

VILLAGES AT MOUNT HOOD WORK SESSION

Notes
December 11, 2008

Chair Bob Reeves called the December work session of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mount Hood to order at approximately 3 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Robert Baker, Pat Buckley, Nancy Dougherty, Judith Norval, Pat Sharp, Shirley Dueber
- ❖ Excused: Rick Applegate, Brigette Romeo
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present: Christine Roth (County Liaison)

Approval of Work Session Notes:

The notes from the November work session were presented for review. Judith Norval moved to approve the notes and Nancy Dougherty seconded. Vote: approved, 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Discuss annual Report to Board of County Commissioners (BCC):

- ❖ Bob Reeves asked the Board to consider how they would like to do their report to the BCC. He'd also like the Board to consider format and that there will likely be two or three new Commissioners. A brief opening statement and then a report on committees is part of what he would like to see. A report on the Committees demonstrates a longer-term focus as well as a short-term focus on current problems.
 - One example of a working committee could be the Library Committee.
 - Christine Roth talked to Doris Grolbert (Clackamas County Library Director) and the Library District was passed by the biggest margin in the area of the Villages.
 - Judith Norval asked about information on the new Intergovernmental Agreement. Christine Roth said the disbursement documents (for the simplest libraries) were being drawn up and are almost ready. The issue of a community member serving on the Library Board for Sandy was also addressed.
 - Pat Sharp would like to see who is on which Committees and which Committees exist. Board members then went around and mentioned which Committees they serve on and what each does.
 - Signage and Main Street Program work was mentioned as one of the more important topics, as well as law enforcement. Christine Roth said the BCC was pleased by the work the Villages have done with the Main Street Program. Jamie Johnk sent Christine Roth samples of fliers and postcards that can be used for sending out.

- ❖ Nancy Dougherty would like to see the BCC invited up to the Mt. Hood for lunch. She will also reexamine her report to the BCC from last year to help the Board remember what was said and the format.
 - Christine Roth had talked to Jim Bernard and Charlotte Lehan and they were willing to come up to the Mountain.
- ❖ Robert Baker inquired about if the Villages wanted a written or an oral report. Bob Reeves stated that a written report could be sent ahead of time for the BCC to prepare before they get the oral report. Christine Roth will send the Board a copy of last year's report. The Board also asked about how much time they would get with the BCC and they will figure on an hour or so.

Rural area funding for Law Enforcement

Robert Baker's draft letter about rural funding for rural area law enforcement was debated. He presented what had been written and then there was a dialogue about the letter.

- ❖ Bob Reeves announced that there is to be a new Deputy for the Mountain area. He is from the Mountain, though he has not been working up here.
- ❖ Robert Baker made a few corrections to the letter, which was in a packet for Board members, and informed the Board about what was changed. Robert argues this is important because Mount Hood Patrol is a local patrol group (privately held) that he uses, and he shared an experience of how the Sheriff's Department did not work well with them. He also shared a letter from Bob Thurman about an experience of his.
 - He feels that it needs to be clear that a police presence is the biggest deterrent to crimes and speeders. He'd also like to see the letter be written with the whole Board in agreement. Ideally, Robert Baker would prefer to have the letter handed to the BCC by either himself or Christine Roth.
 - One key point was to use fines to pay for increased patrols so that it was not funded by extra taxes.
 - There were also debated about how you persuade the Sheriff's Department to go along with the plan.
- ❖ Pat Buckley wanted to impress the idea that the Board should like to pursue the Patrol increase even if the BCC does not do anything.
 - Bob Reeves got some information from the neighborhood watch from the Sheriff's office about how Deputies are distributed. Additionally the Villages place in that was explained.
 - The meeting was well attended and there was concern over whether people from areas that have been broken into came.
- ❖ The topic of the County budget was also mentioned because the next budget is being developed. 80 percent of funds remaining after the dedicated money has been removed is reserved for the Sheriff's Department.
- ❖ Bob Reeves would like to see all possible ways for increased patrols be pursued whether it is enhanced district or the proposed manner. He also reminded the Board that while the BCC does not control the Sheriff's Department, they do control money. He'd like to see the Board work with both the Sheriff and BCC.
- ❖ The Urban Unincorporated Enhanced Law Enforcement District was also brought up as an example of what does or does not work.

- ❖ Pat Sharp appreciated all the hard work that people have done. She thought that the concept was novel and useful. She also mentioned working through the state as different from working with the BCC or the Sheriff's Department. She thought that the Sheriff might be more willing to work with people if they can persuade him through numbers and what could happen with changed patrols. Her approach would be to work with the Sheriff's Department first.
- ❖ Pat Sharp also asked about talking with other unincorporated areas and seeing if they are willing to work with the Villages to pursue increased patrols as a group of areas.
 - Nancy Dougherty asked about working with Government Camp and seeing if they have problems.
- ❖ One key point to Bob Reeves was to keep up pressure on the County to do something and to continue a dialog.
- ❖ Judith Norval asked about if the Sandy Police would have any sort of agreement with the Villages area and the Sheriff.
 - Robert Baker felt that there was no agreement because Sandy is understaffed and does not have the money.
- ❖ There were other examples of creative use of groups in tough budget times and tough law enforcement situations. Robert Baker talked about an Oregonian article about a different small town.
- ❖ Pat Sharp pointed out the traffic safety versus crime theme in the letter. She would like to see a clearer definition of theme and more weaving of them together.
 - Robert Baker clarified what he meant. Also, he talked about how the two are similar and different. He also talked about the ODOT grant for the State Police and how many tickets they could write.
 - Bob Reeves also explained the difference between State Police and Highway Patrol, as well as the authority that the State Police has.
- ❖ Bob Reeves would like to see the letter wake up the BCC to the issue. His main point is that he would just like an answer back on letters.
 - Christine Roth ran into Linda Bell (Clackamas County tourism) today and Linda said that she had just submitted her response to the letter. Linda was asked for input for the BCC's response.
 - Judith Norval would like to see the Board say to the BCC that they sent this letter and it was handed off, so now what do they do.
- ❖ The letter will likely be also sent to the Sheriff's department.
- ❖ Nancy Dougherty would like to see Robert Baker present the letter if anyone is to present the letter. Pat Buckley agreed and would like to see Robert's name on the letter.
- ❖ Pat Buckley talked about crime prevention and a different meeting.
- ❖ A neighborhood watch was discussed and the point was raised that it would be difficult to establish because of how many renters there are. There are also many people who are not around enough.

New Commissioner

- ❖ Bob Reeves placed this item on the agenda so the Board could talk about it and see if there is anyone that could represent the rural area. There was an idea about if the Board would write a letter encouraging the BCC to support a rural person who is also not a former mayor. Bob Reeves would like to see Board consensus before writing a letter.

- Robert Baker thought that it was the right idea.
- Christine Roth said that the application deadline has passed and there were about 30 people who had complete applications as far as she knows.
- ❖ Nancy Dougherty and Pat Buckley wanted to emphasize rural and unincorporated areas as where a candidate could come from.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ The Complete Communities Congress VI will be on the 15th of May, which is the day the Board would usually do their elections. The alternative is to change the date of the Town Hall to a week later. Consensus of the Board is to move the date to the 23rd.
 - Robert Baker announced that he has decided not to run in May.
- ❖ The Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) met last Thursday and decided to allow the Hamlets and Villages to have a seat on the Committee. They will have a spot along with cities and large special districts. In the beginning there will be one seat for the program.
 - Robert Baker thought this was an example of the good that the Villages have done and how they have made themselves into a better organization. He also thought that it was due to the effort of people like Christine Roth who he says has been invaluable to the Board.
- ❖ A potential new idea is that rural areas need to be more represented for road projects and Christine and her boss are working on a way to address the issue. She is considering forming a group of unincorporated areas as well as Villages and Hamlets so that rural transportation projects can be discussed and ranked.
- ❖ Christine Roth also talked about the task force on the upcoming Complete Communities Congress. They will choose topics and plan.

Board Issues:

- ❖ Bob Reeves put out a letter about policies. This will be discussed later and it concerns elections.
- ❖ The issue of participation was also addressed, specifically at Town Halls.
- ❖ Pat Buckley went to a CPO meeting and he reported about some scheduled events.
- ❖ Pat Sharp was thinking about open positions, and after talking to the community she would like to see an occasional article in the Mountain Times that could update the community on what the Board is doing. Bob Reeves said that they would have to talk to Larry Berteau about getting information into the newspaper.
- ❖ Robert Baker asked about new member procedures. Bob Reeves said that this was delayed to see what the Handbook on Villages and Hamlets would say. Christine Roth added that the handbook is on the Clackamas County website.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary