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VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

December 6, 2011

Chair Shirley Dueber called the December 6th 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:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The November 1, 2011 Board of Directors minutes were presented for review. Bob Reeves made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Pat Sharp seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 5 - yes, 0 - no, 1 - abstain (Saldivar).

Treasurer's Report:

Pat Sharp reported that the Villages' bank balance is \$2,522.18. No bills or checks were received.

Bob Reeves moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Doug Saldivar seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 6 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Communications: No communications were received.

Persons to be heard:

Coni Scott reported that 62 people attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, and it was Volunteer Appreciation Day. Also, there was information provided about the Scenic Byways program and the signs. The tentative date for the 2012 Bite of Mt Hood is April 28th. Doug Saldivar complimented Coni on her work at the Chamber and said she is being a good leader.

County Liaison:

Christine Roth reported that the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update is ongoing. The PAC and Technical Advisory committees have met. One focus is how to emphasize alternative

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transportation. There will be a Board of County Commissioners Round Table on Wednesday the 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Christine Roth also reported that there is a ODOT proposal to change some of the rules on traffic signs, turns and some other traffic devices in highway and rural areas. The comment period for the proposed changes to the administrative rules runs through December 21. Representative Bill Kennemer is studying the changes as well. Bob Reeves suggested the Villages take a stand on the rule change and encourage the BCC to take a strong view. Pat Sharp and Bob Reeves agreed that REACT should meet to discuss the issue.

Christine also said that work is continuing on broadband cable. Tom Gall has proposed a public/private partnership to run cable to some areas to work on addressing the last mile issue. Also, the Board discussed if there is a cell phone tower on Autumn Lane and if any new towers are being proposed for the area around Lolo Pass Road. The bicycle tourism studios are happening around the county.

Old Business - List of Board Responsibilities to Date:

Pat Sharp explained the chart she drew up and asked what is missing. Changes suggested by the Board include listing Bob Reeves as the Chamber of Commerce Liaison, Shirley Dueber as also on the Mountain Express Committee, and Shirley Dueber and Nathaniel Ingrao on the Scenic Byways sign project. The Board agreed to drop some committees that are no longer active such as the safety committee. Doug Saldivar will take over as liaison to the *Mountain Times*.

Bob Reeves asked for Board approval so that he and Pat Sharp could work together to create a response to the ODOT rule change. He would take comments from the Board until Friday. Board consensus was that the Board opposed the rule change.

Pat Sharp moved that a statement be created that says that the Board of Directors stands against the changes and delegates to Pat Sharp and Bob Reeves to write a statement, and they will accept Board comment through December 9th, and will email the statement to the Board. George Wilson seconded the motion.

Pat Sharp said that the Villages Board opposes the rule change that could eliminate citizen input for signals, turns on state and rural roads and highways. And there is concern that ODOT would not be accountable to the general public.

Vote: approved, 6 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Old Business - Survey Results:

Doug Saldivar presented several parts of the survey results and said any could be the basis for a goal for the Board to work on. Board consensus was that the Board should develop a goal that the whole Board is working on. The Board discussed economic development, including job opportunities and George Wilson said that he has been talking with Clackamas County purchasing and has received information on bids for contractors. Doug Saldivar suggested that

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the Board consider working with the Chamber on the goal of job opportunities. Other topics included maintaining the mountain character, hiking trails and design standards. The Board discussed the past problems with the business community not wanting to support the Main Street Program, the City of Sandy's work on its Main Street, and Welches Road.

Pat Sharp said that the Villages is getting better at being a liaison and providing information and opportunities for the community. Doug Saldivar thought the Board should have a goal and continue to liaise. Pat Sharp added that the sidewalks on Welches Road are a good idea, but the reality of the cost of the path will be a problem. Christine Roth suggested the Board consider asking for the sidewalks to be part of the County's TSP. Bob Reeves said that Cam Gilmour was going to talk to the BCC about paving money and contingency funds. He suggested that the Board support a contingency fund for road repairs. Pat Sharp said that Cam Gilmour had previously said that there is no emergency road funds left and that there is consideration over whether or not to repave roads or set aside money as a contingency.

The Board asked Bill Westbrook about the effect of the floods on Lolo Pass Road and the Forest Service. He said that some of the roads and trails on upper Lolo were affected. There were federal emergency flood repairs funds that the Forest Service applied for, but it can take several years to get funds and the money must go to replacing what was lost.

Pat Sharp suggested looking into a special district fund for disaster relief for the area. The money could go towards bridges and roads and the money would stay local. Christine Roth said it would be an interesting idea and would take a lot of research. Shirley Dueber asked if any other groups have tried this, and said that if the Board were to pursue it the whole Board would need to be involved. Shirley also suggested doing research and checking to see if there is any community support. Pat Sharp also said that looking into an enhance law enforcement district may be a better idea. The Board agreed that answers would be needed about how the County would handle the money and who would be the fiscal agent. Doug Saldivar thought it was a good idea. The Board agreed to study the idea and talk to people, and then discuss it more at the next meeting.

Old Business - Formalize List of Board Goals: Tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business - Review Board Policy 007: Tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business - Final vote on by-laws amendments by the Board:

Since the bylaw amendments were approved by the community at the last Town Hall the Board discussed a final vote. The Board of County Commissioners has not yet voted on the changes.

Doug Saldivar moved that the Villages Board approve the Town Hall vote on the amendments. George Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 6 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Shirley Dueber thanked Bill Westbrook for attending the meeting.

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New Business - Debrief on Nov. 19 County meeting about the Sandy River:

George Wilson said that he was surprised that the Board of Directors was not given thanks for outreach by Laurel Butman at the meeting. He said that when he talked to her she said that three Board members asked not to be mentioned, and George would like to know why. He said that credibility is an issue. He wanted to know why should the Villages Board have voted on supporting the Town Hall. He said that the Board did not need to be notified of the mention or recognition. George thought that the Board should follow the process and follow up. He thought every Board member should have a say.

Bob Reeves said that Clackamas County did not involve the Villages Board early on, and the Villages Board did not get a chance to decide on involvement. George said that he never had a question about hosting the meeting. He thought the Villages should have been automatically invited. Pat Sharp said that it was a Clackamas County meeting, not a Villages meeting and the Villages were not part of the meeting design. Pat Sharp added that the meeting was organized by the transportation department and she did not know why the Villages did not get asked to be involved early.

Coni Scott said that it was an excellent meeting, and that the Villages needs to step up and thank people.

Shirley Dueber said if the Board is not getting credit, then it should either get credit or at least ask.

Christine Roth said that individual members of the Board had asked not to be identified and thanked as individual members. Recognition of the Board as a whole was not the issue. She also said that the meeting was organized on a very short timeline. She added that the Army Corp of Engineers had been invited, but declined to attend.

Bob Reeves said that the whole Board should have been involved at the beginning, and that the process was flawed.

George Wilson thought that better relations with the County as a whole are needed.

New Business - Criteria for County Bids,emergency list of County contacts for construction jobs:
Tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment: Chair Shirley Dueber adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary