

# *Mt. Hood Corridor CPO*

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## **Monthly General Meeting**

**Minutes (unapproved)**

**February 4, 2010 7pm**

Dorman Room of the Community Center, 24500 E. Salmon River Road

Meeting called to order by Roy Bellows, President, at 7:04pm

Attendance: 4 CPO Board members, Land Use Chair, Chief Eby of Hoodland Fire department, Linn Norgard, Battalion Chief and 30 citizens

The January minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Announcements:**

Clackamas County Commissioner Bob Austin wrote to thank the CPO for hosting his January visit.

A notice of denial was received for setback at 67699 E Roaring River Road,

A notice was received approving the Kip O'Conner application with several conditions

A notice was received approving cabin plans for 2317 East Autumn Lane with the condition that the county require applicant to move deck back to the high water mark.

Application Z0726-09, 28289 E. Water St., Welches, OR, was approved with conditions added.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Land Use Committee**

Don Mench exhibited a lydar map, which displays removed vegetation. One can see where old flood plain pattern was and can see where new banks and building exists

#### **Applications:**

A. There has been an extension for the application to build 9 parcels off Salmon River Road.

The CPO will submit comments supporting a 1-year extension for Application Z00460-06.

B. Applications Z0665-09-C & Z0665-098, submitted by Cascadia PM and AT&T Mobile) and Scott Michaels to build and install 150' cell tower for AT&T at 23787 Benchwood Lane. **Scott Emerson**, Director of Programs for Oregon represented Cascadia PM. (360-567-3782/ [scott.emerson@cascadiapm.com](mailto:scott.emerson@cascadiapm.com)). They are managing this tower process for AT&T Mobile.

Land owner Scott Michaels was also present. County zoning limits cell towers to 100' in this RR zoned lands. Applicants request 50' height variance.

Emerson noted that there has been no study of cell phone tower needs of the county by AT&T.

There was considerable discussion of the tower as an eyesore in the historic Barlow area as well as the probability that a tower in this location will do little to meet the needs of the Hoodland Fire Department and other emergency services.

Emerson noted they reviewed two other sites: Hoodland Fire Department, and The Resort sign at Welches Rd and HWY 26

Chief Eby stated they wanted very much to have tower at the fire station.

Concerned CPO members noted issues with eyesore in historic area, lowering property values, effected radiated power, better options for sites and collocation possibilities. It was also noted that the AT&T does not give the CPO and community access to an RTF Engineer and that Scott Emerson was unable to answer several questions that could be addressed by an RTF Engineer. Concerns were also expressed about whether the tower would have a light and whether there was financial bonding should there be problems with the tower or should it need to be removed at a future date.

Scott Emerson noted there is no overall plan for coverage and tower placement.

It was moved by Calvin Bertram and duly seconded that the CPO urge Clackamas County to deny any variance in height as well as to this application to build the tower on the current sight. Moreover, Clackamas County should urge AT&T to explore other site possibilities with CPO representatives and that any towers in residential areas should meet ZDO height requirements. The motion passed: 19 for; 4 against; 3 abstentions.

Mike Gudge moved and it was duly seconded that the CPO ask AT&T to withdraw current cell tower applications and investigate other locations for better service for the community, including meeting with RTF engineer. The motion carried For: 20 Against: 0

Don Mench moved and it was duly seconded that comments by Dave Fulton be submitted for the CPO regarding this application. The motion carried For: 19 Against: 0

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There will be a revision of the code for home occupation hosting events and other general provisions on Monday Feb. 8. Decision Feb. 18.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Don Mench reported on the upcoming Timber sale Curveball-Wildcat Mountain to Log 55 acres in 2 units of about 15 and 25 acres. The estimated value is \$600,000

It was moved and seconded that the land use committee draft and send CPO asking that some of that money be returned to invest in our community. Motion carried 20 to 0.

Changes to the land use ordinance are expected on March 8 involving water systems and resources. CPO members are welcome to review these changes with the Land Use Committee. Another area involves transportation.

### **There were no new items for the March agenda**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Janine Bertram