

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes
April 7, 2009

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

Attendance:

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Robert Baker, Bob Reeves, Pat Sharp, Shirley Dueber, Nancy Dougherty
- ❖ Excused: Pat Buckley, Brigitte Romeo, Judith Norval
- ❖ Absent: Rick Applegate

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from March special board meeting were presented for review. Nancy Dougherty moved to approve the minutes and Shirley Dueber seconded. Vote: approved, 5 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Minutes from the March regular board meeting were presented for review. Shirley Dueber moved to approve the minutes and Pat Sharp seconded. Vote: approved, 5 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Dougherty presented the Treasurer's Report. The report detailed payment to Shirley Dueber, Lora Buckley, and Nancy Dougherty for stamps purchased for the postal cancellation sale. Nancy also presented the balance and corrected information about a check from Shirley.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ The date for the annual meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has yet to be scheduled.
- ❖ Christine Roth has enough money in the printing budget for her department to send out a mailing to houses in the area. The mailing would be confined to local zip codes and would advertise the annual meeting and information. The annual meeting for the Villages is the May Town Hall.
 - Robert Baker stated that he was opposed to the mailing.
 - Bob Reeves stated that the yearly election is coming and that a mailer is a good idea. The mailer is also a good idea because it can help explore the gravel pit issue.
 - Nancy Dougherty was in favor of sending out a postcard.
 - Pat Sharp was in agreement that sending out the postcard is a good idea because a postcard highlights the issues and the election.
 - The Board decided that if there were a postcard sent the information to be included would have the time, date, place, and major events. The major events are the election and continued discussion of the Miller Road Quarry.

- There was a discussion about if there is a database of business owners on the Mountain so that the owners could be sent the postcard as well.
- ❖ Christine Roth updated the Board on the stimulus funds and package. Her boss, Elissa Gertler, is assembling a package of grants and proposals. This will include the community center and possibly a plan to extend broadband for government uses at first. Organizations such as the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are involved.

Salmon River Restoration – John Borge:

- ❖ John Borge, a planner from Clackamas County, updated the Board on the status of the Salmon River restoration and provided an overview of who is involved and the plan. He was also at the meeting to follow up to the quarry event. He detailed the Sandy River Basin Partners, a collective of nonprofit organizations and governments.
- ❖ John also took questions from the Board and those attending the meeting.
 - Sandy Palmer asked about the steps to ensure the quarry does not reopen and how to pursue closure of the quarry. John Borge answered that because the laws concerning mining is an odd designation the process involves understanding a bit of land use planning and what level of government has the power. According to John, the federal government preempts county rule and the Bureau of Land Management is the owner of the property and therefore BLM must be approached at some point.
 - John Borge added some details about the Salmon River. First, the Salmon River is seen as a flagship of the restoration process. Secondly, he also talked to the guy who let bids for ODOT and John's thought was that ODOT saw the Miller Road Quarry on the list and picked it without knowing the community's feelings or the history of the quarry.
 - Gary Randall asked about the need to involve the community and to increase this.
 - John Borge stated that the Oregon public involvement process is much more open than in other states and that ODOT is working hard to respond and has done a good job in previous projects.
 - John Borge also provided information about education of the population and what a good follow up would look like.
 - Gary Randall also raised the issue of bad authorizations, and John said that there were no special circumstances and that planners can be legally required to approve a permit even if it does not make sense. Keith Schacher asked about the Oregon Administrative Rules and the rules concerning disposal and if it was the Department of State Lands who enforced the rules.
 - George Wilson was concerned about the Cedar Ridge property transaction and the transparency of the deal. George would like to see the documentation on notification and to be notified on further issues. John Borge said that Western Rivers is often an intermediary in property transactions. Christine Roth added some information about the deal and BLM's involvement. John Borge also suggested talking to Dan Zinzer at the County. He also added some of his recollections about what Dan Zinzer had told him about the contract. Additionally, John recommended the Villages telling the BCC that the Villages would like information about land deals in the area.
 - John Borge told the Board that the bringing of land transactions to the public is a new process for the county, and as a result the county may not have decided how or if to notify the public.

- Carol Burk asked about water changes because of FEMA and John Borge gave her some details about the mapping process and the agency interactions.

Scenic Byways:

- ❖ There was a project that Nancy Dougherty was working on for a TAP grant. She worked with Derek Shugart to put the grant package together.
- ❖ The signage for the byway was discussed in detail. There was a discussion on the cost of signage and what the most accurate cost and depiction was.
- ❖ Robert Baker brought up the issue about when the final revisions come out. The revisions will come out after the package will be submitted and he was concerned about the designs in the package and the actual design.
- ❖ The issue of whether Scenic Byways and the Main Street Program are talking to each other was discussed. Robert Baker said that he felt that the U.S. Forest Service is part of the Scenic Byways and that Scenic Byways and Main Street do not talk to each other. Also, the Scenic Byways is laying out the steps, and it is up to the communities to make events happen.
- ❖ There was a concern about whether the grant money is going to the local community.
- ❖ Bob DuBiel said that the grant is a once a year event and that the Board should act now.
- ❖ George Wilson was concerned about cost overrun and the time until construction.

Nancy Dougherty made a motion to accept the grant as written knowing drawings will be modified. Pat Sharp seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 5 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Main Street Program Update:

- ❖ Jamie Johnk came to the Chamber of Commerce meeting and laid out the outline for the Main Street Program and the business involvement phase.
- ❖ The documents for Main Street still need some finishing.
- ❖ The Chamber of Commerce must decide if they want to be involved in the program, and if so, how to manage and run the program.
- ❖ This particular package (Main Street) has been tailored for the Villages area thanks to Christine Roth and Jamie Johnk.

Logo:

- ❖ The Board would like to use Gary Randall's design from the cancellation as a basis for the logo. The question was whether they wanted to modify the logo. There might be a stylized version with a river, highway or houses. There could also be five houses representing the Villages.
- ❖ The Board gave Gary permission to pursue the unveiling of a draft logo for the May Town Hall.

Other New Business:

- ❖ There was a brief discussion about the TAP group and money that they have.
- ❖ There was a discussion on using the sign-in sheet as a database for agendas and minutes and committees.

- ❖ Carol Burk thanked Jamie Johnk for coming up to the Mountain and asked if the Board would continue to work with the Chamber if the Chamber pursues Main Street. The Board said that they would work with the Chamber in the future.

Board Member Comments:

- ❖ Pat Sharp and Bob Reeves – The two Board members discussed the new REACT committee. This is a committee of Hamlets and Villages that is working on local rural transportation issues. There could be some power and responsibility if ODOT and the BCC approve a rural transportation council. This would allow the committee to prioritize and recommend to ODOT roads to work on and potential projects.
- ❖ Pat Sharp – Pat presented a Community Garden report. The garden is up and running. It has a fence, people have plots, and there is water. She thanked Dan Zinzer, Brian Gwatney, John McMahan, Don Mench, and members of the Women’s Club, and the people who have plots.
- ❖ Shirley Dueber – Shirley updated the Board about the fundraiser for the Mountain Express Line. It is on May 2nd at the Lion’s Club. It will be an authentic Mexican dinner from 4-8 pm.
- ❖ Robert Baker – The Complete Communities Congress will be on May 16th during the morning at Clackamas Community College’s Gregory Forum. The theme is Healthy complete communities.
- ❖ Bob Reeves – The Villages now have a seat and a vote on the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee.
- ❖ The Sandy Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas County for library services at Hoodland is about to be finalized.

Any Persons to be Heard:

- ❖ George Wilson asked for clarification on the mailer and board notice.
- ❖ Keith Schacher presented an Oregon Sheriff’s Association booklet on Neighborhood Watches and suggestions on safety and security.
- ❖ Randall Paul said that since the Board of Directors represents the community it needs more community input and involvement. He would like grant money go to local people.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary