff Present: Gary Schmidt (County Liaison), Kate Roth (Recording Secretary)

Approval of Minutes:

The June 4, 2013 Board of Directors minutes were presented for review. Judith Norval made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. George Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 4 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Treasurer's Report:

Judith Norval reported that the beginning balance was \$2,670. Quarterly checks were received. Bills were paid to the Mountain Times (\$139.10) and to the Recording Secretary (\$325). Expenses totaled \$464.10 and the final balance was \$3,706.03.

Communications to the Board:

Bob Reeves reported that the Court ordered light rail to move forward, and that the County must proceed with giving land to Trimet.

Persons to be Heard:

Nancy Spenser reported that the Mountain Times published an incorrect location for today's Villages meeting.

Donna said that she had read the Mountain Times and had questions about the changes in insurance ratings. Donna would like to know who is the Insurance Service Office and how they can downgrade the Hoodland Fire Department. George Wilson said that they are a private and for profit company. George Wilson asked if it would be worth writing letters. Donna asked what can be done.

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Bob Reeves said that insurance companies subscribe to the ISO. The ISO used to be nonprofit and have changed and are now for profit. There are some concerns about how the survey of Government Camp was done. Bob Reeves said that this is a big concern for all of the state, and that Idaho and a state fire organization are looking into fighting it. The state of Washington uses a different model. Bob Reeves suggested contacting Mic Eby since he can contact insurance companies.

George Wilson asked if the Villages Board should write a letter. Bob Reeves said that maybe the Villages should support the state fire groups.

Nancy Spenser asked if the ratings were based on the number of people stationed at the fire station overnight. Bob Reeves said that they want four people on an engine. Bob also explained the problems a Southern Oregon Fire District is having since it has both paid and volunteer fire stations. George Wilson said that the problem is not having four people working 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Bob Reeves added that the Hoodland Fire District also has a nurses program, and they take gear home and can then respond from there. George Wilson said that he would like to see the ratings changed and have the Villages Board do all that they can. Bob Reeves said that he will keep everyone updated.

Chamber Report - Coni Scott:

Coni Scott reported that there is \$20,000 from the County for projects promoting businesses. This is not Chamber of Commerce money.

Coni Scott reported that there is a map of local businesses and hiking trails being created that will be as the Forest Service building. It will have mileage on it as well. There will be small pictures on the map. The map will also be at local businesses as well. There will be ads on the maps that are distributed. George Wilson asked how businesses would place ads, and Coni Scott said the Chamber will send out information in a few days. George Wilson asked Coni Scott to send information so he could post it on the website and facebook.

Staff Liaison Report - Gary Schmidt:

Gary Schmidt introduced himself, and Gary is the Director of Public and Government Affairs for Clackamas County. Gary Schmidt will be acting as liaison and said that the Villages will continue to have a liaison. Gary reported that the new Fiscal Year began yesterday. Also, Clackamas County must give land to Trimet based on a Judge's ruling. The Judge ruled that Measure 3-401 applies to future projects. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has begun their areas of outreach. The areas are based on population and will last for six months. The Commissioners will still be elected in the same way. Jim Bernard has been assigned area 5, which includes the Villages. July 11 will be the next reading of the mass gatherings ordinance.

Bob Reeves said that it is important to maintain strong communication between the Villages Board and the BCC. Bob Reeves also asked about the broadband grant. Gary Schmidt said that the grant is almost done, and the lines should have been built. The County is only providing

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infrastructure. If people have questions about the project they can talk to Gary and he can also speak with Dave Solas, who is the program manager for the County.

Marci Slater asked if there will continue to be a person from the County at the Villages Board meetings, and Gary Schmidt said yes.

Old Business - Cell Tower Update:

Bob Reeves reported that the cell tower is up. It is not yet operational, and some equipment needs to be added. Marci Slater asked when the equipment will be on, and Bob said the end of the month. AT&T will place its equipment on first, and then the Hoodland Fire Department will add its equipment. Bob Reeves said that there are preliminary discussions about adding a cell tower in the Marmot Road area.

Old Business - Pharmacy Update:

George Wilson reported that Jeff Williams is waiting on another license that allows for billing insurance companies. The license should arrive in a few weeks. The new goal for opening is the end of July or the first part of August.

Nancy Dougherty said that she has been unable to communicate with Jeff Williams, and she would like to be able to speak with him. George Wilson said that the email address is info@williamspharmacy.net and the phone number is 503-622-PILL. Marci Slater confirmed that the email address does work.

Old Business - Bike Committee Update:

George Wilson reported that he has 63 email addresses for people who are supportive of bike tourism. He would like to form a Committee. George also read emails from Tim Windell. George Wilson reported that he heard that Barlow Trail Road is going to be chip sealed this summer. He has concerns about it. He is concerned that it would not be good for bicyclists. Bob Reeves said that the County does more chip seals to preserve the roads. Bob Reeves also said that C4 is working on transportation issues, and Clackamas County is working on its Transportation System Plan (TSP). He advised people to speak up on local projects and pay attention to the TSP.

Old Business - Letters to the BCC and Oregonian:

Marci Slater said she has drafted a letter to the Oregonian. Bob Reeves provided a recap of the problem of the nuisance litter and safety concerns. Robert Brownscomb said that he liked the draft letter. Judith Norval and George Wilson said that it was well done. Marci Slater will send the letter.

Marci Slater said she has drafted a letter to the BCC. Bob Reeves said that it would request a liaison, and say that it is important to have one. He does not want to see the staff overwhelmed. Bob Reeves would cc Gary Schmidt, and Bob said he does not want anyone blindsided. Judith

Norval and George Wilson both said good job. George Wilson said that with Gary Schmidt's comments that the Villages would have a liaison he is now less concerned. Judith Norval asked if the Villages Board should send the letter. Bob Reeves said that the Villages Board should stay professional. The Villages Board should make the County aware of its feelings and go on record. Gary Schmidt added that the budget has already passed, there will not be any changes in funding, and the roles have been reallocated. Gary Schmidt said that someone from the County will attend meetings and act as a liaison. The Villages Board consensus was to go ahead and send the letter.

George Wilson asked Gary Schmidt to send him grand opportunities when he receives them, and Gary Schmidt agreed.

New Business - Flood Risk Committee:

Bob Reeves introduced Jay Wilson and Nancy Bush from Clackamas County's Emergency Management.

Nancy Bush said that the County is working with the Army Corp of Engineers. The County is applying for a pilot program on flood risk. It is a good opportunity.

Jay Wilson thanked the Villages Board for the invitation. The County has been chosen for a pilot program on flood risk. The flood risk issues in the area are very complicated. There is mapping currently being done on insurance and flood risk. The maps should be done soon and feature LIDAR. Once the maps are completed they will change the flood zones. Part of what is coming are insurance rate increases in September. Rates will also depend on when a building was constructed, the sell date, and the history.

Jay Wilson and the County would like to bring a public information specialist from the Army Corp of Engineers to talk about long term strategies. Jay Wilson would like to improve relationships between Clackamas County and residents. There would be facilitated discussions. Jay Wilson would also like to form a community based flood risk committee. The committee would include the Forest Service, the Watershed Council, homeowners associations, and residents. Clackamas County would also like to see the community consider a special district for flood risk management. In the next few months there would be a flood workshop. There would also be meetings that would include the facilitator. This would happen over four to five months. Monthly meetings could occur, and a workshop could be in August or September. Jay Wilson said that this is one of the few rural areas that was chosen.

Jay Wilson would like to look at channel migration overlays zones for the future. Also there would be changes to the insurance and future maps since the Sandy River is a dynamic river. The State floodplain manager would be at a workshop. The workshop would be interactive and not a Town Hall.

Marci Slater asked if this would be a committee of the Villages Board or autonomous. Jay Wilson said that it could be either depending on which gives it more legitimacy. It would help if the Committee was linked to an elected Board. Bob Reeves suggested funneling it through the

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Villages Board and the Villages being a facilitator. Jay Wilson added that flood gages are being put in and the FEMA dollars from the previous flood are being managed. Bob Reeves said that the local homeowners associations are ZigZag and Timberline Rim. George Wilson said that community relations are improving, and the sooner everyone knows the dates the better. George Wilson suggested getting information out ASAP and have an article in the Mountain Times. George Wilson added that flood insurance is really important, and many people do not know why they need it. Jay Wilson added that a flood insurance declaration is not needed for compensation.

Bob Reeves asked when would the formation begin, and Jay Wilson said it would likely be early August. The group would need to identify stakeholders, and what they bring and who is doing what. The steps would be a stakeholders meeting, then a workshop, then forming a committee, then possibly forming a special district. Marci Slater suggested determining what expertise is needed. Jay Wilson said yes, and to think broadly. Bob Reeves suggested including the private water companies. George Wilson asked if private citizens would be included, and Jay Wilson said yes. Bob Reeves suggested including Water and Environment Services.

Bob Reeves said that he would be happy to organize the first meeting and set the calendar. He suggested including something in the Mountain Times, the website and an email blast. Bob Reeves also suggested talking about the issue further at the August Board meeting. Marci Slater asked if the County would attend the Committee meetings, and Jay Wilson said someone from the County would.

Jay Wilson added that people should get notices in August about insurance programs and rates, and that there would be a quick timeline.

Steve Wise, Executive Director from the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council said the Council is working on habitats and restorative flood response. The Council is working with experts to improve restoration and reduce risks. They would like to do a demonstration in the Timberline Rim area.

Board Member Comments:

George Wilson said that he had participated in the Tour de Clack, a County sponsored bike ride. It went in a loop beginning and ending at McIver Park. It had good attendance and was a great idea.

Adjournment: Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary