

Stafford Hamlet Board Meeting
October 20, 2009
Athey Creek Middle School
Tualatin, Or

Board Members Present: Jay Minor, Carol Yamada, Molly Ellis, Ann Culter, Sally Quimby, David Halseth, John Kuhl, Jack English, Charlie Hoff

Absent: Dave Coles

Community Members Present: Dave Adams, Herb Koss, Mike Stewart, Mike Miller

County Liason: Chris Roth

County Dispute Resolution Chair: Amy Cleary

Tualatin City Representative: Aquilla Hurd-Ravich

Jay Minor, Chair, opened Board meeting at 7:10PM. Agenda was reviewed; add discussion about Dick Benner involvement. Agenda approved.

September Board Minutes reviewed: John Kuhl requested change, page 2, 3rd line: change “from 3 of the large property owners” to “from 3 Board members that represent large property owners”. David Halseth motioned approval with change, John Kuhl 2nd. Board approved.

Finance Report: John Kuhl reported that financial information had not changed from last month.

Discussion of December 5 Town Hall agenda:

Everyone needs to be at Stafford School at 0900 to set up.

Carol reminded about acoustics there and to do set up for best sound.

1. Conservation/wildlife in area measurements. Ann provided short overview of possible project; would like Town Hall to be kick off for community participation. She and Larry Read have already been trying out a survey process in the Tualatin Loop area. This could provide Hamlet with enough information to submit for grant for official wildlife survey.

Task force: David Halseth, Ann Culter, Larry Read, Molly Ellis, Mike Stewart.

Group would do agenda, make calls to people to speak. Speaker suggestions: Metro

Open Space group; Tualatin River Keepers; ODFW; Audubon; wetlands conservancy.

Objective of presentation: information and education regarding possible wildlife survey

2. Board election. Chris provided overview of Board members seats who are up for re-election: Sally <5 acres; Charlie >5 acres; Jack and Ann at-large. Ann informed Board that she did not plan to run for Board again, but would be very involved with projects.

Sally stated she will run either for <5 acres or at-large, whichever is needed.

Applications need to be to BCC 30 days before...or Nov 5. Chris will provide current application. Sally will send website info to Scott and email to Hamlet email list. Sally will also recruit volunteers to man check-in desk.

Other suggestions for future Town Hall meetings:

Guide community attendees regarding how to develop their own area

Have attendees meet as neighborhoods to discuss potential employment lands

Reserves Process Update: Jay reported that Reserves Coordinating Committee Nov and Dec meetings have been cancelled. Encouraged everyone to read letter from joint State agencies. Question as to where process is now. Aquilla H-R from Tualatin said that Oct 14 was the last Reserves Steering Committee meeting. Core 4 will now meet to discuss comments, etc. IGAs between counties and metro will happen by the end of the year. There will be more open houses for public comment; Core 4 meetings open, but no public comment. Agreement will be adopted May/June 2010. David H. said he had heard from Jeff Cogan (Multnomah rep to Core 4) that he felt that Core 4 was at least in 75% agreement. Core 4 recommends to Metro Counselors, LCDC has to approve. Chris will let Board know who to send public comment to at this point.

Jay reported that Lynn Peterson (at her request) has been invited to November Board meeting and December Town Hall. Charlotte Lehan may also attend. Molly suggested inviting Scott Bruen, District 37 House Rep.

West Linn City Council presentation of V&V now set for Monday, Nov 2. Jay and Scott will present with current maps. Lake Oswego and Tualatin presentations completed.

Chris reported that she had suggested having Dick Benner meet with Hamlet Board to answer questions about different designations, etc. He has had a lot of experience with reserve process and land use issues; he currently is attorney for metro. He said he would speak to the Hamlet board if an invitation was extended by the County. After some discussion with the BCC office, it was determined that since there was disagreement between Metro and LCDC (Land Conservation and Development Commission) over what the meaning of undesignated was, it would be preferable that Benner not become involved in a reserves discussion with the Hamlet.

Amy asked if there was someone else who could help with information that would ease the split in the Board concerning reserves designations. At issue is how to remain cohesive enough to be spokes-group for community...

Molly asked if there was any news on Measure 49 claims. Chris stated the County was unable to access updates on Measure 49 claims; only the State has that info.

Facilitated Discussion of Board Communication submitted by Amy Cleary:

Jay stated he wanted to put things in order so that Board could continue to work together. Anyone may participate or observe...it is their option. Board members are expected to participate.

General Concerns:

- • Allegations are being made that testimony was given that did not represent all members of the Stafford Hamlet Board to Metro and the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners during the Urban and Rural Reserves process.

- • How does new information get to those governing bodies to correct the testimony, if it indeed needs to be corrected?
- • There are differences of opinion as to what was said.
- • Past discussions around this issue resulted in the group deciding that individuals can represent themselves and their property interests.

Questions:

What will guide consistency in testimony or comments from the Chair of the Hamlet, regardless of who holds that position at any given time?

What is the Clackamas County Business Alliances interest in designations within the Stafford Hamlet.

Agreements:

- • Jay Minor, Chair of the Stafford Hamlet, is willing to write up any public testimony before hand and vet it with the Hamlet Board before it is submitted.
- • If members of the Board have issues with one another, talk to each other first to check out assumptions.
 - ○ This means not going separately to talk to the Board of County Commissioners first.
 - ○ Make sure you know what each person's perspective is before acting on information that has not been verified.
 - ○ Refrain from threats to each other.
 - ○ Work to find common solutions once the problem is defined.
- • Check out rumors with your designated buddy. Board members agree to buddy up as follows:
 - ○ John Kuhl/Sally Quimby/Jack English
 - ○ Carol Yamada/Charlie Hoff/Dave Coles
 - ○ David Halseth/Molly Ellis/Jay Minor/Ann Culter

Suggestion to have coffee session before next Board meeting.

- • Sally Quimby will contact Burton Weist and invite him to attend the next Board meeting in order to clarify the role of the CC Business Alliance, and his activities and interest in developing commercial areas within the Stafford Hamlet.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Quimby
Stafford Hamlet Secretary