

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

July 15, 2017

Resort at the Mountain

Open Meeting:

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. He introduced the board and guests; Kimberly Dinwiddie, ODOT and Sgt. Brummett with Clackamas County Sheriff. 43 people (by head count) attended and 39 signed the sign-in sheet (sign-in available on request).

Secretary's Report:

Steve called for corrections or changes to the May 20, 2017 minutes. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. John Young made and Nancy Dougherty seconded **a motion to approve the minutes as posted and distributed.** The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Graeper gave the treasurer's report in Treasurer Sharon Lamoreaux's absence. As of last meeting 5-20-2017, the total combined balance was \$1,775.35.

Deposits:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Rhody Rising:		500.00	Ind. Donation
" "		200.00	Ind. Donation
General Fund:		32.00	Donation from meeting
		150.00	Exp. Reimbursement check
Checks written since last meeting		(50.00)	Filing with OR Corp Division

Balances available as of this report:

Downtown Rhody:		1715.00	
General Fund:		588.68	
Garden Fund:		303.67	
Total Combined:	7/15/2017	2607.35	Ending balance on the books

The CPO is within \$785.00 of reaching the Rhody Rising Fund Goal of \$6,300.00.

ODOT/CC Sheriff/Mt. Hood Forest Eclipse Preparation:

The Solar Eclipse happening on August 21, 2017 is expected to create unprecedented traffic congestion on US Hwy 26. Kimberly Dinwiddie, ODOT, and Clackamas County Sheriff Sgt. Brummett were on hand to discuss and report on emergency management plans that have been formulated to deal with the Solar Eclipse traffic and the numerous other repercussions it could have on our area leading up to and after the August 21 event. We are planning for the worst and hoping for the best. This could be one of the largest events in Oregon history. Sgt. Brummett spoke on the effect this large influx of people could have on our area. Dinwiddie said

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ODOT's main goal was to keep people safe. Forest fire danger at this time of year is a huge concern. Sgt. Brummett cautioned people to be prepared and increase awareness in our area. Stock up on groceries and supplies because supply trucks may have difficulty in traffic. Fill up your gas tanks because there may be lengthy waits in traffic. Best advise is if you don't have to go anywhere, stay home. Graeper pointed out that the positive side of this coin is that businesses could take advantage of this influx of potential customers. It's a great time to make a good impression on tourists traveling to our area.

Clackamas County Sheriff Report:

Sheriff Russell and Sgt. Brummett discussed the law enforcement actions taken during the recent increase in break-ins as reported on The Next-Door website. They discussed how citizens should deal with reporting and how Clackamas County tracks reports. The more crimes that are reported up here, the better coverage we'll get. Graeper explained The Next-Door website and commended the officers for the great job they do in our area. All crimes should be reported to the Clackamas County non-emergency number **(503) 655-8211**

Land Use Applications:

There was one land use application to discuss. Application #Z0360-17 is a Conditional Use application made by Rhododendron Water Association. Graeper explained that the CPO had already acted on this application, but that was before the CPO boundary change. He explained RWA wanted to get a Conditional Use permit to install a 135,000 gallon water storage tank in Woodlands. After discussion, Ray Amling made and Lynn Miskowicz seconded **a motion to write a letter to the Clackamas County hearings officer offering CPO approval of granting the permit.** The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Garden Report: Merv Novinger gave the garden report. He asked for volunteers to help in the Rhododendron garden. Several people indicated they would meet with Merv after the meeting.

Road Clean-up: Carol Haugk gave the road clean-up report. She said that the spring and fall were her typical clean-up times.

Chamber of Commerce:

Connie Scott was present to give The Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce Report. The Chamber is putting together a calendar of events happening in our area, more information to follow. The calendar will be aimed at tourists to let them know of events, dates and times. Graeper complimented the Chamber for the work they do in getting tourists into our area.

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Swinging Bridge Update:

The Swinging Bridge is ready for painting and the final touches. On September 16, 2017, at 2PM there will be a celebration at The Swinging Bridge. The CPO will honor Mr. Dick Dopp who was the original engineer and designer of the bridge. The Rhody Rising Steering Committee is heading this up and will be on hand to begin gathering community input on the future of Rhododendron. One possibility coming from the committee is to make a park-like atmosphere at the North end of the bridge as it enters Rhododendron.

Clackamas County CPO Summit:

The Clackamas County CPO Summit is made up of all the CPO's in Clackamas County. The CPO's come together monthly to share information and voice concerns of mutual interest. Clackamas County is working with an insurance agency to create a blanket policy protecting directors and officers of CPO's from action taken against them while fulfilling their duties as directors.

Steve thanked The Resort at the Mountain for supplying the room and the coffee. Their assistance is very much appreciated.

Since there was no further business, John Young moved to adjourn. Mary Wilder seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next CPO meeting will be at The Swinging Bridge in Rhododendron on September 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv Novinger
Secretary