

VILLAGES AT MT. HOOD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes  
February 3, 2009

Chair Bob Reeves called the February monthly meeting of the Villages at Mount Hood board meeting to order at 4:01 pm at the Hoodland Fire District meeting room, 69634 E Hwy 26, Welches, OR.

Attendance

- ❖ Committee Members Present: Bob Reeves, Nancy Dougherty, Shirley Dueber, Brigitte Romeo, Pat Buckley, Judith Norval, Robert Baker, Patricia Sharp
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Excused: Rick Applegate  
Staff Present: Christine Roth (county staff), Kate Roth (recording secretary)

Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Minutes from January were presented for review. Pat Buckley moved to approve the January minutes and Nancy Dougherty seconded. Vote: approved, 8 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Dougherty presented the Treasurer's Report, which stated that the Villages had no activity since last month. The question was asked if a cake could be purchased for the Town Hall and consensus was yes. Christine Roth added that she had a \$500 quarterly check from Clackamas County for the Villages that she would send via mail.

Communications:

- ❖ Library Committee – Judith Norval reported that the Library Committee has had two meetings about Hoodland Library being an auxiliary of Sandy Library. The meetings have gone well, and they have included the community. The budget for Hoodland will likely be the same for the next year (same amount as last year), but there will be less discretionary income. There may be \$30,000 in new programming. Judith is also looking into forming a Friends of the Library group.
  - Shirley Dueber asked if the new Friends group would be a 501(c)(3) or under the library's tax exempt status. Judith Norval replied that this would be a new group and might have a separate fund.
  - Bob Reeves added that the Hoodland Library would have three of seven seats on the Sandy Library Board soon.
- ❖ Bob Reeves reported that the Villages received a reply about the letter to the Board of County Commissions concerning police protection. He stated that it felt like a brush off.
  - Robert Baker added that the Villages followed procedure, and he would like to see a different avenue pursued. He suggested talking to State Representatives or State Senators. He added that while the time is right it does take a long time to

get a piece of legislation passed. He suggested talking to the area's legislators, Senator Rick Metsger and Representative Suzanne Van Orman, and he also thought talking to Representative Bill Kennemer and Senator Martha Schrader could be a good idea.

- Christine Roth added that the county is in the process of working on a survey concerning public safety. She also said that the idea of a countywide public service district has been discussed informally.
- Other issues the Board members had were how increased patrols have worked elsewhere and having the county handle money from traffic stops.
- Bob Reeves also inquired about whether the Commissioners got a chance to read the letter in depth or if they did not have the time.
- Judith Norval was concerned that the Commissioners are not listening to the input of the Villages enough.
- ❖ Robert Baker gave a report on the Complete Communities Congress. It is still in the planning phase and he is on a task force preparing it. The people on the Committee gave the consultants a lot of work and issues to think about. The Congress will be in May.
- ❖ Bob Reeves added that there has been some difficulties because of the new Board of Commissioners (BCC) are still learning the county and more about the process and job. He added that the Villages should pay attention to the decision the BCC makes.

#### County Liaison's Report:

- ❖ The Complete Communities Congress is going to be on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 noon at Clackamas Community College.
- ❖ March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the next Community Planning Organization (CPO) Leaders Meeting from seven to nine, and it will be at the Development Services building.
- ❖ The C4 Group, Clackamas County Coordinating Committee, will now have a hamlet and a village representative on the Committee.
- ❖ A new committee is being formed, REACT, or the Rural Equity Act on Transportation. It will examine priorities and transportation issues for rural areas. The goal is for it to be a way for rural communities to get transportation issues on a list. If there is a list of issues, then it may be possible to get more money for projects in the future.
- ❖ The Annual Report to the BCC is still upcoming. It will likely be delayed because of the difficulties in organizing five Commissioners schedules to fit in the goal of a tour and report up at the Villages.
  - The fifth Commissioner is Ann Lininger. She has a social service background and is an attorney.
- ❖ The Main Street Program still needs to make a work plan. It will also be worked on at the February Work Session.
- ❖ The Postal Cancellation was also briefly discussed.
- ❖ Questions:
  - Robert Baker asked about C4, specifically was it an ongoing committee and REACT. Christine Roth said that C4 is an ongoing committee, and that the Villages need to pick a person to be the representative. She also said that REACT is about representing transit and prioritizing.

