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VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD  
TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Minutes

May 21, 2011

Chair Doug Saldivar called the May Town Hall meeting of the Villages at Mt. Hood to order at 9:30 am at the Welches Elementary School in, Welches, OR.

Attendance:

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

Town Hall Welcome and Announcements:

Chair Doug Saldivar welcomed all the attendees. The Board of Directors were introduced, and the Town Hall was then led by Pat Sharp.

Approval of Minutes:

The January 2011 Town Hall minutes were presented for review. Bob Reeves moved to approve the minutes. Pat Sharp seconded the motion.

**Vote:** approved, 8 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pat Buckley reported the bills and bank balance. There is a quarterly check that is due soon and the Recording Secretary is submitting a bill in June.

Secretary's Report: No new letters or communication were received.

County Liaison:

Christine Roth reported that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has appointed a new commissioner. Jamie Damon, a resident of Eagle Creek, is the new Commissioner. She is a conflict mediator at Portland State University.

Action Reports:

- Pat Sharp provided a recap of her environmental goals. She has been able to keep people informed on a wide range of issues including ODOT work. On her second goal she has been able to organize a Town Hall on bike trails and the flooding in the Lolo Pass area.

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- Bob Reeves said that Clackamas County is updating code enforcement. The County would like to have more uniform enforcement between urban and rural areas.
- Pat Sharp added that currently the County only responds to complaints and cannot address what code enforcement officers see.
- Christine Roth said that the BCC will likely review the proposed changes in mid-June and are considering tougher enforcement of the code.
- Shirley Dueber reported that the County has no money and probably cannot do much to help fix Welches Road safety issues. She said that if the speed of drivers on Welches Road was studied it could lead to an increase in the speed limit. She also said that one possible solution could be to look into if PGE would put the power lines underground.
- Bob Reeves reported that the Mountain Express Line Saturday service is going well and has good ridership. The study into bus service for the Government Camp area is ongoing, but does not have any money currently. The fundraising efforts for MEL are ongoing. He also said that this is not the time to consider the possibility of a transit district.
- Doug Saldivar reported that the plastic bag reduction goal had to be dropped, and the goal of a charging station is having problems because of financial issues. The Green Scene was held, and it had a smaller participation but recycling still did well. The high school students were very enthusiastic. Doug is still working on a presentation for the Chamber of Commerce on green businesses. The idea of a full time recycling center is a long shot because of the problem of funding and transportation costs.

Hoodland Women's Club: Diane Lochting reported on the proposed community center. She detailed funding, possible tenants, and proposed rooms and amenities for the new building.

### Community Survey Results:

Doug Saldivar reported that in 2010 the Villages had 52 responses to the survey. As of May 20 there were 108 responses for the 2011 survey, and 42 of the responses were paper surveys. For the 2011 survey the Villages invited the Hoodland Women's Club and the Senior Center to participate. The demographics of the survey as of May 20 were two-thirds part time residents and one-third full time residents. Most respondents did not have children in school, and most respondents were over 45.

Kara Verdoorn presented the results of the questions she designed. She said that seventy percent were part-time owners, all had been in the community for over a year (28% for over 20 years), and most do not have kids in their home. Also, a majority were interested in learning more about the process of incorporation. Responses indicated people do not understand incorporation, have concerns over taxes. Board consensus was to pursue a November Town Hall on the process of incorporation featuring a panel discussion with those for and against incorporation.

Nathaniel Ingrao reported the results of the questions he designed. Jobs and tourism are more of a concern to respondents than branding or building on highway 26. Respondents indicated a desire to enhance or improve existing businesses and brands. People favored keeping the mountain character and considering design standards. Additional services desired included increased police, a community center, a pharmacy, more recycling, and an assisted living facility.

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Judith Norval presented the results of the Senior Center’s questions. Respondents said they did not use the center often, but would be interested in participating in classes, meetings and socializing. Respondents also preferred evening and weekend events. A small fee was acceptable, and it would encourage attendance.

Doug Saldivar reported on the results of the sustainability questions. Respondents acknowledged that gas is a problem. They also said that less packaging is good, as is recycling. They would also support green businesses.

Election Results:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Bob Reeves	13
None of the Above	3

Total Votes Cast: 16

Bob Reeves was reelected to the Board of Directors.

Town Hall adjournment: Chair Doug Saldivar adjourned the Board meeting at 11:15 am and the Town Hall at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth  
Recording Secretary