

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

July 6, 2010

Chair Doug Saldivar called the July 6th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 7:01 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E. Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The June 10th Board of Directors minutes were presented for review. Bob Reeves made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Shirley Dueber seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 7 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Chairman's Comments:

Chair Doug Saldivar asked that Board members be respectful of guest speakers, liaisons, other Board members, and the audience.

George Wilson said that he takes his position seriously, and that he represents the community. He said that he is there to represent the community. He said that at the previous meeting he made a comment, and he would like to apologize for the use of the word corrupt. He said that he is trying to be careful in what he says.

Secretary's Report:

Doug Saldivar asked Bob Reeves and Shirley Dueber if the meeting room is set up for the future. Bob said that he and Shirley Dueber set up times and consult with the Fire Department staff. He also asked about posting agendas and final versions of minutes. The Recording Secretary will get the final versions to Doug.

Treasurer's Report:

Brigette Romeo reported the status of the Villages bank account and detailed account activity. There were two checks cleared, and the bank balance is approximately \$2,431. Pat Buckley

reported to Brigitte Romeo that the Treasurer reserves the school, and Brigitte was given the information on who to contact and what meeting dates are reserved.

County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ Christine Roth reported that the new Mountain Express Line bus was dedicated in a ceremony at the Public Service Building with the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners. The BCC was pleased by the grant and the funds used for the new bus.
- ❖ August 4th will be the annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. Christine wanted to know if the Villages would like to have a luncheon with the BCC. The themes for the BCC's morning meetings are emergencies. The Village will get an hour to an hour and a half with the BCC. She suggested the Villages discuss some of their accomplishments.
- ❖ Christine presented an update on tourism and the TDC. Danielle Cowan talked to the Chamber of Commerce earlier in the morning. The Tourism Development Commission has five vacancies and eleven applications for the seats. The BCC will have the final decision on the members to be appointed.

Planning and Review:

Doug Saldivar provided a recap of the purpose of the Board to begin the discussion. Carol Burk said that she was under the impression that it was a conduit, and that she would like to see the Villages reach out to the community. Doug Saldivar said that joint meetings are one of his goals, and Christine Roth suggested he consider if they would be official because official meetings require notice and minutes as well as other details.

The Board of Directors reviewed the existing committees and actions plans.

- ❖ Sustainability – Doug Saldivar reported that the committee is continuing to work, and that he is developing an action plan. He said that he registered the name “Green Scene” with two partners and has a goal of forming a nonprofit organization.
- ❖ Mountain Express Line – Bob Reeves reported that the bus is still going, and that the second bus is still running. The second bus had matching funds, and the difference was contributed by the BCC. MEL may apply for a third bus.
 - Doug Saldivar asked if there was a time frame yet for the Government Camp bus, and Bob Reeves said that there is a need for grant dollars. The expanded funding would require more money, and a timeframe is to be determined.
 - Christine Roth reported that Gail Acterman, who is the ACT Commission Chair, would be at the August annual meeting.
 - Doug Saldivar said that goals still need to be set. He would like to see either dollar or percentage goals.
- ❖ Welches Road – Shirley Dueber reported that she had a good meeting with the County and is working on the idea of creating a pathway on the other side of the ditch. She said that the engineers are also studying where the centerline actually is on the road. Doug Saldivar asked about using local resources for building a pathway if the county does not, and Shirley said that she was talking to people.

- ❖ Environmental Committee update – Pat Sharp had previously sent out an update that said that she is working with Rich Watanabe on decommissioning the quarry, and has a workshop on invasive plants scheduled. Pat also has postponed the playground goal until final decisions are made about the Community Center financing to avoid having too many community fundraisers going on at the same time.
- ❖ Library – Since the committee is standalone the Villages will likely drop the committee.
- ❖ REACT/C-4 – The Villages will continue to attend the meetings, and no action plan will be needed.
- ❖ Public Safety – Doug Saldivar said that if the committee is continued there needs to be an action plan. Bob Reeves said that public safety is still a community issue, so it should be kept.
- ❖ Communications – Doug Saldivar said that the issues are mostly accomplished, so the committee will be dropped.
 - Sandra Palmer asked if there had been a follow up on the letter sent to ODOT. Bob Reeves reported that ODOT’s letter suggested using a website that contains a list of projects and updates.
 - Sandra Palmer asked how concerns could get addressed in the future, and Christine Roth suggested consulting the project manager when issues arise.
 - Keith Schacher suggested the Villages remember to consult the County because the County could be doing work on local roads.
- ❖ Scenic Byways – The committee’s work is at a stand still until funding is obtained for signage.
- ❖ Tourism – Carol Burk volunteered to be the liaison between TAP or the Chamber of Commerce and the Villages.
- ❖ Water – The Villages decided to drop the committee.

Open Board Position:

The Board vacancy has been posted in the *Mountain Times*, Chamber of Commerce eblasts, the website, and the Sandy Post. There are no applications received as of yet, and the deadline is July 20.

Elections Process – Progress Report:

George Wilson asked if the County provides guidelines for overseeing elections, and Christine Roth said she has them and will send them out to the Board. George also presented a draft of his recommended policies and procedures. It includes more details on validating voters, the time frame for voting, counting only marked ballots, who counts the ballots, and when to announce the results. The consensus of the Board was to review the draft and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Town Hall in August – Public Safety Progress Report:

Groups that are agreeing to attend the Town Hall are the Hoodland Fire Department, HEART, and the Sheriff’s Department. Doug Saldivar asked about the order of events, and consensus was to have a short business meeting first.

Discussion of letter from TAP:

Doug Saldivar said that he thought the issue was pretty simple, and that it was acknowledging that TAP has been and is working on the issues. Pat Buckley said that the focus for tourism should be broader and for the whole mountain.

Bob Reeves moved, and Shirley Dueber seconded the motion, to acknowledge the letter, and appoint Carol Burk as the liaison, and to work with the community. During discussion Coni Scott said that the letter is for the Board's information, and Marilyn Peterson said that it was about informing and being proactive, supportive and constructive.

Vote: approved, 5 – yes, 2 – no (Buckley, Wilson), 0 – abstain.

Community Comments:

- ❖ Nancy Spenser – She added that she attended the Welches Road meeting, and wanted to add that there was discussion over location of utility poles, the signage details, and the fact that speed bumps are allowed only on rural roads.
- ❖ Marilyn Peterson – She asked that the Board consider that when reforming the elections policy, that the Board does not disenfranchise voters. She thought that citizens should be allowed to vote nothing as a not vote.
- ❖ Keith Schacher said that he would like to see the goals publicized, he encouraged the public safety committee members to join the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, and why did tourism chose Government Camp as the location for a visitor information center.
- ❖ Coni Scott provided a report on the Chamber of Commerce meeting. There will be a Chamber after hours event soon, and the Chamber is also sponsoring a workshop on social media in August. She also said that Doug Saldivar had asked the Chamber to consider distributing the Villages Board meeting agendas via eblast, and the Chamber declined. Coni said the Villages could consider sending in short announcements or summaries of meetings.

Adjournment: Chair Doug Saldivar adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth
Recording Secretary