- There were also questions from a previous CPO Leaders' Meeting about road maintenance.
- Brigitte Romeo asked if Christine Roth had heard about the snowplowing schedule of the county. Christine replied that the county has no snowplowing schedule, but plowing is done on an as needed basis.

### Unfinished Business

#### 1. Scenic Byways

- Nancy Dougherty said that the group had been unhappy with the route through Gresham. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> a group took a drive through a route to examine various criteria (landforms, vegetation, color, uniqueness, alteration, National Register, agriculture) on a bus. A plan was created where the route still went through Gresham, though the new plan was visually nicer.
  - Judith Norval asked if it was a federal project and if the people who live along the routes have been informed. Nancy said that it was, though no final approval had happen on the 90% plan.
  - The next meeting in on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hoodland Fire Station from 9 to 11 in the morning.

#### 2. Commemorative Stamp

- Gary Randall was asked to give a report on the stamp. He said that it was all ready to go and exclusive to the Villages area. The event for the cancellation will be on February 14<sup>th</sup> from ten am until noon. He suggested having cachet envelopes for sale at the event.
- A Press Release has been sent out informing people of the event.
- The idea of fundraising at the event was also discussed. The remaining stamps and envelopes could be sold at the Town Hall as well.
- Gary added that collectors are likely interested. He suggested a price \$3-5 per envelope or \$10-12 for the set.
- It was asked if the Villages would like to work with the Oregon 150 group.
- Robert Baker stated that he thought the Villages should not purchase envelopes.
- Nancy Dougherty thought it would be a wonderful fundraiser. She would be willing to handle the money if the Board thought they would get enough money from the project.
- Gary Randall said he would be willing to deliver envelopes, but he would not provide the stamps for the envelopes.

Judith Norval moved that the Villages Board accept Gary Randall's offer on the envelopes (she suggested 500 envelopes). Brigitte Romeo seconded the motion. The vote was 7 –yes, 1 – no, 0 – abstain. The motion was passed.

The Board also decided to have cookies at the event. Pat Sharp and Judith Norval offered to help Nancy with the sales on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Board Member Comments:

- ❖ Robert Baker stated that he would like to see the villages talk to the State Representatives as a continuance of the safety letter. Bob Reeves will talk to someone in while in Salem soon.
- ❖ Brigitte Romeo reported on the TAP committee. She is leaving the TAP Board so the Villages will need a new member. She said that the Dining and Shopping Guide will be updated, and the e-magazine will be updated as well. TAP will be meeting on the first Thursday in April in the Fireside Room at 1:30 pm.
  - Bob Reeves felt that the relationship between TAP and the Villages cannot go anywhere because of previous agreement.
  - George Wilson asked if TAP is still as being from the Villages. He said that the Villages are not really in need of TAP.
  - It was stated that TAP are linked to the Villages because of money.
  - Todd Ostrom added that TAP used to work through the Chamber of Commerce for money management. He said it was the first year that TAP was not working with Chamber for managing money.
- ❖ Pat Sharp asked about the Town Hall agenda. Bob Reeves stated that the agenda had Bill Westbrook, the District Ranger for Zig Zag, and a special celebration of Oregon 150 birthday with cake.
- ❖ Pat Buckley provided some information about the upcoming census and job opportunities. He said that they are looking for workers (temporary, part time or full time) who would verify addresses this year. He said the person overseeing the Region is Ellen Martin.
- ❖ Bob Reeves added that the Mountain Express Line has got a new bus. They have a grant and now need matching funds. He also distributed an article to Board members about being in the minority on votes.

### Any Persons to be Heard:

George Wilson asked about a follow up on Cedar Ridge. Christine Roth said she would send the information to him.

### Adjournment:

Chair Bob Reeves adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Roth  
Recording Secretary