

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Minutes
September 2, 2008

Chair Bob Reeves called the September monthly meeting of the Villages at Mount Hood board meeting to order at 4:03 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Pat Buckley, Nancy Dougherty, Judith Norval, Brigitte Romeo, Shirley Dueber
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Excused: Robert Baker, Rick Applegate
- Staff Present: Christine Roth (county staff), Kate Roth (recording secretary)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from August were presented for review. Judith Norval moved to approve the August minutes as amended and Nancy Dougherty seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Dougherty presented the Treasurer's Report, which stated that the Villages had received \$500, and the Villages have paid for the next five town halls.

Communications:

The board received an e-mail from Pamela Ashland, who is a member of the library board, which was clarifying representation from the Hoodland area on the library board. Christine Roth added that she talked to Doris Grolbert, the library director, about the library board member from the Hoodland area and they discussed how any future members could report to the Villages board.

County Liaison's Report

1. The Scenic Byways Interpretative Plan and Design Guidelines were presented to the Board. There was also information about an upcoming meeting and an invitation to attend them as well.
2. A political and legal activities memo was presented to the Board. Christine clarified that this was not a result of the Villages, but it was the result of another hamlet's activities. She asked for feedback on the guidelines. The intent of the

memo is to inform the villages and hamlets that the county could like to be aware of any standings, appeals, etc. for legal reasons. The guidelines in the memo could become policy if the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) chooses to pursue that option. Judith Norval asked how conflicts with board members would be resolved under the memo. Christine Roth also asked for comments from the Board and anyone else.

- a. Communications between the BCC and the Board were also discussed. The Board of Directors asked for more information from the BCC, specifically upcoming meetings.
3. Letter of Intent – Christine updated the Board on the process of the letter of intent for the Main Street Program.

Unfinished Business

1. Main Street Program – Brigitte Romeo had a meeting with Robert Baker and Jamie Johnk from the County. The possibility of a meeting with the Chamber was also discussed.
2. Policy Manual – Christine Roth and Bob Reeves have had meetings about concerning the manual. They will soon send a rough draft to the Board of Directors. The manual will be discussed at the September Work Session.
3. October Town Hall
 - a. Nancy Dougherty updated the Board as to who had been invited. The four people running for the Board of County Commissioners have been invited, Shelly Redinger will be speaking about the school bond measure, and as have the candidates for Oregon House District 52.
 - b. There have been no applications for the vacant spot on the Board, so there is no new update on an election.
 - c. A discussion about inviting the Secretary of State candidates followed. There was a concern over time for each invitee to speak and the board decided that if the candidates were invited they would be apprised of the short time they would have to speak.
 - d. Christine Chin Ryan will moderate the Town Hall. Again there will be written questions and a plan to give the public a chance to ask questions later in the meeting.

Board Member Applications

No applications have been submitted or requested. If no one applies, there would be either an appointed member/ interim appointment or a February election.

Board Member Comments

- ❖ Bob Reeves thanked Larry Berteau from the Mountain Times for the survey on the library measure.
- ❖ Shirley Dueber presented the new Mountain Express Line schedule. The new changes for Barlow Trail Road route were also presented.
 - Bob Reeves added that the ridership was up, and that ODOT had contacted people for service up to Government Camp for employees. Currently another bus is needed, as well as more money.

- ❖ Nancy Dougherty asked about the Chamber of Commerce meeting, and how local groups can answer questions on the mountain.
 - Todd stated that the Oregon City information center currently answers the phone questions, but that there were two information centers in Government Camp, and an information center at WyEast Bookstore that is privately funded and run. The Sandy Chamber and the Forest Service get public money for the centers.
 - Brigitte Romeo stated that TAP and Linda Bell wanted the phone number kept the same, which is why someone in Oregon City is answering the phone and providing information.
 - Todd also added that a visitor portal is going to be built. It will have \$700,000 for the Forest Service.
 - Gary stated that there is a need for a centralized visitor center.
- ❖ The Forest Service in Zig Zag is moving into new buildings and some of the old ones are becoming an interpretative center.
- ❖ Pat Buckley and Nancy Dougherty have a water issues meeting on Friday with David Jacob, a local civil engineer.

Any Persons to Be Heard

- ❖ Nancy added that people want information on where to eat and stay. Gary Randall added that there is a need for a good, easy to find visitor center, and a need for local involvement.
 - There was a discussion about if the Villages board should contact the BCC about a visitor center, and that they would like to work with the Chamber.
 - Nancy Dougherty mentioned using an old building as the central building. The board decided to draft a letter for the September 11th meeting that could be reviewed and later presented to the Chamber. Nancy Dougherty made a motion to draft the letter and Brigitte Romeo seconded it. The motion passed, 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
- ❖ Kirk presented his ideas on a recycling center. His goal is to have a fully attended center that recycles metal and other materials. He presented his plan of where to draw people from, how he would like to proceed in terms of buildings and also provided information on recycling licenses.
 - The board thanked him for his presentation and asked a few questions. They invited him to find a location, further develop a business plan and later come back with more details.
- ❖ Pat Sharp talked to the board about the Community Garden. She presented the schedule to the board (when to plant, when it would be ready), and asked that they be considered as a sub-committee of the Villages. She also expressed why they would like to become a subcommittee as opposed to a non-profit organization. Judith Norval moved to accept the Garden as a subcommittee, and Shirley Dueber seconded. The Board made the condition that someone would report to them at Board meetings. The vote passed, 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
- ❖ Gary updated the board about the postal cancellation. Brightwood lost their postmaster, so there is a need to work with them again, but the other postmasters are still on board.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Roth
Recording Secretary

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