

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

September 10, 2009

Chair Bob Reeves called the September 10th meeting (and work session) of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 7:04 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Pat Sharp, Pat Buckley, Judith Norval, Rick Applegate, Brigette Romeo, Doug Saldivar, Shirley Dueber
- ❖ Excused:
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present: Christine Roth (County Liaison), Kate Roth (Recording Secretary)

Work Session Notes:

The August Work Session Notes were presented for review. Judith Norval made the motion to approve the notes. Doug Saldivar seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Web Page Discussion:

- ❖ Doug Saldivar updated the Board on the request for proposals (RFP), and said the one change to it involved finishing a sentence.
- ❖ Christine Roth said that Clackamas County's purchasing officer reviewed and approved the RFP.

Doug Saldivar moved that the request for proposals (RFP) be accepted and sent out. Pat Sharp and Judith Norval seconded the motion. The motion was amended to include a previously agreed upon item that required screenshots in the proposals as well as a web link.

- ❖ Christine Roth asked if the Board of Directors would like to have the RFP added to the county website, or if a notice on the website of the RFP would be preferred. Pat Sharp said that she preferred keeping the notice local, and Pat Buckley seconded the preference.
- ❖ Pat Sharp asked the Board how notice of the RFP would be provided, and Doug Saldivar said he would ask Larry Berteau of the *Mountain Times*, Judith Norval said the Board should contact previously interested persons, and Bob Reeves suggested meeting with Larry Berteau and contacting Garth at the *Sandy Post*. Pat Sharp also thanked Doug Saldivar for all of his work on the webpage.

- ❖ Rick Applegate asked about a timeline for the webpage, and Doug Saldivar said that the deadline for the RFP would likely be October 15th, and the Board would decide on the 22nd of October at the Work Session and Board of Directors meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Pat Buckley updated the Board on the treasury, and reported the same balance as the previous month with a three checks made to persons that were yet to be cashed.

Bob Reeves updated the Board with a new account for the Villages that was created to as a trust account. This is in accordance with a new policy of the Clackamas County Treasurer who asked that the Hamlets and Villages create trust accounts that would hold money, and this is in conjunction with a request that the regular account be dropped to \$500 quarterly. Money in the account that was over the \$500 dollar limit would be transferred to the trust account.

Board members and Christine Roth discussed the new trust account as well as how money could be transferred into and out of the account when the Villages needed access. Christine Roth said that the Villages would have access to the money in the trust account, but that all checks from the trust account would have to be requested through the County. Pat Buckley asked about why the new process was so complicated, and Christine Roth said that the Treasurer would like to have more accountability and less money in the account.

Review Questions for the Board Candidates:

- ❖ Chair Bob Reeves led a discussion by the Board about what would be done if both candidates were not present; however, both candidates were present when the questioning was ready to begin.
- ❖ The process of interviewing the two candidates would be that the Board of Directors would ask the questions that were approved prior to the interview, and the candidates' responses would be limited to two minutes per question. The vote would be by roll call, and in accordance with County and State of Oregon law a candidate needed five votes for the appointment to stand.
- ❖ Brigitte Romeo asked if a person is not appointed can that candidate run again in November, and the answer was yes. The appointment would last until November 2009, when an election would occur to fill the vacancy until the regularly scheduled election in May 2010.

Interviewing of Candidates:

Doug Saldivar, question 1: Give us your definition of consensus and tell us how you think consensus is reached in a group with strong personalities and differing opinions.

- ❖ Nancy Spencer: Consensus is hard to reach and is a majority of people.
- ❖ George Wilson: It is a large number of people that leads to a consensus and it is hard to be unanimous.

Pat Sharp, question 1: What skills and work experiences do you have that would make you an effective Villages Board member?

- ❖ George Wilson: He has been involved since the formation of the Villages, and was involved in the bylaws. He said that work experience was as a medical practitioner and in businesses, and that helped make him more organized and structured.
- ❖ Nancy Spencer: She has been in the community since 1959, has been active in many organizations (Mt. Hood Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and others) and has been working with Hoodland groups and community planning organizations (CPOs) for the whole time she has been on the mountain.

Judith Norval: If elected, would you have any suggestions for improvement in the way the Villages Board functions?

- ❖ George Wilson: His suggestions would be to move forward on the time frame (having two Board of Directors meetings) and a good time slot, and to work on the website.
- ❖ Nancy Spencer: She would like to see new projects come into play.

Rick Applegate, question 1: In your opinion, what are the 3 most important issues the Villages at Mt. Hood community faces in the next 5-10 years; and, how might the villages Board of directors address each of those issues?

- ❖ George Wilson: The major issues in his view are population growth, a high (36%) high school drop out rate, and a parking problem. He would like to continue to look at the parking issue and determine a possible solution
- ❖ Nancy Spencer: The major issues in the community are safety on arterial roads, and to get the County more involved in road safety issues on the Mountain. The second is to get the new community building constructed, and getting the Board to back the community center could help get more grant money.

Bob Reeves, question 1: What motivates you as a volunteer?

- ❖ Nancy Spencer: Getting out to see people are what motivate Nancy.
- ❖ George Wilson: He is motivated by the future (5-10 years) and long-term planning. He would like to address issues of businesses and community while being proactive in planning.

Shirley Dueber: How long have you been involved as a volunteer in our community and what have you done?

- ❖ George Wilson: He has volunteered at the Autumn Festival (and been on the Board) in 2003, and he has been on the mountain since 2000. He has also worked with the Board and attended meetings.
- ❖ Nancy Spencer: Nancy has volunteered since 1967 when the Women's Club was founded, and been involved in nearly every organization in the area.

Doug Saldivar, question 2: The term "sustainability" has become something of a buzz word over the past 3-4 years. Please tell us how you would define this term and what it means to our community. Please be as specific as possible.

- ❖ George Wilson: Sustainability means planning projects that are long term. This includes projects that are important to the community, and provide an option for input and the county to listen.
- ❖ Nancy Spencer: She said that she does not care for buzzwords, but to her it would mean sustaining the status quo or change.

Pat Sharp, question 2: There is an old saying that goes “You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar.” Please tell us what you think this means and how it applies to the ways you persuade others to adopt ideas or actions you have proposed.

- ❖ Nancy Spencer: She said that it is an old expression, and she would prefer to avoid flies. She also prefers to talk straight and persuade.
- ❖ George Wilson: Members of the community need to know what is going on. Also, people need to know that they can have a voice, and the people need to know more about what the Board does. Pat Sharp asked about how George would persuade people, and he then said that it is not what you say but how you say it, and he said it is good to be clear.

Rick Applegate, question 2: This past year the Villages Board called a Special Meeting to discuss the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) contracted mining operation scheduled at the Miller Road quarry. Do you think this was handled well? Please explain your perspective on this issue and other similar issues that might come up while you are sitting on the Board.

- ❖ Nancy Spencer: She thought that ODOT was placed under a strain and they did a good job given the time constraints. She thought it went well overall.
- ❖ George Wilson: The special meeting was vital, and very key. The lack of notification by ODOT about mining was a huge problem. The meeting was instrumental to the validity of the Board. The Board took an opportunity and the reaction demonstrated the ramifications of a lack of notice.

Bob Reeves, question 2: The Board makes many decisions by voting. What will you do if the Board votes to implement an activity that you are strongly against?

- ❖ George Wilson: He has no problem with that idea, and it is also about what the community wants. He also said that he knows there will be issues that he may disagree with, but he would like to be able to voice opposition to an issue.

Vote:

Board of Director Name:	Vote:
Applegate	George Wilson
Buckley	George Wilson
Dueber	Nancy Spencer
Norval	Nancy Spencer
Reeves	Nancy Spencer
Romeo	George Wilson
Saldivar	George Wilson
Sharp	George Wilson

Total: George Wilson, 5; Nancy Spencer, 3.
Result: George Wilson is the new Board member.

Chair Bob Reeves thanked both Nancy Spencer and George Wilson for running as candidates. He also invited George to sit at the Board table and participate in Board discussions for the rest of the meeting.

