

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes
November 4, 2008

Chair Bob Reeves called the November monthly meeting of the Villages at Mount Hood board meeting to order at 4:05 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Nancy Dougherty, Judith Norval, Robert Baker, Pat Buckley, Rick Applegate, Shirley Dueber
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Excused: Brigette Romeo
- Staff Present: Christine Roth (county staff), Kate Roth (recording secretary)

Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Minutes from September were presented for review. Shirley Dueber moved to approve the September minutes and Nancy Dougherty seconded. Vote: approved, 6 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – abstain (Rick Applegate).
- ❖ Minutes from October were presented for review. Shirley Dueber moved to approve the September minutes and Judith Norval seconded. Vote: approved: 5 – yes, 0 – no, 2 – abstain (Rick Applegate, Shirley Dueber).

New Business: Board Member Applications

Pat Sharp's application to be the interim board member was presented to the board for review. Judith Norval moved to accept Pat Sharp's application and appoint her as the interim board member. Rick Applegate seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain. Her application had been sent to the Board of County Commissioners and was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Dougherty presented the Treasurer's Report, which stated that the second quarter check had been deposited. Board members asked a few clarifying questions about how much money was in the bank and if the reservations for the Town Hall meeting space were for this year.

Communications:

- ❖ No letters to the board were received according to Judith Norval.
- ❖ The letter drafted to the Board of County Commissioners, Tourism and others that was previously approved was brought up for review. The letter was not sent because the BCC were not in the office and Christine Roth wanted to have the Commissioners read the letter promptly after the receipt.

- Rick Applegate was concerned about the letter because he feels a privately run center would be better. Additionally he was concerned about the zoning of the building where the previous Visitor's Center at the RV Village is.
- The Board continued to discuss what type of zoning was at the RV Village and whether the zoning could be changed.
- Robert Baker stated that this was first sent as an explanation and that they were simply asking for a consideration from the BCC.
- George Wilson asked how the letter relates to Sandy Palmer and the WyEast bookstore and how it could impact her business.
- Carol Burk, Chamber of Commerce President, added in her perspective and talked with Rick about signage, what has been done and what could be done.
- Bob DuBiel added that the letter was only asking for considerations, and that Kathleen Walker from the U.S. Forest Service had been at the Chamber meeting earlier and she had said the U.S.F.S. has \$350,000 for development.
- Bill Westbrook from the Forest Service added that the Forest Service was working on a plan to develop their buildings at the Zig Zag Ranger Station and that there is a possibility of \$1 million in capital improvements and infrastructure that could aid the Forest Service's Zig Zag Visitor's Center.
- Bob talked about the problem of the 800 number in Oregon City. He as also was concerned about service to tourists at Wy East and the information. Rick Applegate said that one problem was missing signage, and Judith Norval felt there was no space for RV's at the shopping center.
- ❖ The Board made a motion to send the letter. The vote was: approved, 5 – yes, 2- no, 1 – abstain.
 - Pat Sharp added that a government-run versus public Visitor's Center was a wholly different issue. She thought the Board should talk to the BCC.
 - Shirley Dueber felt that there should be some sort of study over the number of visitor's at each of the other centers. She would like to see a Center in the community where local businesses' needs are met.
 - There was also a concern over the local number for tourism not being answered. The Chamber of Commerce is looking into ownership of the number and if the Chamber can get the number back.
 - Sandy Palmer, owner of the WyEast store, stated that there were problems with other funded centers elsewhere. She thought the weight was being carried elsewhere. Additionally she would like the Board to at least acknowledge her effort at providing tourism information and thinks she and WyEast have done quite well.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ The Development Services Building (DSB) is now open. Moving is ongoing and Sunnybrook Services are moving to the new DSB. The DSB is located next to the Public Services Building in Oregon City. Phone numbers for offices in the DSB will be eventually changing.

- ❖ The election is night and there will be two new commissioners at the end of the night. The fifth commissioner will be appointed and there is a desire to see that commissioner be from east county and rural. The new commissioners will start January 1st.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Policy Manual:

- a. The Board is prepared to be formally adopting the policy manual.
 - i. A few minor corrections were noted: page number corrections.
 - ii. At a future Work Session the idea of an attendance policy will be discussed.
 - iii. The “rule” section on each page will be removed.
- b. Judith Norval moved to approve the policy manual as amended (as corrected), and Robert Baker seconded. Vote: yes – 8, 0 – no, 0 – abstain. The motion carries.

2. Main Street Program Update

- a. There was an organizational meeting before the Board meeting today. A work plan is being drafted and will be ready in one week.
- b. The Chamber of Commerce and local businesses have been involved.
- c. Pat asked if TAP and the Byways are on the same page? Christine Roth replied not yet.

New Business: Annual Report to the BCC

- ❖ The Board would think about what they wanted to say and would discuss it in more depth during the Work Session. The committee would need to decide how to report.
- ❖ The Board would like to see the BCC come up to a meeting, and it would be more likely to occur after there are five commissioners.
- ❖ The Board decided to invite Commissioner Bill Kennemer and Cherie McGinnis to the December meeting to recognize their work and dedication.

Board Member Comments:

- ❖ Robert Baker wanted to state that he had been absent because of Red Cross work. Secondly he would like to see a discussion in a work session of legislation concerning law enforcement in rural and unincorporated areas. Also, he and Pat Buckley met with Craig Roberts at a previous time. There was also a small discussion on traffic counts affecting speed limits.
- ❖ Nancy Dougherty would like to see a discussion of Government Camp’s signage at the Work Session.
- ❖ Judith Norval would like to see the discussion of law enforcement and legislation occur during a work session as well. Christine Roth suggested the Board talk to Commissioner Peterson since she has an interest in transportation.
- ❖ Bob Reeves said that a previous problem with the grocery store and a liquor problem have been handed to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Any Persons To Be Heard:

- ❖ Bob DuBiel added that the new Mount Hood Community College President spoke at the Chamber meeting. He also suggested the Board talk to MHCC's art department when they develop a logo for the Villages.
- ❖ George Wilson was concerned about the last meeting's discussion of changing the boundary and wanted to clarify his remarks. He also wants to have all parties be considered before the Villages writes a letter like the one to the BCC about the Visitor's Center. He feels that better communication would be appreciated.
- ❖ Carol took a moment to clarify the Chamber's position on the letter.
- ❖ Rick Applegate added that he would have liked to see the Board talk to Sandy before the letter was written.
 - Bob Reeves stated that the Board was not trying to harm any businesses and that they were trying to address an issue with the BCC.
- ❖ Kirk Hamrick updated the Board with his efforts to provide recycling and his decision to reconsider if he wants to be nonprofit.
- ❖ George Wilson, as the Parking Committee, asked for an update on the Cedar Ridge property. He would like to know if it is county or BLM property.
- ❖ The Board would like to see a discussion over whether the Women's Club will be remodeled and how the heating system will be fixed.
- ❖ Kathleen Walker from the U.S. Forest Service introduced herself to the Board. She provided some information on the Forest Service and the Visitor's Center. She also updated everyone on the status of the grants the Forest Service is seeking.
- ❖ Also, notices for meetings are being pulled down and the Board would like to see them stay up or be replaced. They also ask that people remind other interested parties of upcoming meetings.
- ❖ Bob Reeves suggested that for an upcoming Town Hall there could be a discussion about Identity Theft.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary