



October 6, 2010

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners;

The Board of Directors of The Villages at Mt Hood has been advised by community request and a subsequent Town Hall meeting to resend a letter dated August 4, 2009. This letter is attached.

The purpose of resending this letter is to remind you of the contribution and importance of the unfunded travel information services provided by the Wy'East Bookstore during the last 2 years.

As you may know, there is a potential lawsuit involving the county and Wy'East Bookstore that involves funding for past services. This funding issue and subsequent discussions of the issue have received considerable media coverage in our local newspapers.

At our regular board meeting of September 7 the Villages board was asked to resend this letter. 32 community members were present at this board meeting (our usual attendance is 2-8 community members). Four of those present were opposed to the request and the others were in favor. Because of the potential lawsuit, three board members abstained from voting on the request. It was then decided to hold a Town Hall meeting to gauge community support.

The Town Hall meeting was held on September 23rd. One hundred seventeen verified community citizens attended. This was the largest attendance a Villages meeting has ever had. The meeting was publicized using our local Chamber of Commerce communication system, other e-mail mailing lists, the Sandy Post newspaper, our web site and public postings. The vote at the Town Hall meeting was 110 to 6 in favor of resending the letter. Citizens also requested that the board make the commissioners aware of their disappointment that a county representative did not attend this meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Doug Saldivar
Chairman, Villages of Mt Hood