

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Minutes
February 21, 2009

Chair Bob Reeves called the February Town Hall meeting of the Villages at Mount Hood to order at 9:38 am at the Welches Elementary School in Welches, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Pat Buckley, Robert Baker, Shirley Dueber, Judith Norval, Brigitte Romeo, Pat Sharp, Rick Applegate
- ❖ Excused: Nancy Dougherty
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present: Christine Roth (County Liaison), Kate Roth (Recording Secretary)

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October Town Hall were presented for review. Chair Bob Reeves thanked Shirley Dueber for making copies of the minutes. Robert Baker made a motion to approve the minutes and Judith Norval seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 8 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Library Update:

- ❖ An update on the library was presented. Seventy-four percent of Hoodland residents voted for the library special district measure.
- ❖ The Library Committee has met two times with the Sandy Library Board and several concerns were addressed. The Sandy Library Board may assist in the formation of a Hoodland Friends of the Library group. Additionally, as a result of the library district formation there will be increased hours at the Hoodland Library and increased book collection.
- ❖ The new Library Board for the Sandy and Hoodland Libraries will include three members from the Hoodland area.
- ❖ If anyone is interested in knowing more about the Friends of the Library group or would like to know more, contact Judith Norval or Bob Reeves.

Mountain Express Update:

- ❖ The Mountain Express has a grant for a new bus. The old bus is old and in need of repairs as well as small.
- ❖ There will be upcoming fundraisers because of a need for matching funds. Two possible fundraisers are a Mexican dinner and an Art, Wine, & Music Festival in the summer.
- ❖ Larry Berteau asked where the grant money comes from and Bob Reeves did not have the specifics at that time and Bob said he would double check and let Larry know.

- ❖ The potential bus for Government Camp is in progress and county information will be upcoming. There may be a bus for employers at resorts.
- ❖ George Wilson asked about whom is doing the organization for the Mountain Express Line and Bob Reeves & Judith Norval said that the Mountain Express Line Steering Committee is tasked with it.

Board Meeting Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am to allow for the guest speaker.

Town Hall and Guest Speaker Introduction:

Bill Westbrook, District Ranger, Zigzag Ranger District, was the featured speaker at the October Town Hall. He spoke about the Mount Hood forest, the Mount Hood Wilderness Area, Forest Service needs and other topics. He also took questions following his presentation.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Now that all five members of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) are officially in office the BCC will be visiting the Villages & Hamlets for annual reports beginning in April.
- ❖ The budgeting season has begun and the County's budget committees all have open spots.
- ❖ There will be a National Geographic Meeting on March 4 concerning the Cascades Map at the Resort.
 - Rick Applegate added that the sites have been identified and are for geotourism.

Other Information and Board Comment:

- ❖ Christine Roth briefly mentioned local projects that may receive money from the stimulus and others asked questions about the funding.
- ❖ Judith Norval asked if the U.S. Forest Service and the Hoodland Women's Club and Senior Center could coordinate better for future projects.
- ❖ Bob Reeves and Robert Baker have met with Bill Westbrook and plan to work on improving communication and coordination.
- ❖ The stamp sales at the Sesquicentennial event were very good. The Board thanked Gary Randall for his hard work designing the cache and design.

Town Hall Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall and adjourned the meeting at 11:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary