

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD  
WORK SESSION

Notes

May 14, 2009

Chair Bob Reeves called the May work session of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 7:09 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

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

Work Session Notes:

The March Work Session Notes were presented for review. Shirley Dueber made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Robert Baker seconded the motion. Vote: approved, 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Postcards & Logo:

Christine Roth apologized for the misprint of the logo on the postcards. She also wanted to apologize to Gary Randall for the mistake. There are about 400 postcards that are blank. A few postcards were returned from vacant lots and from summer rentals. Rick Applegate told Christine that in Rhododendron it is important to have P.O. Boxes on addresses instead of the physical address, and he also suggested Christine examine the use of a bulk permit in the future. Christine is giving the extra postcards to the Board to give to others to ensure people are aware of the upcoming Town Hall.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Christine has information from two people for the Voter's Guide and is waiting for the other two. The May 2009 Voter's Guide will be on 11 x 17 paper and will have 300 word statements instead of 150 words.
- ❖ Business Town Hall – Christine talked to Jamie Johnk about a business town hall in July. There are four prospective dates and each date has been reserved. The Chamber will be involved as well because the Chamber would host it and would also be involved in upcoming phases. The location may be the RV Village because of the large number of people invited.
  - Jamie Johnk has most of the information and the invitations for the event.

- The Board provided input as to the dates it would prefer. The Board also considered what time for the event is best.
- Robert Baker provided additional information about the Chamber's stance on the Town Hall and the Main Street Program. He also provided more background to help answer questions from the Board. He also wanted to ensure that Bill Westbrook and his staff have been informed about the meeting. Robert also said that Bob Thurman is going to send a letter out to encourage businesses to participate in the Business Town Hall.
- The Board also considered how aware business owners are of the Program and if the Chamber is prepared to lead the program or if the Chamber will need the Villages to provide leadership as well. Pat Sharp wanted to make sure that the Chamber is in charge of the business involvement and that the Villages are not leading some of the Business phase.

Bob Reeves thanked all the Board members for their participation in the Annual Report. He also said that the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) seem pleased by the Report and the progress.

#### Expanding Village Boundary:

- ❖ Bob Reeves wanted to bring to the Board the information Christine Roth has. Christine Roth had received several informal inquiries about expanding the Boundary.
- ❖ Christine began by presenting the two packets the Board members had. One was the Bylaws and she highlighted the sections that discuss boundary change. She also explained the process of changing the boundary as per the bylaws. The Board must discuss the change, vote on it, and then send it to a Town Hall. Following this is sending the boundary to the BCC. During the process of a formal letter of interest from a citizen, there is also a need to have 10% of the affected area be willing to be for the proposed expansion. There have been a few different groups on the west side that are inquiring. These western lands would not conflict with the Community Planning Organizations' work if added to the Villages.
  - Christine answered questions from the Board about how to assess if a group is allowed to petition to join and how the process works. She also answered questions about what would happen if any of the landowners were against the inclusion.
  - Additionally, residents of any proposed expansion area must be the ones who begin the process and survey neighbors for interest.
  - Christine said that she could provide a sample letter for the interested parties so that the people would be aware of how the process works.
- ❖ Bob Reeves added information about other interested people and if the area was amenable to considering joining the Villages. He would also like the Board to consider how far it wants to expand the Boundary and how far the Board wants to go in the process of expansion.
- ❖ Rick Applegate asked about who the interested parties who were seeking information about joining the Villages. Board members believed that Coni Scott has recently expressed interest, as has Joyce Leduke.

- ❖ Robert Baker would like to see the Villages have a meeting or work session where people interested in boundary change can attend. He would like it to be informational and he would like the Villages to lay out the procedure of how a citizen can be able to follow the process of petitioning for joining the Villages. Pat Sharp through the idea of information was good, but wanted to ensure that it is clear that the Villages are not soliciting people to join.
- ❖ The Board also debated whether or not it would be useful to consider using the Hoodland Fire District Boundary in the future as part of the Villages' boundary. The Board also considered if it is possible to assess if ten percent of an area are interested.

Discuss TAP Letter:

- ❖ Christine Roth presented two letters: one is the letter from last year and the second is a draft of what could be sent this year. She said one paragraph was removed because the topic was already in use and was not relevant. There is also a packet from Linda Bell concerning how the logo came about. There is also a letter from Scott Crookshank that is a report about what was done with the logo and how it was done as project number 1. Linda Bell also gave the application form so the Board could view it. She also provided details on Linda Bell's report and previous paperwork. Linda Bell had also said that Turtledove Clemens was the designer because that was the agency with whom the county was contracting with for marketing and design.
  - The County owns the logo and Dan Chandler, the senior associate county counsel, had determined the information and said that the Chamber had been acting as an agent of the County at the time.
  - Rick Applegate thanked Christine for researching the information and getting a clear and precise answer.
- ❖ Bob Reeves said that Linda Bell has requested a letter from the Villages that says that the TAP group can be the agent. Christine Roth added that Linda Bell would like the letter soon and the June Board of Directors meeting would be soon enough.
- ❖ Rick Applegate and Pat Sharp discussed the previous occasions on which the letter was discussed and if any decisions had been made concerning the sending of the letter.
  - The TAP group had not requested the letter, and Linda Bell was requesting it because no one had done so for the current year.
  - Rick Applegate would like to send a letter saying that the Board is not yet ready to send a letter for appointment and would like a delay to consider the issue further.
    - Pat Sharp and Robert Baker did not approve of the idea and said it is viewed as a no if that happens. Robert Baker also said the TAP group needs to come to the Board to request the letter. He also said that the TAP group has not followed through with various items including a failure to discuss with their membership that the Villages have a position on their Board.
- ❖ Pat Sharp would like to see the Board call the TAP Group and say that before the Board can send a letter in June there is a need to discuss information and touch base. She also wants to emphasize that the Board would like to support TAP, and that the Villages would like to hear more about collaboration.

- ❖ Christine Roth wanted to make sure that the Board knew that the Villages have no veto power over the TAP Group's plan.
  - Robert Baker was concerned about the fact that the Villages have not been able to take a place on the Board like they had hoped to.
  - Rick Applegate wanted to make sure that the Villages are sending the letter for the packet. Robert Baker also said that the letter is needed because the Chamber used to give the letter, but the Chamber gave it up because of the auditing costs. After this was when the Villages became the agents.
  - Rick was also concerned with ensuring that the Villages are involved early on in the TAP phase and would like to ensure that the grant process is always focused on the Mountain community.
    - There was a discussion over whether or not local businesses can be promoted or if this is not possible because of requirements that the county take the low bid.
  - Pat Sharp was concerned that the Villages should have been involved earlier in the process and if there is the ability for the Villages to become more involved or aware in the future.
  - The Board also had a discussion about the formation of Tourism Action Plans and how different areas (example: cities) have different requirements. Rick Applegate also discussed the creation of a Tourism Action Plan and how it affects local businesses and whom it attracts.
- ❖ Pat Sharp's recommendation is that the Board approves the appointment this year, and that the next time if the Board is not involved in the collaborative process next year the Board will not sign the letter then (next year). She wants to emphasize extending an olive branch and working on collaboration.
- ❖ Robert Baker would like to send the draft letter to be done with the process. He'd also like to see that a Board member that is willing to be collaborative with the TAP group go and do that.
- ❖ Bob Reeves wanted to see if there was a direction or consensus that had been reached.
  - Those who would like to see the letter be approved: Pat Sharp, Robert Baker, Shirley Dueber, Bob Reeves
    - Pat Sharp, Robert Baker and Shirley Dueber all are voting for signing the letter and want to express the disappointment in the lack of collaboration. Shirley wanted to see the partnership continue and does not want to punish the TAP group, and she appreciates the TAP group's hard work. Shirley would also like to see the TAP Group have a regular spot on an agenda so that TAP is able to make reports on a regular time.
  - Those who would like to see the letter not be approved: Pat Buckley
  - Rick Applegate would like to have an alternate letter in the case that there is not five votes supporting sending the letter at the June meeting.
  - The TAP group will be on the agenda for the June meeting and will have an opportunity to have a presentation before the deliberation of the Villages Board.
- ❖ Bob Reeves wanted the opportunity to make a few comments. On the topic of discussions and e-mails between board members he wanted to clarify that there are no secrets or hidden agendas. Coni Scott has largely initiated the calls. They have also been

on the topic of the grant that Nancy Dougherty submitted. Also, Coni has been contacting Bob when she has been unable to reach Nancy and has been concerned with deadlines or information.

- ❖ Rick Applegate was also concerned with the need to act and that the Board take up the issue of the appointment letter. He wanted to emphasize that he had been seeking discussion of the appointment letter for the past few months. Shirley Dueber was concerned that Rick was seeking discussion, but was not promoting action or a solution to problems he was raising. Rick was concerned that Bob had been avoiding addressing the issue, to which Bob said that he was not purposefully avoiding the issue.

#### Board Issues and Comment:

- ❖ Robert Baker – This was his last opportunity to speak as a member of the Board of Directors. He wanted to say that the Board is getting closer to being a vital part of the County’s decision-making process and improving the quality of life. His one disappointment is that not all members are participating in their committee assignments or taking committee assignments. He argued that if a person is on the Board then the person is responsible for participating in committees and events. Robert Baker would also like to see that member attend their committee meetings. He said that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Board and that there have been many good conversations. He also appreciated Christine Roth’s hard work.
- ❖ Rick Applegate – Rick thanked Robert Baker for his time on the Board of Directors and said that he always appreciated their discussions and debates, even when they were not in agreement. He also thanked Christine Roth for getting more information on the logo and other topics.
- ❖ Shirley Dueber – She thanked Robert Baker for his work and said she would miss him. She said that the Board needs someone like him who is not afraid to speak their mind.
- ❖ Pat Sharp added that Robert had a good skill with being able to summarize a discussion and return to a main point. She also said that she appreciate Robert’s comments on attending committee meetings. She also mentioned that there are a lot of committees and prospective members need to know how many committees there are. Pat also thanked everyone for helping her learn and being kind to her in the process of learning and serving the community. She also added that she is disappointed by how hard collaboration can be in the community and would like to see more collaboration occur. Pat would like to see the Board address sustaining the habitat, and work on the goals in previous years that have addressed habitat and the environment.
  - Pat had a few suggestions for potential new members. She encouraged dedicating time in the first few meetings after the election to educate members about the County (departments, the BCC) and the history of the Villages. She would also like to see the Board educate the new members about the ongoing projects in the community. She’d also like to see a review of rules, e-mail rules, and bylaws so the members know the details that are important.
- ❖ Shirley Dueber added that the County is working on becoming greener and said that there are more ways to work on environmental issues than before. She said that it is an ongoing issue that will need to continue to be addressed.
- ❖ Pat Buckley – He also said that he will miss Robert Baker.

Christine Roth asked Shirley if she had cookies for the Town Hall and if Rick would be willing to provide coffee. Both said that they would be willing to do so.

- ❖ Bob Reeves said that he too will miss Robert and hopes that Robert will continue to be involved in committees. He also said that soon there would be press releases for the Mountain Express Line that will announce two new busses. One of the new busses has a three-year warranty for maintenance.

Christine Roth also presented a Canby Herald article on the intergovernmental agreements following the library district passage.

Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth  
Recording Secretary