

Rhododendron CPO Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 18th 2007

Zig Zag Inn Restaurant

OPEN MEETING

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Steve welcomed all in attendance. Seven people attended and it was determined that there was a quorum.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Sharon Lamoreaux read the meeting minutes from the July 21, 2007 meeting and the minutes were approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning balance in checking account as of July 1 – \$583.64
Annual post office dues - \$52.00
Ending balance on July 31, 2007 - \$531.64

OLD BUSINESS

A. All Ways Towing

Steve Graeper will visit the Clackamas County planning and zoning department to find out the zoning status of All Ways Towing. Susan Corwin suggested Steve speak to John Borge to find out what information he may be able to provide regarding any zoning violations. Steve thought Susan's suggestion was valid so he is going to contact John to show him photos of All Ways site and to discuss their conditional usage permit.

Sharon Lamoreaux will contact the county to verify they have the correct contact addresses since the Rhododendron CPO has not received any notice of land use issues.

B. Rhododendron Clean up sites

Don Munster, owner of the "Sign Shop" said he is cleaning up his site on the southwest side on Highway 26 in Rhododendron.

C. ODOT and Hwy. 26

President Graeper mentioned that Oregon State Highway patrol was out in force in the Rhododendron area on Saturday, August 18th and very effective in slowing traffic along Highway 26. Our efforts to encourage additional patrols and keep speeds through Rhododendron in check may be paying off.

D. All other old business

Due to time constraints and lack of participation, all other Old Business was placed on hold.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Rhododendron CPO Meeting schedule

There was discussion that due to lack of community attendance and issues to discuss, perhaps meeting quarterly would provide a more effective platform and increase attendance. A motion was made and seconded to schedule Rhododendron CPO meetings **quarterly as opposed to monthly.** The motion passed and the **next Rhododendron CPO Meeting** will be held on **October 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Zig Zag Inn.**

B. Posting of Minutes and Agendas

There was discussion regarding posting The Rhododendron CPO meeting agendas. It was agreed that all meeting agendas would be posted prior to the date of the meeting so the community can be aware of topics up for discussion. There was also discussion about e-mailing the agenda out to all e-mail addresses that the CPO has on file along with the meeting announcement.

C. Signage for Rhododendron

There was discussion about the signs notifying CPO residents of upcoming meetings as well as a sign for Rhododendron that could be placed along Hwy 26 at or near the Rhododendron Garden. Don Munster of the **"Sign Shop"** has volunteered to help create new signage for the Rhododendron area. Steve Graeper will talk to Don about the design and format for the meeting notification signs. Dan Holm and Don Munster will work together to create a design for the Rhododendron sign. Susan Corwin made the motion to proceed with the development of design options for signage for the Rhododendron area. Sharon Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Everyone in attendance agreed.

D. Villages of Mt. Hood

There was discussion revolving around concerns that the newly amended changes in the Villages of Mt. Hood By-Laws may not allow for or fairly represent the concerns and opinions of the citizens of Rhododendron. Originally, Rhododendron agreed to join the Villages of Mt Hood because it was believed that it was a means to support the voice of the citizens of Rhododendron. With the new By-Laws, it seems that this may now be threatened. The original By-Laws for the Villages at Mt. Hood mandated that the area CPO's be represented on the Villages Board of Directors. With the new By-Laws, there is now the possibility that at some time in the future Rhododendron might not have any representation on the Villages Board. Due to this concern there was discussion about the possibility of Rhododendron dissolving it's relationship with the Villages of Mt. Hood.

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D. Villages of Mt. Hood (continued)

Some Discussion ensued regarding the roles of CPO's and those of Villages and Hamlets. It was pointed out that The Rhododendron CPO and CPO's in general were established to make the community aware of land use issues. Villages and Hamlets were created by the County to serve as an advisory platform to express the opinions, needs and concerns of the communities they represent to the Clackamas County Commissioners in Oregon City.

The question's are:

"Is Rhododendron fairly represented?"

"Is it in Rhododendron's best interest to remain a part of the Villages at Mt. Hood?"

"What are the steps necessary to secede from the Villages at Mt. Hood should that be the consensus?"

"Would Rhododendron wish to become a Village or Hamlet by it self?"

Dan Holm made the motion to discuss these concerns with the community at the next CPO meeting in October. Sheri Holm seconded the motion and all in attendance agreed.

***If you have an opinion regarding these concerns, it is highly recommended you attend the next Rhododendron CPO meeting
October 20 2007
Zig Zag Inn.***

ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Lamoreaux made the motion to adjourn and Sheri Holm seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lamoreaux, Secretary