

VILLAGES AT MOUNT HOOD
WORK SESSION

Notes
November 13, 2008

Chair Bob Reeves called the November work session of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mount Hood to order at 7:07 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Robert Baker, Pat Buckley, Judith Norval, Pat Sharp, Rick Applegate, Shirley Dueber
- ❖ Excused: Nancy Dougherty, Brigette Romeo
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present: Christine Roth (County Liaison)

Approval of Work Session Notes:

- ❖ The notes from the August work session were presented for review. Robert Baker moved to approve the minutes and Judith Norval seconded. Vote: could not be approved due to a lack of quorum, 4 – yes, 0 – no, 2 – abstain (Pat Sharp, Rick Applegate).
- ❖ The Board had a discussion about abstentions occurring often. Robert Baker was concerned that Board members should read minutes or notes (specifically be aware of what occurred at the meeting) and then vote on them regardless of attendance at a meeting. He would make an exception during voting on any motion for when there is a conflict of interest. Bob Reeves also commented that the County is planning a seminar on ethics and board member duties for the Villages and Hamlets.
- ❖ The notes from the September work session were presented for review. Judith Norval moved to approve the minutes and Robert Baker seconded. Vote: approved, 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
- ❖ As there was no work session in October due to a lack of a quorum, therefore there are no work session notes.

December Board Meeting Plans

There was a discussion about plans for the December Board meeting because Bill Kennemer and Cherie McGinnis may be invited. Bob Reeves asked that they be invited and given a small gift as thanks for their work on Hamlets and Villages, as well as Complete Communities. A small gift was debated, and the Board was thinking about a

clock with an inscription. Bob Reeves also suggested that a cake be bought for the meeting, and he also suggested talking to Brigette Romeo and having her ask a local baker to create a cake. The Board then debated what they wanted the cake to look like. The Board's consensus was to accept the idea.

Also, the Board considered how they would like to remember Commissioner Kennemer and what the future members of the Commission are.

Main Street Program Update

Robert Baker updated the Board on the Main Street Program.

- ❖ Tonight Christine Roth presented the inventory of lodging and accommodations, shops, and restaurants. Jamie Johnk had passed the information along to Christine Roth, but the information had come from Marilyn Peterson. The Board discussed the changing roster and why the inventory was important.
- ❖ The documents that Jamie Johnk needs should be completed and ready for discussion. She was also going to come up with the work plan, which will go along with the application. The Work Plan will be arriving soon, though she is moving offices (from Sunnybrook to the Development Services Building).
- ❖ There is a slight conflict in meeting times tomorrow because Scenic Byways will be meeting tomorrow (Friday) at the Fire Station and the Main Street Meeting will be delayed as a result. Several Board members will attend the Scenic Byways meeting.
- ❖ A Business Town Hall is being planned so the business community can become aware of what is happening. At the moment the businesses have not really been contacted, though Carol Burke from the Chamber of Commerce is on the Main Street Committee. The goal of the Town Hall is to lay out the goals and objectives to the business community.
- ❖ Robert Baker reiterated the point that there are many possible directions that the Main Street Program can go. He talked about trails between Timberline Lodge and Portland, and he stated that the only large break is in the area of the Villages.
- ❖ Next Tuesday Bob Reeves and Robert Baker will meet with Bill Westbrook, the District Ranger for the Zig Zag Ranger Station to discuss trails and other topics.
- ❖ The Board also discussed economic development and how Main Street could affect it. Rick Applegate discussed his experiences with tourists and travelers who have stopped at his businesses, as well as the Villages' relation to Portland for travel and business.
- ❖ The Board continued and discussed the paths that travelers take and where people go. They also discussed where money is spent and what type of traveler should be attracted.
- ❖ Signage was debated as other hamlets are considering how to display welcome signs. ODOT and the County are being consulted as well. Signs from Sandy and other hamlets were shown as examples of what can be done.

Rural Funding for Law Enforcement

- ❖ Robert Baker had a conversation with a Highway Patrolman. One topic of conversation was patrolling Highway 26. The Patrolman mentioned that he could write 30 tickets in one shift for people driving 20 miles per hour over the speed limit if he wanted to. ODOT gave a grant to law enforcement to patrol the construction zone.
- ❖ Christine Roth informed the Board that Clackamas County is planning to implement a Justice Court in the next year (Summer 2009) as an alternative to the current Circuit Court system. Under the current system the traffic fine money goes to Salem and then is redistributed to the county in portions. A Justice Court would allow for fines collected in Clackamas County to be kept in the county and redistributed through the County.
- ❖ Rick Applegate updated the board about a potential plan by ODOT to raise the speed limit in the Villages area. He brought up the example of Coburg and their traffic ticketing.
- ❖ Pat Sharp thought the idea of a justice court was good, and she asked for clarification about whether the money would be given to the state or the county. Robert Baker then explained what could happen.
- ❖ Bob Reeves brought up the point that Senator Rick Metsger, who lives in the area, has chaired the Senate Transportation committee in the past and that Metsger could be a good ally.
- ❖ Robert Baker also asked Christine Roth for information about where the money from traffic fines currently goes, and how a justice court could affect that.

Upcoming Legislative Session

- ❖ Robert Baker would like to see legislation for additional law enforcement in rural areas. He suggested the fines/tickets that were written in the area would be given as funding to the Highway Patrol or Sheriff for the area. He would like the idea to be sent to the local legislative representatives as well as the County and State legislative legal experts.
- ❖ Bob Reeves would like to see everyone stay aware of events in the Legislature and the potential budget impact.

MHCC Classes

Pat Buckley asked about Mount Hood Community College classes and if any of them would be at the Community Center. Judith Norval said that in the past that had occurred.

Liaison's Report

- ❖ The Visitor's Center letter went out to the Board of County Commissioners. No feedback has been given or received.
 - Linda Bell should have received the letter today as well as Carol Burke and others.

- ❖ There is a possibility of Economic Stimulus money from the federal government, and the BCC is looking for potential projects that are ready now or could be very quickly. They prefer water, transportation, public facilities or sewer projects. Remodeling public facilities could be covered, but that is not certain. The only catch is that it must be for a public entity/good, not a private company. Transportation was a popular suggestion among the Board.
- ❖ Christine Roth also updated the Board with regard to raising money from tourism. She also said that Cherie McGinnis is willing to look into the room tax for this area.
 - Rick Applegate also talked about the Oregon Tourism Commission's work on taxing and how they had responded to a previous situation.
- ❖ The Board was also concerned with future use of tourism money and problems that have been had with the County over tourism dollars. The Tourism Development Council and the County's Tourism Department were also under discussion. There was also a discussion over problems with Marketing and another Tourism Committee.

Board Member Issues:

- ❖ Judith Norval updated the board about the community center. The Community Center will likely be remodeled and the plans have been impacted by the budget. The current tenant (daycare) is also negotiating with the Women's Club.
 - Rick Applegate asked Judith Norval about the plans and what he had heard from other people about the daycare, the preschool and drop-ins.
 - The Board also debated the status (501-(c)3) of the daycare and what the future plans could include.
- ❖ Bob Reeves wanted to address the idea that Doug Saldivar would like to have time at a Work Session to present some information about sustainability.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 9:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary