

Stafford Hamlet Board Meeting
November 17, 2008
Athey Creek Middle School

Board Members Present: David Halseth, Mike Stewart, Jay Minor, John Kuhl, Sally Quimby, Dave Coles, Jack English
Excused: Molly Ellis, Carol Yamada, Ann Culter
County Liason: Chris Roth
OCP Representatives: Ann Bazar
CCDRC Representative: Amy Cleary
Community Member: Kathleen Roles

As there were no community members present at 7:02PM, the Board meeting was called to order by David Halseth, Chair.

Approval of October minutes: John K motioned approval, Jay Minor 2nd; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Kuhl reported \$22,022 total funds in Hamlet accounts, including \$600 in old account and \$21,422 in trust account. There are no bills currently, including no bills due to MIG. The next finance meeting is Wednesday, December 10th, 7:00 pm at Market of Choice.

Neighborhood Meetings Update: Mike Stewart stated he conferred with Scott Richmond, who was able to attend most neighborhood meetings, and they agree that the meetings have been going well. Attendance at Hazelia meeting lower than expected (20 people at most), attendance at Ann Culter's neighborhood meeting was lower than previous, but attendance in David H's neighborhood meeting larger than previous. Amy Cleary stated the Mossy Brae/Shadowwood meeting went well. Elizabeth Normand is working to put together the notes from the different neighborhoods. Scott R and David H will select a good date to meet and debrief on the neighborhood meetings.

Chris Roth stated the County Commissioners were wowed by the Values Statement, very impressed. The Commissioners would like to have some input from the Hamlet sooner rather than later. Chris recommends a letter because the Commissioners' calendar is full. David H would like to go with another Board member for a face-to-face meeting. Chris will try to get a 15 minute spot.

Outreach Report: Sally Quimby stated an email discussion is on-going about the Town Hall meetings. Athey Creek is only available for the first and second Saturday in February. January and March meetings are already set.

Old Business

Walt Gamble not present to report on Clackamas County meeting. Chris R stated everyone on PAC has a copy of the Values Statement.

New Business

Chris R. can arrange for board to get minutes from PAC. Jay Minor handed information pages on Urban and Rural Reserve designations. Jay feels there is a scheduling problem with the dual advisory boards, PAC and Metro Steering Committee. Letters of public comment all asking to go into the Urban Reserve. PAC will make its suggestions by April, and the Hamlet Vision Statement won't be ready before the end of March. Can we make a formal request to the boards to wait on their recommendations/decisions until the Vision Statement is complete? Mike S and David H stated there is concern in the community both for and against any designation and the Hamlet Board must be neutral and understand the level of Hamlet input into the designation process is unknown. Sally Q and Chris R stated a formal request for more time, in writing, is the only way to be taken seriously and that it probably will be taken into consideration because the Stafford triangle is a difficult area for a solution. David H stated a letter will be written, on Board letterhead, including the Values Statement, that will state the Hamlet's timeline and requesting that the Vision Statement be part of the decision making process. Motion carried for Jay to write 1-2 paragraphs, broadcast it to the Board for revisions, and the letter will be sent to individual PAC people before their next meeting.

Walt Gamble has chosen not to advocate specifically for the Hamlet as part of his duties on the PAC. Information to PAC needs to come directly from the Board.

David H passed out three handouts also on the designation of Reserves. David stated farming is a big issue in Metro's discussion. Still trying to find out from County on when the MOU will be written.

Election of Hamlet Board officers will be next month, as long as there is a quorum.

Mike S reminded the Board that Chris R had asked about ideas for infrastructure projects to request funding from Clackamas County. Chris' boss will ask for money for infrastructure once the new Obama administration is in office. Mike suggested a Town Hall, like a modern grange hall. There are 17 acres near Athey Creek Middle School owned by Metro, perhaps we can acquire 5-6 acres for an "attractive" Town Hall. It could serve as a fund source (rentals for meetings, weddings, etc.); 1-2 acres could serve as a community garden; a permit can be acquired in 120 days. By next Wednesday, a cost estimate is needed. Mike will call a builder and ask about cost for a basic structure, ~2,500 sq feet, including basic amenities (kitchen, bathrooms, parking). Kathleen Roles said she will call the County to ask about building size requirements for certain capacities (e.g. 200 people). Mike asked if everyone on the Board was ok with the idea and all present said yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully,
Ann Bazar
OCP intern