Approve Environment & Sustainability Report:

- ❖ Doug Saldivar said that the plan is largely the same. The committee is not in agreement, and he will notify Bob Reeves when the report is ready for Board approval and it will then be placed on the agenda.
- ❖ Doug Saldivar updated the Board on his draft proposal on the \$6,000 Portland Recycling grant.
- ❖ Rick Applegate suggested Community Sustainability as the main topic for the November Town Hall.
- ❖ Doug Saldivar presented the draft proposal for the grant. He described the parts, which include an advertisement in the newspaper publicizing a materials collection event, an ad for the forum that includes telling the community what problems Bliss is having, and lastly a community waste reduction project with measurable goals. Also, he said that the proposed budget is for \$5,000 to \$6,000.
- ❖ Doug would also like the Board to decide if it would like to be involved in the project. Pat Sharp asked about a target date for the event, and Doug Saldivar said early spring. Judith Norval said that in the spring the Friends of the Library will have a huge used book sale and that the two organizations could combine it.
- ❖ Rick Applegate suggested including a section on how and where to dispose of hazardous waste, or who to contact. He also suggested remembering local businesses when creating the sustainability committee.

Judith Norval moved that the Board support the efforts made by the environment and sustainability committee and endorse the grant request. Rick Applegate seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 8 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Discuss a Village Logo:

- ❖ Judith Norval suggested an embossed logo that has a picture of the mountain that was silver and monochromatic. The label for the Villages would be over the mountain. She would prefer a logo with one color.
 - Rick Applegate said that a single color makes it cheaper and easier to copy.
 - George Wilson suggested not having too many colors.
- ❖ George Wilson asked about talking to graphic designers in the community. Rick Applegate also suggested taking a concept to the high school or other people to make it easier.
- ❖ Pat Sharp suggested paying local artists something and/or having a contest. She suggested the winner gets \$150.

- ❖ Bob Reeves said that there are three main options: one take it as a project, two use local artists, and three use a Board created first draft.
- ❖ Bob Reeves asked about having bid form in the paper or a set amount/contest. Judith Norval preferred a call for artists and a set amount.
- ❖ Christine Roth suggested three basic ideas and then have a designer create a better logo.

Pat Sharp moved that the Board hold a contest to develop a logo and award \$250, advertise in the *Mountain Times*, and invite people and bring concepts to the next meeting. Rick Applegate seconded the motion. Vote: 8 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Bob Reeves asked Rick Applegate, George Wilson and Judith Norval to provide emails for local artists and email them about the logo proposal.

Committee Reports:

Garden Committee – Pat Sharp updated the Board and reported that the garden has been very successful. On September 13th there will be a harvest celebration with a stone salad.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Christine Roth provided a handout on a swine flu update, and the Mount Hood CPO comments that are an example of comments on road standards. Bob Reeves said that the REACT committee will also be weighing in on road standards, and that the Hoodland Fire Department has already submitted comments.
- ❖ Linda Bell has received the Wy'east Info Center letter.
- ❖ Christine updated the Board about an energy audit on the Dorman Center, and said that the Sustainability office from Clackamas County needs utility bills for the past several years.

Bob Reeves said that he and Pat Sharp met with Jim Bernard, and that there had been an emphasis on the lack of an info center in the area. Pat Sharp said she shared information and experiences. Bob Reeves said that the new commissioners are still listening to the citizens. He also reported that there have been increased calls for aid and the Sheriffs Department.

Persons to be Heard:

- ❖ Nancy Spencer: She wanted to remind the Board that Bliss Sanitation and the County have different recycling standards, that in the logo contest to remember to talk to the Wy'east arts guild, and if the garden has extra vegetables it could sell them for a profit.
- ❖ Alma: On the issue of notifying the community, she thought that the community only reacts to issues and that the Board is doing what they can.

November Town Hall:

- ❖ Beyond the short meeting and the election there is a need for a topic. There may be a sustainable community organizations presentation. Bob Reeves said that the challenge is how to get more people to attend the Town Hall.
- ❖ Rick Applegate said that it is a chance for the community to learn more about sustainability.

Bob Reeves also said that the Board was disappointed that the Governor's Office was unable to send any staff person to the August Town Hall after the request for an invitation.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary