

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes  
December 2, 2008

Chair Bob Reeves called the December Board of Directors meeting of Villages at Mt Hood to order at 4:10 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board for review.

New Business:

For the 2010 Census, applicants are being sought to help with the Census itself. There are part-time paid positions available.

Board Member Comments:

- ❖ Robert Baker updated the Board on the Scenic Byways program and recent meetings. They met with a consultant from Colorado and a sixty percent complete version of the report was presented. Copies of the report were distributed to the Villages Board as well.
  - Of particular interest from the Scenic Byways meeting is the information on signage (page 51 of the report) and on the Route that is proposed. Robert Baker also updated the Board and audience on the background of the program and that the next part of the report will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Scenic Byways

- ❖ Robert Baker updated the Board on the Scenic Byways progress and the most recent meeting. The Route has been laid out to include I-84, Gresham, Hwy 26, and Route 35 to Hood River. A goal is to help promote business on Mount Hood and its activities. Additionally signage was discussed as an important issue because the Villages know who/what they are, but other people outside of the Villages area do not know as familiar with the Villages.

- ❖ Members of the audience agreed that signage was an important part of the process and that increased signage would be necessary.
- ❖ The Board was presented with the changes to the signage concept. The two types that would be designated for the Villages were presented to the Board. The Cascadia look is being kept by the design team and will continue to be used. The consultants suggested and promoted a look featuring stone.
  - One part of the design that is important is that the signs must be able to break away according to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Signs will not be lighted because of the cost of maintenance and some concern over powering the lights for the sign. These changes should be published in time for the next meeting. Additionally, there will be a guide for businesses that will be produced.
- ❖ Bob Du Biel was concerned whether funds were available for this and Robert Baker answered that they are available through grants and the Main Street Program. He also added that Bill Westbrook, the District Ranger at the Zig Zag Forest Service Station, has offered to help the Villages apply for grants.
- ❖ Rick Applegate asked for the community's thoughts on Scenic Byways.
  - George Wilson said that if the purpose is to promote growth, then he would like to see more businesses and their owners be involved.
  - Sandy Palmer said that her impression was that federal highway dollars were involved, but that the reality was that there was advice and aid in restrooms and signs. She thought that the reality was that mostly design advice was being given to the members. She would like to see the community do replacements and repairs on their own. She concluded that the process makes sense and the idea was good.
  - Bob Thurman spoke about the Route through Troutdale and not 26. He did not see much emphasis on economic development.

#### Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from November 4 were presented for review. Pat Buckley moved to approve all the minutes as amended and Pat Sharp seconded. Vote: approved, 8 – yes, 0 – no, and 0 – abstain.

#### County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Main Street Program – Jamie Johnk is working on the plan and it should be available within a week or two.
- ❖ There will be a training session on the handbook for Villages and Hamlets in the future. It will likely be half a day in late January or February in Oregon City. If anyone has a preference, please e-mail Christine Roth.
- ❖ The new County Commissioners will be sworn in on January 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be Charlotte Lehan and Jim Bernard. Later there will be one or two more appointments to the Board of Commissioners.
- ❖ Report to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) – Christine Roth suggested that the Board begin to consider what they would like to include in the report. The Board raised the idea of an annual meeting with the BCC at the Villages. All members of the BCC would be invited.

## Unfinished Business continued

### 2. Main Street Program Update

- ❖ Christine Roth said that a meeting with area businesses would happen in the future. This would be a Town Hall style meeting with a presentation. She is getting names from Carol Burk at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Board Member Comment continued

- ❖ Judith Norval – An update on the building that the Hoodland Women’s Club was presented to the Board. The lease with the daycare has been renewed, so some of the plans have been delayed.
- ❖ Pat Buckley – A neighborhood watch may be activated and there will be a neighborhood meeting because of the number of break-ins in the Villages area. The Sheriff’s Department will be at the meeting. A large dollar amount was taken. The people who committed the crimes are believed to be local people.
- ❖ Shirley Dueber – Shirley updated the Board about the Christmas baskets that are for the area. The Lions are hosting a fundraiser for toys. The food barrels are already out and they are especially hoping for food given the tough economic times. Shirley asked that people who would like to volunteer call Carol at the Hoodland Fire District. The Baskets will be given out the Friday before Christmas.
- ❖ Rick Applegate
  - Rick Applegate was concerned with speed limit changes. Pat Buckley said that he has heard it will not happen following a conversation with Jerry who had talked to the OSP and the Highway Department.
  - He was also concerned with Robert Baker’s letter, but more specifically with the number of letters the Villages Board has written lately. He is concerned that the Board may lose the BCC’s ear if they write too many letters. His preference is to sit down with the BCC to get items on the agenda and work on what could happen.
    - Nancy Dougherty agreed and would like to see the Board meet with the BCC every few months concerning important issues.
    - Christine Roth stated that the issue is time and that the BCC prefers to meet only when a specific issue is ready to be addressed.
- ❖ Robert Baker wrote a letter about the Sheriff’s patrols, Circuit Court, Traffic Fines and a proposed Justice Court. A discussion followed and the notes are below.
  - Pat Sharp – She supports the plan. She would like to see the letter be revised to include an acknowledgement of the current service and efforts. She mentioned the saturated patrols.
  - Robert Baker – He informed the Board that an ODOT grant has enabled the Highway Patrol to create extra patrols in the Construction Zone. He also included some information he obtained from a Trooper over how

many tickets could be issued. This is a serious issue of speeding and aggressive drivers. There is winter money for patrolling the passes as well. He would also like to see the letter include unincorporated areas and make there be an open door and conversation.

- Bob Reeves would like to see the possibility of enhanced patrol and continue the debate at the study session.
  - Rick Applegate also would like to see the topic at the study session.
- ❖ Bob Reeves had a positive meeting with Bill Westbrook, the Forest Service Ranger. They talked about working with the community and he has agreed to speak at the February Town Hall.

#### Any Persons to Be Heard / Audience Comments

- ❖ Geri MacMahon was concerned about the Circuit Court and the Percentage of uncollected fees. Christine Roth offered to get information on that.
- ❖ Keith Schacher thanked the Board for their efforts. He also likes the idea of the neighborhood watch. He'd also like to have the Main Street Program people talk to the Scenic Byways people and see more involvement between the two.
- ❖ George Wilson agreed with Rick Applegate on the concern over excess letters.

#### Recognition and Awards

The Board recognized Barbara Saldivar for her efforts while on the Board of Directors. Bob Reeves presented her with an achievement award, signed by the BCC.

Commissioner Bill Kennemer and Cherie McGinnis attended the meeting. They were presented with a thank you gift and were thanked for their hard work.

Commissioner Kennemer spoke briefly and thanked the Villages, Complete Community and Cherie McGinnis. He was pleased with progress the villages have made and the evolution of the program.

#### Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth  
Recording Secretary