

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes
March 3, 2009

Chair Bob Reeves called the Special Meeting of the Villages at Mount Hood board meeting to order at 3:01 pm on March 3rd at the Mt. Hood RV Village, 65000 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

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

Chair Bob Reeves welcomed the citizens to the Special Meeting and introduced the agenda for the meeting.

Cedar Ridge Property

Christine Roth presented an update of information on the Cedar Ridge property. She presented a map that identified the purchases. The purchases on the map are in two phases. The Western Rivers Conservancy is purchasing the lands in three payments.

- ❖ The Spring 2009 payment is not on schedule because of issues with the federal budget. Since the federal budget had not yet been adopted, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was unable to make the Spring 2009 payment. A third payment is planned for Fall 2010.
- ❖ Dan Zinzer (Clackamas County) provided the information on payments and schedules. Also, Christine Roth presented e-mail from Dan Zinzer that had additional information on Cedar Ridge.

ODOT Bid # 23629 (Miller Road Quarry)

1. Christine Roth introduced a handout for the meeting that had several maps of the area around the Miller Road Quarry and other information on the area. She also stated that Clackamas County does not regulate the quarry, and that federal law regulates the quarry. She also asked that citizens direct generic comments to John Borge, a senior planner, and that questions about BLM go to Phyllis Gregory (who is at BLM's Salem office).
2. Rich Watanabe, from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), was introduced. Mr. Watanabe is a Metro East Manager for ODOT region 1, and he oversees the design and management of projects.

- He provided a history of how consideration of the Miller Road quarry arose. When a slide on Highway 26 occurred, ODOT sought to complete emergency maintenance on the affected area. The plan was to excavate and then use stronger materials.
- In the process of looking for materials the Brightwood Quarry and the Miller Road Quarry were listed as possible locations. ODOT was also considering using the Miller Road Quarry as a possible location to stockpile materials from the slide area.
- Mr. Watanabe also spoke to the history of the Miller Road Quarry, specifically that BLM owns the land and ODOT holds the permit to use the quarry. He also discussed how the Wild and Scenic Act affects use of the quarry.
- Subsequently, Mr. Watanabe explained the process ODOT was proposing if ODOT elected to use the quarry. He described how blasting and excavation could occur. He also elaborated on how ODOT arrived at the process because he included details from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, as well as which other areas might be used.

3. Board Questions to Mr. Watanabe

- Rick Applegate asked Mr. Watanabe about the last time ODOT used the Miller Quarry in 1986 and asked about the process of using explosives and removing rock. Additionally, Mr. Applegate raised the issue of homes near the affected area and the issues of recreation. Mr. Watanabe apologized for ODOT's lack of awareness on the issue.
- Other board members asked if ODOT has checked the site for contamination, and the reply was that ODOT and Hazardous Materials have checked the site. The issue of local private quarries was also raised.

Citizen Comment and Questions:

- ❖ Keith Schacher asked about waste disposal near a river and how to mitigate to ensure that materials do not reach the river (erosion control). Mr. Watanabe provided a few details about erosion control and Christine Roth added that Dwayne Bishop (U.S. Forest Service Biologist) had information on the river. Mr. Schacher also asked about traffic safety.
- ❖ George Wilson asked about the process of stopping blasting at the site and the use of private rock quarries. Rich Watanabe replied that there was an open bid process and local quarries have the opportunity to submit bids, and that ODOT is required to take the low bid. George Wilson also asked about the Cedar Ridge documents and asked that more information on who is making decisions be provided. He was also concerned that public involvement requirements were not met.
- ❖ Dick Bauer, a property owner near the area, spoke about his concern over the use of explosives and its effects (noise, dust). ODOT responded that the project in Sandy is the only proposed use of the quarry. Additionally, ODOT provided information about what happens after the removal of rocks.

- ❖ Jim Finch inquired about the issue of compensation for any possible damages due to the quarry process.
- ❖ Other citizens asked about public involvement requirements, environmental averages, highway repair, and how to correct traffic problems.
- ❖ Other citizen issues were historical sites and water resource reports.
- ❖ Finally, several citizens strongly urged ODOT to use other sites or local private quarries.

