

Mt. Hood Corridor CPO

Monthly General Meeting June 3, 2010 7pm MINUTES (unapproved)

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

In Attendance: 2 Board members, 2 Committee Chairs, 5 members (9 eligible CPO voters), plus guest Wilber Akins (who is doing the 12 acre clear cut off of E. Lolo Pass Road).

Dave Fulton, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously.

1. The agenda was modified in order to have our guest, Wilbur Akins, of Mt. Tree, Inc., discuss with us the clear cut between E. Lolo Pass Rd and Clear Creek. The Oregon Department of Forestry had issued a notification allowing the clear cut from the road to within 100 feet of the Clear Creek. At which time, the State will specify the clearing of trees within 100 foot watershed. An informative and interesting discussion ensued with Mr. Akins agreeing to work the neighbors and to check with the owner about remaining firewood possibilities.

2. Announcement of County and other correspondence

The hours of operation of the 2nd floor Permits Lobby in the County's Development Services Building were reduced to 9am to 4pm, Monday thru Thursday, effective June 1st. This change is primarily in response to the significantly reduction in fees from the slower economy.

There was notice of celebration at Barlow Trail Park for June 5th. Mitch Williams advised that the cancellation of the opening day of the Barlow park site & BLM mountain bike trails (Sandy Ridge Trail System). The BLM cancelled (county followed their lead) due to the need for extensive repairs to mountain bike trail system. Lot's of use , lot's of rain , with no cure time for new trails. Following the meeting Mitch provided this information - the Sandy Ridge Trails will have partial lower trail opening June 18th, with all trails (upper) by July 20th.

Dave Fulton read the response received by the CPO by Mike McCallister, Planning Manager, from the questions and concerns raised by our citizens at our May meeting with Chair Lynn Petersen and Mike McCallister. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to invite, Gary Barth (who is Dan Zinzer's replacement), from the County to come and speak with us at our next meeting regarding the County's management of their forest lands in our area. Our CPO is seeking more involvement in the management planning of forest lands.

We also received notice from Cascade Crossing Transmission Project discussing the project overview with a map, purpose and need, as well as the Federal and State review process. There will be a public hearing in Oregon City on June 23rd. No CPO action was taken.

3. Treasurer's report - Dave Fulton, Treasurer, reported that In April we had \$327.60 and received \$7 in refreshment donations. The current balance is \$334.60.

4. Committee Reports: Boards, Standing and Special-

LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT: Don Mench reported on the status of the O'Conner application. The County's final decision was appealed by Mr. O'Conner and there is a late July appeal date.

5. Unfinished Business

County had issued proposed amendments to all sections of the ZDO to incorporate more sustainable development practices. There has been no update to report from the last meeting.

The County's Social Services Division is preparing to perform a community assessment, called "engage in Community Project". More information on this initiative will be coming.

The status of Z0251-10 (Land swap with the Forest Service) is pending a conditional use permit for the water reservoir. The swap cannot proceed until this permit is issued and no hearing date has been set.

6. New Business

The issue of tree cutting (including clear cuts) was discussed with some citizens reporting to the CPO about the cutting of trees by neighbors in the past month. At this time we were unable to identify any specific code violations.

Don Mench raised the concern about the proposed land swap in the Bull Run between the city of Portland and the Forest Service/BLM). Reportedly our CPO will have time to respond to the proposed swap if we decide to do so at a later meeting.

7. Announcements

Mitch Williams discussed a class in Sandy on invasive species concentrating on the second tier. He showed a great looking, laminated booklet that has descriptions and photographs of about 10 more invasive species of which we should be aware. He indicated that we may be able to have the class given in our area. We hope to learn more for our next meeting.

8. Adjournment—8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Fulton, Treasurer