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VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

March 2, 2010

Chair Bob Reeves called the March 2nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 4:04 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The February 11th Board of Directors minutes were presented for review. The Board consensus was to delay approval until the next meeting so there could be a transcript of a discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

Chair Bob Reeves reported that the Board is going to continue to have the regular Treasurer's Report at the second Board of Directors meeting of the month.

Pat Sharp provided a recap of a meeting with the County Treasurer. The Villages and Hamlets had a facilitated discussion with the Treasurer with the goal of making the checking simpler for all parties. The Villages and Hamlets will continue deciding how to spend money, provide a monthly reconciliation statement to the Treasurer, and continue to receive \$500 quarterly. The Villages will also need to open a trust account with the County to deposit money earned from fundraisers.

Christine Roth added that she is working with finance to ensure that checks for grants, such as the Portland Recycling grant, get processed quicker and that time frame issues are addressed.

Communications: No new communications were received.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Plugged In – The event, a change from the previous format of State of the County, went well and will likely be repeated next year.
 - Rick Applegate added that the video from Plugged In is still on the county website, and that if people are interested it is still up for viewing.
- ❖ There is a new deputy county administrator. There will be one County Administrator and two deputy administrators.

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- ❖ The budget process is beginning again. The formal committees are starting work again. There is not likely to be any increases in funding.
- ❖ The proposed Hamlet of Molalla Prairie will have a vote on formation on March 10.

Board Agenda Formation Policy – First Reading: This was delayed because there were no copies or edits at the meeting.

New Business – Environment Action Plan:

Pat Sharp presented a draft of the “Environment Action Planning Work Sheet.”

There were three visionary goals: 1 – “The Villages Board and Citizens will be informed about projects that preserve and restore our rural mountain environment,” 2 – “The Villages Board and Citizens will participate in projects that preserve and restore our rural mountain environment,” and 3 – “The Villages Board and Citizens will have the opportunity to enhance the livability of our rural mountain environment.” Pat Sharp detailed the action items and indicators of success.

- ❖ Bob Reeves asked if Pat Sharp was planning to contact agencies interested, and she said she would do that.
- ❖ Brigitte Romeo asked about having people on the projects in Goal 1. Brigitte said she would be interested in Action items 2 and 3. Shirley Dueber said she would help with goal 2.
- ❖ Goal three will include a small playground, and Pat Sharp said she wanted to acknowledge the community center efforts. Pat Sharp added she did not want to compete with the new community center. Pat also said that she had worked on playground projects as an elementary school principal, and that safety and location are essential.

New Business – Debriefing of Town Hall Meeting:

- ❖ Bob Reeves said that he was disappointed over the attendance, and said that there was a debate over how to improve the Villages Board at the Town Hall.
- ❖ Rick Applegate said that once people had time to get past the emotions, that Larry Berteau had important things to say. Rick suggested that the Villages Board listen to what he said, more specifically to do a project. Rick also said that the Villages Board should be clear and firm about its perspectives. He also asked the Board to consider the possibility of exploring a project that everyone on the Board can participate in.
- ❖ George Wilson – George suggested that the only way the Board can gain credibility is through doing something and bringing back projects to the area. The increase politics and tactics in campaigning also concerned him. He asked that people be truthful and have all their facts in order. He would like to see a focus on the long term. He also gave a presentation on his research into the Cedar Ridge property. George said that he wanted to clear up misconceptions, and he wanted to emphasize that there used to be an amphitheater component, and that there no longer is one. He also wanted to get more input. He also said that he found in the Parks Advisory Board meeting minutes from February 20, 2007 that there were comments that the area had been promised one million dollars for a community center. George also said that he found the prospect of bylaw changes to be upsetting. He thought that everyone was passionate, but should be factual.

- ❖ Pat Sharp thanked the attendees. She said that the real question that came out was whether to rehash the past or to move forward. She added that it is clear that perceptions do exist, and

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that actions are key. She would like the Villages Board to become more visible and attend social events. She agreed with Rick Applegate on the idea that the Villages should get out and do a project every year.

- ❖ Judith Norval suggested increasing visibility by hosting a celebration of Brightwood in honor of its historic birthday.
- ❖ Rick Applegate said that there were some good points, and that he wanted to add four more points. One that the Villages Board should let committees work, two that the Board should better plug in to the community, three that the non-political goal of a project is good for the whole Board, and lastly that the will of the Board should be shown at a meeting and sent forth.
- ❖ George Wilson also suggested that the Villages Board needs a long-term plan. He said that there are no impossible plans, and that he would like a five or ten year plan.

Committee Reports – Green Scene:

There was no update from Doug Saldivar, as he was excused due to a family emergency.

- ❖ Bob Reeves reminded everyone that the event is scheduled for April 24th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Welches Middle School. He also asked the Villages Board to please consider supporting Doug.
- ❖ Pat Sharp asked the Villages Board to consider helping out at the event and either greet people, or monitor the event and wander around.
- ❖ Judith Norval said that there is a book sale in conjunction with the event.
- ❖ Rick Applegate said that Doug Saldivar has done a great job on the event, and that Doug is building support. Rick thought that Doug and his efforts have been a great success.

Committee Reports – Main Street Update:

The flyers, postcard and eblast are out for the upcoming community town hall. Brigitte Romeo asked if extra postcards could be obtained, and Christine Roth said yes. The Main Street Town Hall will be on March 9 at 9:30 in the morning at the Resort at the Mountain. Jamie Johnk will lead the event.

Committee Reports – Tourism Committee revised action plan:

Rick Applegate said that there was no new draft, and that the revised draft would go on the website. He also said that Linda Bell had been at the morning's Chamber of Commerce meeting, and that Linda had briefed the request for proposals (RFP) on visitor information service provision. Rick also said that the TAP administration issues and appointment letter should go on the Villages Board agenda. He'd also like to invite the TAP Chair to a meeting for a discussion on goals.

Christine Roth said that she talked to Linda Bell, and that the revisions to tourism could include a change where there may not be a TAP letter.

George Wilson asked about a scheduled meeting involving tourism at the County. Christine Roth said that she talked to Linda Bell and that there was notice and it is on the calendar.

Bob Reeves also added a Mountain Express Update – There will be a survey on service requests, and the committee is looking into a fee for service to the airport by another party.

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Shirley Dueber added that there would be a repeat of the Mexican dinner fundraiser for the Mountain Express Line. It will be the weekend after Cinco de Mayo, and the food providers are ready to help. One big key is getting volunteers.

Any Persons to be heard:

- ❖ Keith Schacher: The previous plan for the community park had involved the amphitheater, and business leaders had proposed it, but the idea is no longer alive. Keith also talked about the sale of Cedar Ridge, and said that he believed that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) did to get enough money to finish buying the land BLM had been interested in. He also said that the community park plan had included a proposed playground at Wildwood.
- ❖ Coni Scott: The morning's Chamber of Commerce meeting was good. Linda Bell had been invited to discuss the RFP, and the process will take time. Also, the TAP committee meets once a year, and there are currently too many hoops for funds and so there may be fewer funds. She also said that the criteria for funds would change for the next year.
- ❖ Kathleen Walker – The City of Sandy works closely with the Sandy TAP, and is doing a good job. She also thought that the Villages could go to meetings if the Board wants to know more about what is happening. She also said that the Forest Service is looking into partnerships, and she mentioned the letter from Duane Bishop. Bob Reeves said that the letter and the idea of a partnership would be discussed at the next meeting. Also, the Forest Service is closing some roads, one is Salmon River Road past the second bridge, and the other is the Riley Horse Camp Trail. The road closure on Salmon River Road will lead to a section of the Salmon Butte Trail being reopened, and the Riley Horse Camp road will lead to changes in the trail.
- ❖ Coni Scott: There is a TAP meeting on Thursday April 8th at one pm at the Rendezvous.
- ❖ Rick Applegate added that the Board should attend meetings such as TAP to be aware of tourism and what is occurring.
- ❖ Maryanne Coyle said that all she hears from the Villages Board is that TAP is an issue, and she thought the Board should go to a TAP meeting to know more about what is occurring.
- ❖ Don Mench said that the Villages Board still does not get what many people were talking about at the Town Hall. He said that the Villages advise the Board of County Commissioners, and that Clackamas County just is not participating. He thought that the Villages need to get Clackamas County to engage. He would also like to see the Villages Board become more engaged. He thought that the USFS and BLM are doing a great job.
- ❖ Sandra Palmer said that the idea of a Brightwood birthday celebration is good. She also asked the Board to consider an open letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation concerning summer construction and access to businesses and residences. She would like ODOT and its contractors to keep access open to roads and have designated access roads.

Adjournment: Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary