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VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

June 7, 2011

Chair Doug Saldivar called the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 4:02 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Shirley Dueber, Nathaniel Ingraio, Bob Reeves, Doug Saldivar, Pat Sharp, Kara Verdoorn, George Wilson
- ❖ Excused:
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present: Christine Roth (County Liaison), Kate Roth (Recording Secretary)

Approval of Minutes:

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 Board of Directors minutes were presented for review. Bob Reeves made the motion to approve the minutes. Pat Sharp seconded the motion.

**Vote:** approved, 6 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain. Not present at vote: Nathaniel Ingraio.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Reeves reported the bills paid (Mountain Times) as well as the balance. Bills for the cookies and from the Recording Secretary were received. \$1,000 from the County for quarterly funds are due soon. The Villages are still owed \$250 for the 2010 lunch with the Board of County Commissioners.

Secretary's Report: Bob Reeves reported that no new letters were received.

County Liaison's Report:

Christine Roth reported that the new Commissioner, Jamie Damon, will take the oath of office on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Jamie Damon is from Eagle Creek and has worked as a mediator. Commissioner Damon would like to attend a Villages meeting soon. Christine also reported that Commissioner Ann Lininger is not going to run for reelection in 2012. Additionally, the County budget for the next year will be passed at the end of June, and there are no increases.

Discussion - Relevance of Board and continuation of Villages:

Chair Doug Saldivar began the discussion by explaining that he had been questioning the purpose of the Villages as well as his role. He was disappointed by the turnout at the May Town Hall and the low number of survey responses, and that the Villages did not listen to the

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community when it came to talk. Doug is concerned about the County's perception about the Villages, and one example is Scenic Byways and a lack of information about the Scenic Byways.

Bob Reeves said that he did not have any additional information about Scenic Byways since that grant had not yet been awarded when he spoke to County staff. Christine Roth said the Villages will be asked for input about placement of the monument markers. She added that the grant was applied for a year ago as a block and it took until recently to find out if the County would receive the grant.

George Wilson said that he shares Doug's feelings. He thought that the Villages Board is whittling away its autonomy. He is also concerned that the Villages Board stands for nothing. He thinks the community finds the Villages Board to be irrelevant, and that the Board has not done anything. He also thinks the community just has not been engaged, and the survey is an example. George feels the County does not respect the Villages Board. George's opinion is that the Board does not follow through. He added that he always sees the same people at meetings, and that no new people seem to get engaged. He is also concerned that many of the survey responses were from part time residents. George has decided that he is going to stay on the Board until the next Town Hall, and if more people do not attend the events, then he will be resigning from the Board.

Shirley Dueber said why put the community in a position where there is no one between them and the county, since that is what would happen if the Villages went away. She said that the Villages have been given resources and connections, and the Villages need to grow them. She added it takes time to accomplish projects, and said that it took three years to get the Mountain Express Line moving.

Doug Saldivar said he would love the Villages to have a project to work on. Shirley Dueber asked why the Villages Board doesn't brainstorm ideas instead of complaining about having no projects. She added that the Villages are not ineffective, and that no people attending meetings can mean that the people trust the Villages and some people are not upset with them.

Pat Sharp thought about the discussion topic. First, the Villages are largely a community of retirees, and people just do not want the stress of serving on a Board. Second, young people are not staying in the community. Pat is considering the purpose of the Board, as well as the reality of what is happening versus goals. Pat said that the Villages' role is as a liaison and communicator. She added the Villages have a very small budget and doing a lot could be unrealistic. The Board should focus on one goal that everyone can contribute toward and succeed at. Also, the community needs to understand that what is asked for cannot always be done, such as fixing water system or septic issues. The Villages Board needs to communicate better about what it can do. She also said that the Villages have had success at some Town Halls, and that it is the hot topics that draw people.

Pat Sharp also said that the number of TWon Halls should be addressed. She said the County needs input and members should go to committee meetings. She felt that directors need to go meet the county and other people.

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The Board also discussed REACT and C-4. Bob Reeves explained the process of reporting back on code enforcement. Pat Sharp explained how the Main Street Program had been done and how disappointed she was when the community voted it down.

Kara Verdoorn said that the Villages should improve the website and web presence, and communication. She thought a skate park or classes for kids would be good since the kids and teens need something to do. Pat Sharp suggested the Villages work on deciding on a goal to work on together. She suggested working on getting disaster plans on the website.

Nathaniel Ingrao said the Villages can do more. The Villages should bring the county or the state to the table when problems arise or assistance is needed on goals. He added that he has met many new people since joining the Board, and that each directors knows a different set of people.

Doug Saldivar said that he is encouraged by younger people such as Kara and Nathaniel joining the Board.

George Wilson said that the Villages need more faith and trust from the community. George feels that the Villages Board is giving up its autonomy. He will continue to serve on the Villages Board if more people join the Board and attend more Town Hall meetings, and if the response is bad he may resign. George is also going to write a statement for the Mountain Times as an individual. George feels that the Board is in a fragile state. Bob Reeves, Pat Sharp, Shirley Dueber all disagreed that the Board is in a fragile state.

Pat Sharp said she is concerned about the negativity continuing in the media. Bob Reeves felt that it is not helping the Board move forward. Nathaniel Ingrao thought the Board needs to work together. Doug Saldivar said that the Villages need to get more support, do something, engage the community, and get and give input.

### Election of Officers:

#### ❖Chair

- Bob Reeves nominated Pat Sharp as Chair or Co-Chair. Shirley Dueber seconded the motion.
- Pat Sharp declined, and the motion is withdrawn.
  - Pat had said that the role of Chair is too large for one person and would have considered being a co-chair. She suggested dividing up the duties that the Chair has.
  - Christine Roth said that two other Hamlets have used co-chairs, and it has worked well.
  - Doug Saldivar said that the idea was good, but it would need to be Chair and Vice-Chair since that is what the bylaws say.
- Nathaniel Ingrao said he would be willing to be Chair.
- Doug Saldivar nominated Nathaniel Ingrao as Chair. There was no second.
- George Wilson asked if there was a mandate that the officers be elected in June. He also said the bylaws have a purpose and the Board should follow them.

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George Wilson nominated Shirley Dueber as Chair. Nathaniel Ingrao seconded the motion.  
Vote: approved, 7 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

❖ Vice Chair

- Shirley Dueber nominated Nathaniel Ingrao as Vice-Chair. Doug Saldivar seconded the nomination.

**Vote:** approved, 7 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

❖ Secretary

- Bob Reeves nominated Kara Verdoorn as Secretary. Nathaniel Ingrao seconded the nomination.

**Vote:** approved, 7 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

❖ Treasurer

- Bob Reeves nominated Pat Sharp as Treasurer. Doug Saldivar seconded the nomination.

**Vote:** approved, 7 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Old Business - Number of Board Members:

Doug Saldivar asked if the Board was still in favor of changing the bylaws so that there are seven Board members. Bob Reeves suggested moving forward with the reduction, and that the Board start with small bylaw changes. Bob will write a draft of the changes, including seven members and co-chairs, and possibly the number of Town Halls. Doug Saldivar suggested declaring Board of Directors meetings also as Town Hall meetings. Doug will write up a procedural change for July approval.

Old Business - Draft procedure for appointment to outside committees:

George Wilson presented the draft procedure. Pat Sharp said that the Board should do a more complete procedure, and she presented her draft.

Bob Reeves moved that Pat Sharp's draft procedure for selection of Board members to committees be adopted. Doug Saldivar seconded the motion.

**Vote:** approved, 6 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain. Not voting: Nathaniel Ingrao.

County Committee Report - C4: Bob Reeves reported that the General Counsel for the League of Oregon Cities had spoke about incorporation, and he thought the handouts might be useful for the Board as it prepares to inform the community about incorporation. He would also like to see information about service districts at the Town Hall on incorporation.

Localized Emergency Plans for the Villages Website: Tabled until the next meeting.

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Web Page Updates - Who Does What: Kara Verdoorn would like to do a google analysis and update the website. She would also like to improve the calendar and add to it. She would like Board approval or changing the website.

Carol Burk asked if the website would be smartphone friendly. She will also have information about smart phone optimization. Also, there will be an upcoming workshop on websites sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Old Business - Community Survey Update: There are now 133 responses.

Report from Chamber of Commerce:

Coni Scott reported that the Bite of Mt Hod was a success. There were approximately 430 people. The expenses were \$9,000, and the income was \$11,000. Coni said that it was sponsored by the Chamber, yet half of the donations were from non-Chamber members.

Coni reported that TAP is doing fine. TAP will get new funds on July 1, and it will probably be around \$20,000.

Scenic Byways Committee does not yet have a start date.

Community Concerns:

- Judith Norval said that a good project for the Villages could be fundraising for the community center. She also suggested doing some fundraising in general. She thought that making the Board meetings also Town Hall meetings could lead to too much audience participation.
- Bob Reeves and Pat Sharp said that Doug Saldivar did a good job as Chair. They also thanked him for his hard work.
- Shirley Dueber announced that the Hoodland Women's Club Rummage Sale will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and that interested people or people with donations can contact Shirley or Barbara Saldivar.
- Pat Sharp said that there will be an Invasive Plant Workshop at the Zig Zag Ranger Station on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Interested people should contact the Ranger Station to pre-register.
- Alma said that the community will only participate when it wants to, and the Board should just accept it.
- Doug Saldivar said that he may be missing meetings in the future due to a job offer.

Adjournment: Chair Doug Saldivar adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth  
Recording Secretary