

RHODODENDRON CPO

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2011

Zig Zag Inn

Open Meeting

Chair Sharon Lamoreaux called the meeting to order at 10:34AM. There were eight people attending including three guests and it was determined a quorum was present. Lamoreaux welcomed all.

Read Minutes

Lamoreaux asked for a review of the minutes. Lamoreaux indicated that the minutes had been posted at the Post Office and distributed by e-mail for all to review. **There was a motion and second to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.** The Chair then asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes that had been distributed. Carol Haugk indicated that her name should be changed from Barbara. **There was a motion and second to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.**

Treasures Report

Co-Treasurers Merv and Barbara Novinger were not present and the Chair reported that the checking balance from the Bank Statement as of last meeting was \$794.54. There was discussion about the \$250.00 that was in the account that is dedicated to the garden and it was concluded that there is currently no designation in the garden for those funds. No Treasures report was submitted for audit.

Old Business

CPO Continuation and Boundary Change

The chair reminded the group of the action that passed at last CPO meeting: to move forward with the expansion of the CPO boundary. The chair called on CPO Secretary, Steve Graeper, to give a progress report.

Graeper reported there had been questions as to exactly what the boundary changes would look like on a map. Since last meeting, Graeper has been working with Clackamas County and the County GIS Cartographers to produce a map of the proposed boundaries. While describing the existing and the proposed boundaries, he presented the completed map.

Discussion included what the population numbers would be if the boundary change were to take effect. Graeper indicated that the population of homes within the current CPO boundary, which excludes the Faubion Loop and Woodlands areas, was somewhere close to 250 homes. With the addition of those two areas, as well as the Forest Service cabins, the population would likely increase to somewhere close to 815 homes. He based his numbers on the 365 homes currently within the bounds of the Rhododendron Water Association and the 450 or so homes within the Mt. Hood Forest Cabin Owners Association (MHFHA). Discussion also revolved around the need to remove the stereotype of Rhododendron CPO being a "Social Club", as some claim it is now. With a greater population base there may be more who wish to participate. There were also comments made that by expanding the boundaries, RCPO could have a better chance to become a greater voice within the county as the CPO relates to issues involving the entire Mt. Hood area and that it was important to the entire community to make Rhododendron a viable and stronger CPO.

Graeper indicated that he has had difficulties contacting the Government Camp CPO to get their input regarding the proposed boundary change. There were also comments made about how

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much difficulty other groups have had communicating with Government Camp CPO and that MHFHA has had little contact them as well.

Graeper outlined the next steps as; getting in touch with the Government Camp CPO; scheduling times to attend the MHFHA Annual meeting and a MHC-CPO meeting; getting an article into the Mountain Times requesting public comment; and asking for community input via fliers and having a community meeting.

There was also discussion about increasing the number of meetings to monthly rather than quarterly. It was pointed out that, to have a meeting just for meeting sake, would be unproductive.

Rhododendron Roadside Sign Committee update

Chair Lamoreaux reported on the sign committee progress. Lamoreaux has contacted ODOT and Marlene Nichols regarding issues the committee may need to resolve. Nichols indicated there was already a group formed called the Oregon Scenic Byway committee and they have published a document called the Mt. Hood National Scenic Byway Interpretive Plan Design Guidelines. This group may have additional resources regarding funding for a sign for Rhododendron. Lamoreaux has tried to contact the group and after some initial conversations with the group contact, a lady named Janine, she has not had any further conversations.

The committee was directed to make further contact with the Mt. Hood National Scenic Byway group and find out what parameters Rhododendron can work with. It was also suggested that the group investigate other possible alternatives like contacting the Mountain Express Bus committee to investigate a possible Gazebo idea and incorporate a Bus Stop along with a sign near the garden.

Rhododendron Memorial Garden update

No report. Merv & Barbara Novinger are out of town and not much has transpired regarding the garden due to winter weather. Carol Haugk expressed her concern with the grass and weeds in the garden. Much discussion yielded many ideas with little decided.

New Business

Nomination for officers and board members for 2011-12

Lamoreaux opened the meeting to nominations for the Board and Executive officers. She indicated that she, Nancy Dougherty, Jason Johnson and Merv and Barbara Novinger are willing to be nominated. Kevin Liburdy nominated Sharon, Nancy, Steve, Jason, Merv and Barbara and Michele Lamoreaux. Steve Graeper nominated Kevin. Graeper explained the concept behind a unanimous consent ballot. He listed the ballot consisting of Sharon Lamoreaux as President, Nancy Dougherty as Vice President, Merv & Barbara Novinger as co-Treasurers, Steve Graeper as Secretary and Kevin Liburdy, Jason Johnson and Michele Lamoreaux as Board members at large. Since there were no contested positions and all parties had agreed to be nominated and serve, **Graeper made a motion, which was seconded to cast a Unanimous Consent Ballot. A vote was taken and the result was not unanimous. The motion failed.**

Discussion took place and Carol Haugk wished to nominate Linny Adamson or Joey Smith as historian. It was pointed out that nominees need to express their desire to serve and accept or be willing to accept a nomination. Haugk had not discussed her nominations with either party. It

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was also pointed out that the position of "Historian" was not a listed Board position and that by their very nature both individuals, Linny Adamson and Joey Smith were the CPO's "Go To" Historians already.

Graeper again made a motion, which was seconded to cast a Unanimous Consent Ballot for the nominees as listed. The motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Joint CPO meeting held on 4/2/11

Sharon Lamoreaux reported that the meeting was very informative and helpful. It was emphasized that CPO's working together where a more formidable force to effect changes then acting separately. Janine Bertram reported that for example, MHC-CPO has voted to ask Clackamas County to involve them, at an earlier stage, in the Timber Management plan. As Secretary, Graeper read the verbiage of the motion passed by MHC-CPO. Graeper then made a similar motion, which was seconded. **The motion was to have the Rhododendron CPO be involved, along with the other CPO's in the area, at an earlier part of the planning process for Timber management of county public lands. The motion passed unanimously,** after some clarifying discussion.

Janine Bertram indicated that she would send a letter to Clackamas County via Gary Barth indicating the unity of the CPO's in the area and our desire to be involved, at an earlier stage, in the Timber Management planning process.

Other New Business

Chair Lamoreaux reported that she recently received notice of a land use issue involving a Paint-Ball Park in Tualatin. After some discussion, it was decided that no action needed to be taken.

Adjournment

It was decided that the next meeting will be Saturday July 23, 2011 10:30AM at the ZigZag Inn. **There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Graeper, Secretary
Rhododendron CPO