Chair Bob Reeves thanked Christine Roth, county liaison, for her hard work on information gathering and organization of the meeting.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the Special Meeting at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from February 2009 were presented for review. Shirley Dueber moved to approve the February minutes and Brigitte Romeo seconded. Vote: approved, 8 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Dougherty presented the Treasurer's Report. The report details the money spent on the postal cancellation, and details the money that was earned on the Postal Cancellation. The cancellations were sold at \$12 a set or \$3 each. Checks for cookies, stamps, and other expenses were detailed. She also asked that the Board consider what they want to do with the leftover postal cancellations, and the Board decided to address the issue at a Work Session. She also will speak to Christine Roth about how to address the deposits of the different forms of payment.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Christine Roth reported that the second part of the budget priority survey would have results in the next week.
- ❖ Christine Roth also spoke about how the Special Meeting came about and the issue of coordination. She said that in the future more time is needed so better representatives can attend, more research can occur, and so a message can be better coordinated.
 - Bob Reeves said that Christine Roth worked very hard to make the meeting happen. Rick Applegate said that there are nine Board members and that it is not easy to coordinate among the group, and that he would prefer the Board move quickly and address issues when they arise.
 - Pat Sharp moved to place the topic on the work session agenda and Judith Norval seconded.

Unfinished Business:

1. Scenic Byways
 - The 90 percent of the draft has occurred and is ready. There are new maps for the Byway, and it comes with a guide.
 - Signage and markers are an issue because the committee is concerned about how to send the issue to the public.
 - Derek Schugart, a grant writer, moved to the Mountain several years ago and Nancy Dougherty would like to see the Board ask him to write grants for the Villages.
2. Main Street Program
 - The next meeting is at the April Chamber of Commerce meeting on the first Tuesday. Jamie Johnk, from Clackamas County, will be at the meeting.
3. Upcoming Elections
 - Two current Board members, Shirley Dueber and Pat Sharp, will seek reelection.
 - Two new candidates are running for the Board: Doug Saldivar and George Wilson.
 - The Voter's Guide will again include 150 word statements.
 - Nancy Dougherty asked George Wilson if he would elaborate on the qualifications and his application for becoming a Board member. George provided a brief background on his qualifications.
4. Adopt a Logo
 - The discussion was postponed since Gary Randall was not at the Meeting.
 - Gary Randall's design will serve as a base.

New Business: Stimulus Funds

There will be a meeting at 9 am the next day where the director of Public and Government Affairs will address how to apply for the money. It was suggested this be one way to get a start on the Community Center. Judith Norval said that it is close enough to shovel ready so they will likely apply.

Board Member Comments:

- ❖ Pat Sharp – The Community Garden is undergoing site preparation and almost all of the plots are taken. Also, the garden is in need of fencing, so if anyone has any suggestions please talk to her. Nancy Spencer and Keith Schacher had suggestions.
- ❖ Brigitte Romeo – She suggested talking to the TAP Board for grant money and signage.
- ❖ Rick Applegate – He looked in his minutes and records and looked for any data that might indicate Dan Zinzer came to the Mountain to talk about Cedar Ridge. He could not find anything other than a meeting on June 20, 2006 and nothing about the size of Cedar Ridge being greater than 200.
- ❖ Shirley Dueber – The Mountain Express Line has a grant for a bus and the Women's Club is providing a thousand dollars for the matching fund. In May, there will be a fundraiser at the Lion's Club with a Mexican dinner.

- ❖ Shirley Dueber and Judith Norval announced that there would be a music, art, and wine festival in July at the RV Village. There will likely be an entrance fee.
- ❖ Nancy Dougherty – Nancy updated the Board about Tell-a-tales, which is a nationwide program, and that in Clackamas County it features several locations. The phone number of the line is 503-342-3597.

Any Persons To be Heard:

- ❖ George Wilson asked for more information on Cedar Ridge. He would also like to have Board members be more upfront with the County and state what they honestly believe.
- ❖ Laurie Hendrickson said that Christine Roth is the first person she thinks of when contacting Clackamas County and thanked her for her work.
- ❖ Keith Schacher would like a copy of the Western Rivers Conservancy contract. He'd also like the results to be presented to the Board. He'd also like clarification on Dan Zinzer's email. He will send e-mail to Christine Roth and she will ensure the message gets to the appropriate people.
- ❖ Sandy Palmer talked about the Salmon River area and the injury she felt would occur if the Miller Road Quarry were opened again. She would like to see the community become more aware and comment on more projects.
 - Christine Roth spoke about BLM's efforts to purchase the mineral rights and end mining, as well as how the Forest Service could be involved at a later date.
- ❖ Other issues that were addressed include the start date, the CPO's land use recommendations, how to get people together, and if the Hoodland CPO was aware of the issue.
- ❖ Kirk Hamrick updated the Board about his plans to have a recycling center and his current work.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary