

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Sitting/Acting as (if applicable)

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 10/16/12 **Approx Start Time:** 11:00 a.m. **Approx Length:** 30 min.

Presentation Title: Hamlet of Molalla Prairie Annual Report, April 2011 – March 2012

Department: Public & Government Affairs (PGA)

Presenters: Pamela Lucht, Hamlet Chair; Christine Roth, PGA Staff

Other Invitees:

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

No action requested. This report fulfills County Ordinance requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Hamlet of Molalla Prairie was formed by the Board of County Commissioners in March 2010. This year the Hamlet has held monthly board of directors meetings, hosted monthly community meetings, held open discussions about brownfields formerly used as lumber milling sites, executed its grant award commitments by hosting meeting sessions of community discussion groups on the topic of "Sense of Place", and continued dialogue with DEQ about brownfield testing and mitigation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

N/A

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Continued support of the Board of County Commissioners to the Hamlet of Molalla Prairie.

OPTIONS:

Accept the annual report
Reject the annual report and seek further information

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the BCC accept the Hamlet of Molalla Prairie Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS:

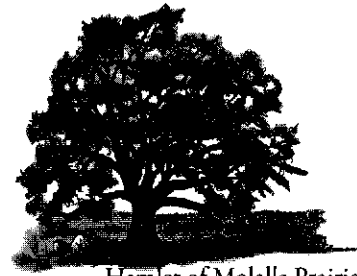
Annual Report for Hamlet of Molalla Prairie

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____
Department Director/Head Approval Harry Schmitt
County Administrator Approval _____

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Board of Clackamas County Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
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Hamlet of Molalla Prairie

August 22, 2012

SUBJECT: Annual Report for Hamlet of Molalla Prairie April 2011 - March 2012

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

The Hamlet of Molalla Prairie is pleased to present to you our annual summary report of activities for the period ending March 2012.

This was a period of transition for the area surrounding the City of Molalla as the city itself underwent great changes. The Hamlet instigated open discussions about brownfields in our area that were formerly used as lumber milling sites. We received significant positive feedback from local residents with questions and concerns about pollution, ground and water quality, animal and human safety, and future plans for reutilization of such sites.

Likewise, the Hamlet pursued the history of and future plans for the Molalla Forest Road, in particular the stretch between Hwy 213 and Mathias Road which lies on county land just south of the City of Molalla. The Hamlet has advocated for and been a voice for the residents of that area who greatly value their rural lifestyle. We have learned that some would attempt to garner grants, awards, and quick changes that might significantly impact the area's look and feel for decades to come, without gaining any real changes for the economics, jobs, or productivity of the area.

The Hamlet proactively engaged, early on, with the new incoming City Manager of the City of Molalla. We assisted her with housing information as she looked to relocate, and met with her to discuss concerns and issues and expectations and commitments for partnerships in the future.

The Hamlet fully executed its grant award commitments by assembling, promoting, recruiting, and hosting two full multi-meeting sessions of community discussion groups to engage in the topic of "Sense of Place." From this effort we have gained new hamlet enthusiasts, a greater shared understanding of the history and commitment to our rural lands, and a strong sense of priorities and interests for the future of key members of the community.

The Hamlet developed, recruited speakers for, and hosted Monthly Community Meetings for not only the Hamlet but all interested parties. Following is a listing of topics covered by our rural community meetings:

- DEQ / two meetings regarding brownfields and Bear Creek contamination
- Forest Rd bypass with City of Molalla
- Gardening vegetables
- Dickey Prairie detour due to bridge replacement
- Election Forum BCC
- Election Forum Molalla River School District / Molalla Fire District
- Sense of Place discussion with Community Picnic

- Bob Vroman discussing property tax in Clackamas County
- BLM on Molalla River Corridor
- Cam Gilmour giving a presentation on county transportation issues
- Jamie Damon — a conversation with a County Commissioner
- Jim Bernard / Danielle Cowan Update on County Initiatives

The ongoing activities of the Hamlet for the year ending March 2012 include:

- Board meetings once a month / community meetings once a month
- Two Sense of Place groups / 7 sessions per group
- Gained land use comment privileges for the Hamlet and formed land use committee
- Maintained Hamlet website and facebook page; wrote monthly column, Rural Voices which is published in the Molalla Pioneer weekly newspaper; emailed notices to 118 subscribers to inform about County and Hamlet issues; posted flyers locally to promote and publicize every hamlet activity and event
- Appointment of a HMP board member as the Voting Hamlet representative on C-4
- Participated in the BCC hearing Molalla Urban Reserves / Commented to BCC about Forest Road bypass
- Board members have attended and reported about various County and Metro events, including two bicycle tourism workshops, planning seminars, business development seminars
- Produced policy document
- Board met with Ellen Barnes, Molalla's new City Manager
- Facilitated speed monitoring device placed on Barnards Road just east of 170 during the summer 2011. Kept email subscribers informed about road conditions in Mulino when traffic flow was to be affected and about the North Fork Bridge replacement
- Continuing dialogue with DEQ about brownfield testing and mitigation

Thank you again, Commissioners, for the support you give to our hamlet and our residents of rural Clackamas County. We look forward to another productive year spanning April 2012 through March 2013.

Sincerely,

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