

Stafford Hamlet Board Meeting
March 16, 2009
Athey Creek Middle School

Board Members Present: Molly Ellis, Jay Minor, Ann Culter, Sally Quimby, David Coles, Mike Stewart, John Kuhl, David Halseth
Excused: Carol Yamada
Vision Committee Chair: Scott Richmond
County Liason: Chris Roth
OCP: Elizabeth Normand, Ann Bazar
CCDR: Amy Cleary
Community Members: Walt Gamble, Mike Miller, Charlie Hoff, Tracie Tolbert, Kathleen Roles, Walt Gamble

Board Meeting called to order at 7:56pm by Jay Minor, Board Chair.

Nothing added to agenda. Minutes from last meeting approved as presented.

Outreach Report: Sally reported publicity for the Town Hall: the banner is up and signs are up in 6 different locations. Handout went out in the mail and included in paper boxes in the area. Article in the Oregonian, hopefully in the WLTidings and LOReview this week.

Finance Report: John reported the Hamlet has \$12,300, including a just received check for \$2,000 from Ruth Hanson and Karen Nelson. There are no outstanding debts. John stated he no longer has time to be Finance Committee Chair and has resigned. Expenses for Town Hall publicity is only outstanding.

Jay thanked John for his time as Finance Chair. John will hold onto the checkbook until there is time to address a new Financial Chair. Golf event planning will begin in June.

PAC Update: Walt reported the map shown at the meeting shows the whole Hamlet as Urban Reserve Study Candidate. The PAC discussed Damascus completing its community and questioned whether Tualatin should be allowed to complete its community. Walt believes the path for the Hamlet is possible for the Stafford area alone. The core 4 people will make a final decision about reserves and ratify late this Summer, which will be included in Metro code by the end of the year.

Old business:

Vision Committee work is near done. Jay thanked Scott and Vision Committee for their work and asked Scott whether there was work he and others could still do. Scott stated there is still lots to work on. Sally asked whether Scott could present at the community meeting in April regarding tasks to focus on.

Jay asked whether the Board should take a stand on a Reserve designation. Elizabeth replied that this is a question for the community to answer and that one position may not be possible, but rather an agreement can be made on what all desired options are. Scott added this isn't a question that can be addressed until after the Forum and that we need to ask the Board of Commissioners how they can help us implement our Vision. Jay added that after presenting to the BCC, we need to talk to surrounding city councils. Our request will be to not develop north part of Hamlet to 10-16 units/acre; develop Borland. How do we get the planners to accept low density?

Chris informed everyone that there is a forum on April 30th, Tualatin Tomorrow, at the Meridian Park Education Annex. She will email everyone tomorrow with further information.

Amy Cleary asked whether the Board wants to talk about individual Board members being able to testify at County forums on their own behalf. Sally replied that focus should be on the Hamlet, not individual interests. John asked whether it mattered that a few people were silent when others in the community speak up. Mike replied that as long as it is clear your opinions are your own, it should be OK for Board members to speak out. Sally added we can't blame Board members if residents in their neighborhood speak out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Bazar/Sally Quimby
Hamlet Secretary