

The Villages at Mt. Hood Board of Directors Minutes

September 1, 2015

Chair George Wilson called the September 1st meeting of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 4:02 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- **Board Members Present:** Marilan Anderson, Robert Bruce, Carol Burk, Joe Mazzara, Gina Royall, George Wilson
- **Absent:**
- **Excused:**
- **Staff Present:** Kate Roth (Recording Secretary)

George Wilson reported that he received a letter from Jan Moss stating that she has decided to resign. The Board now has a vacancy and is accepting applications. Ben Bliesner indicated he was interested in applying. George Wilson said the Villages Board would have an election at an upcoming Town Hall, possibly December.

Approval of Minutes:

The August 4, 2015 Board of Directors minutes were presented for review. Carol Burk made the motion to approve the minutes. Marilan Anderson seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 6 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Joe Mazzara reported there was one deposit of \$90 and one bill for \$325 from Kate Roth for minutes. The balance is \$2,550.58.

Communications to the Board - Clackamas County Villages at Mt. Hood Pedestrian and Bikeway Implementation Plan:

George Wilson reported that Clackamas County got a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to study a path connecting the Villages. There will be a meeting on September 10. The goal is to identify bike and pedestrian needs in the community and complete a feasibility study.

Communications to the Board - Lolo Pass Draft Alternative(s) Meeting/Report:

George Wilson reported the County is studying alternatives to Lolo Pass in the event of a disaster. There will be a presentation of the draft report on October 8th at the Hoodland Fire District.

Communications to the Board - Portland Mountain Rescue Support Letter/Community Park:

George Wilson distributed copies of the letter of support to the Villages Board.

Communications to the Board - Community Park Fundraiser/Wrapitude:

George Wilson reported that he and Josh Frazier talked to Wrapitude about the idea of a fundraiser for the Park.

Chamber Report:

The Chamber of Commerce held an evening meeting in place of the morning meeting today.

Joe Mazzara and Robert Bruce met with the new owner of the Resort at the Mountain and explained what the Villages does. Joe Mazzara said the new owner is interested in meeting with the Villages Board at a later date, and that the new owner may attend a Villages meeting later.

Persons to be Heard:

Barbara and Merv Novinger from the Rhododendron Community Planning Organization (CPO) said the next CPO meeting will be on September 19th at 10 am at the Hoodland Fire Station.

Old Business - Bylaw Changes/Name Change:

George Wilson said that the Villages Board should continue reviewing the bylaws. George said his focus is the name change. The process is to announce the change to the public, then follow the process through the County.

Robert Bruce asked why change and review the bylaws now. George Wilson said it is a good time and there is a new Board. George said it is a good idea to review the bylaws from time to time. Robert Bruce asked when George would like to have the review done, and George said by December.

Joe Mazzara said the changes would go through the County Commission, but he thought that Public and Government Affairs (PGA) seems reluctant to allow the change. George Wilson said that he thought the Villages Board should continue to push the name change. Merv Novinger asked if this related to the CPO issue, and George said it is about the Villages Board not the CPO.

Old Business - Debrief August Town Hall Meeting:

George Wilson reported there was good turnout. He said 138 people signed in and that it looked like there was a total of 170 people. He said that it was a record for the Villages. He said the presentation from Ben Bliesner was excellent. Robert Bruce said there was a good variety of ages of people attending. Gena Royall suggested that the Villages talk to the high school government class if they want to get more young people involved. Joe Mazzara said County Commissioner Martha Schrader said she would help if she can, and that Commissioner Schrader encouraged the Villages to write letters to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) asking for support for the park. Joe Mazzara asked if the Villages had received a bill from the Resort yet, and George Wilson said no.

Marilan Anderson asked if the December Town Hall would be at the Resort, and George said yes. Kate Roth asked if there was a date for the Town Hall. George Wilson said it was not yet scheduled. Carol Burk suggested holding it in November. George Wilson asked everyone to check their schedules, and Marilan Anderson suggested talking to the Resort to see about availability. Carol Burk said the date should be no later than the first week of December. Robert Bruce and George Wilson suggested another evening Town Hall. Gena Royall suggested holding it on December 1 in place of the Board of Directors meeting. Joe Mazzara said December 2nd was a forum on marijuana. Marilan Anderson asked if food should be at the Town Hall, and George Wilson said yes.

New Business - Reformation of Hoodland Corridor Community Planning Organization (CPO):

George Wilson said that he sent out the County's guidelines on reforming a CPO to the Villages Board.

Barbara and Marv Novinger said that the Rhododendron CPO is a small group and that they have been involved for 15 years. Don Mench said he is not on the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO Board but he does stay aware of what is happening.

Barbara Novinger asked about the CPO reformation and who would serve. George Wilson said the CPO would be totally separate from the Villages Board, and that different people would be involved. Carol Burk said there was interest in reforming the CPO so someone could handle land use issues. Carol Burk said the CPO Board should have different people than the Villages Board.

Carol Burk said she spoke with the head of the Government Camp CPO and said that Nick may attend a future Villages meeting.

Don Mench asked the Villages Board to clarify who would be the CPO Board, and George Wilson said the CPO Board would be totally different people. Don Mench asked if the Villages wanted to stay the Villages, and George said yes. George Wilson said that the CPO needs to be separate from the Villages and have different people.

Don Mench said that the Mt Hood Corridor CPO is not active. He said that any person can comment on land use applications, and that he still does.

George Wilson said he invited the County up to help answer questions, but no one could attend. George Wilson asked Don Mench if he knew of anyone who wants to reactivate the CPO.

Don Mench said the County designed Villages and Hamlets to be separate from CPOs. George Wilson said the Villages Board has no intention of acting as or being the CPO. George said he thinks the Villages Board wants an active and functioning CPO. George said the Villages will talk to the County to get more information about the Mt Hood Corridor CPO's status.

A community member said she would like to meet those who are interested in joining the CPO. Another community member, Jane, said it was good to see interested people.

Don Mench said Dave Fulton is still the Chair and is interested. Don said that the hot button issues are what drive interest. Don said that there are still people following land use issues even though the CPO is not active. Don said there is still an ongoing lawsuit.

George Wilson said he tried to contact Dave Fulton to invite him to the meeting, but he did not make contact with him.

Carol Burk asked if was possible to dissolve the old group and reform a new group, and George Wilson said he thought it was possible.

Barbara Novinger and George Wilson asked if people thought it was good to have a CPO. Don Mench said it was good, and helps keeps people active. Don said that activity can drive issues. Don said the Villages has filled some space for interest on civics.

Marv Novinger said that having a recognized group gave everyone a little more power.

George Wilson asked if there was a minimum number of Board members needed for a CPO. Don said no.

George Wilson said the next steps are to talk to the County to clarify the status of the CPO, to get more information, and then talk to Gary Schmidt and the BCC. Joe Mazzara suggested talking to Mike McAllister from Planning.

CPO Liability Insurance:

Marilan Anderson said that her research indicated that a group needed to be formed before insurance could be obtained. Robert Bruce said he was concerned about getting liability insurance before reforming or joining a CPO Board.

Committee Reports - Neighborhood Watch:

Joe Mazzara reported there will be a September meeting at the Church on the Mountain. Joe has a lot of material to distribute. Joe said there is some money for materials. He will get more notices in the newspaper. Jane asked if Joe had neighborhood watch signs, and Joe said yes.

Committee Reports - Marijuana Land Use Laws Committee Update:

Joe Mazzara reported the County has a one year moratorium. He said the Board of County Commissioners is holding a forum on September 24th at 6 pm. He said there is still a lot of confusion and there are a lot of location problems. He said concerns include safety, security, and lighting. Merv Novinger asked about grows, and Joe Mazzara said grows are allowed with a license. Joe said there are problems with individual grows. Joe Mazzara said the Oregon Health Authority regulates medical marijuana, and Joe explained his concerns about the cards for medical marijuana. Joe said he has attended lots of meetings and provided testimony. Joe said it is a question of control.

Don Mench said he disagrees with Joe. Don Mench said there are varied opinions in the community. Don said there are good things, many new opinions, and some advantages. Don said he would like to talk with Joe later.

Jane said to be careful when you are representing the community and when you are representing yourself.

Don Mench said there are questions about whether or not grows could be allowed in RRFF zoning, and that it was a land use decision process.

Joe Mazzara said he was presenting a committee report not his opinion. Carol Burk added that there are cost savings in not arresting so many people. George Wilson said we need to respect the law and have all the information on the table. Don Mench said that Joe should draw a clear line between his personal opinion and his role as a Board member on a committee. Don said that Colorado has a tracking system for its program, and that the OLCC will be in charge in Oregon.

Don Mench thanked the Villages for an opportunity to speak, and said he needed to leave. HE said the Villages have come a long way.

Joe Mazzara said he felt he was being attacked and that he does not want to give any more committee reports.

Gena Royall said that Don was not attacking Joe. Gena said that Joe has a professional opinion as well. Carol Burk said that it needs to be clear during a committee report what is the report and what is personal opinion.

Committee Reports - Mt. Hood Bicycle/Pedestrian Coalition:

George Wilson said that he got through to the next phase on the County Tourism Grant. He said he got feedback, and that he will need other funding sources. George will be updating the grant application.

George Wilson said that the orientation for the Clackamas County Cultural Arts Grant will be on September 2 in Oregon City.

Committee Reports - QT Front Line Staff Training:

Carol Burk said that she needs to do more research. She talked to Travel Oregon. Carol is going to apply for TAP funding in January.

Carol Burk said a concern is how she will gather people together for training. George Wilson suggested setting up or sponsoring a class. Carol Burk said the question is how do you get people to attend, and she suggested it could be a resume booster. Carol said she is going to talk to businesses. Ben Bliesner suggested talking to the high school.

Board Member Comment:

Carol Burk said she hopes George Wilson can talk to Joe Mazzara.

Marv Novinger suggested the Villages talk to Steve Graeper about the CPO issue.

Adjournment: Chair George Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

