

**GOVERNMENT CAMP CPO
MEETING - DRAFT**

May 11th, 2019

CPO President Nick Rinard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Mount Hood Cultural Center and Museum.

In Attendance: Nick Rinard- President, Brett Fischer- Vice President, Nikki Smalley- Secretary/ Treasurer, John Ingrao, Lloyd Musser, Mo Musser, Jeff Kohnstamm, Katelyn Jackson, Kate Freitag, Chris Dawkins, Michelle Dawkins, Maryellen Englesby, Robert Voss, Xandy Anderson, Jim Lenhard, Eliot Michael, Blane Skowhede, Larry Jacob, Terry Niedermeyer, Sally Niedermeyer, Rick Slavin, Sann Payment, Betsy LaBarge, Jamie Flikkema, Alan Williams, Lee Perry, Jon Walden, Mary Ellen Fitzgen, Michael McRae

Guest Speakers:

Hoodland Fire District- Chief John Ingrao
RLK & Company- Jeff Kohnstamm
ODOT Traffic Engineers- Katelyn Jackson/ Kate Freitag
Museum- Lloyd Musser

1. Call to order:

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2. Adoption of May meeting minutes:

Scott Farleigh sent email noting names missing from minutes. It was reiterated that attendees must sign the attendance sheet in order to be listed. Approval of the minutes- Eliot Michaels moved to accept, Larry Jacob second, motion passes unanimously.

3. Treasury report:

\$6,610.39 Current account/ statement balance, no changes since last meeting.

4. Fire Wire Community clean up:

a. Fire Wise brush chipping and fire fuels cleanup 2019:

A Fire Wise neighborhood committee has been formed and team leaders have been appointed. The goal of this year's program is to encourage more property owners to participate in fire fuel reduction efforts. It is recommended that homeowners voluntarily clear small trees, low branches, and dry brush from around their homes. Once debris have been cleared, they are placed at the road to be picked up for chipping. This service is free to homeowners and can potentially create a more defensible community simply with participation. The 2019 deadline to have debris piles to the road

is October 13th. The volunteer committee is as follows, please reach out to your neighborhood team leader if you have any questions regarding this program or are seeking any additional information: Chair: Mike Beckman- mikeyb4@centurytel.net, Marie- petegodon@comcast.net (Morrison St), Sally Niedermeyer- Sallyrally@gmail.com (East Montgomery St), Anna Bar- annabarwhite@gmail.com (West Montgomery St), Brandon Peele- bpeele@sch.n.com (Camp Creek), Scott Farleigh- fscottfarleigh@gmail.com (Alpenglade), Mo Musser/ Maryellen Englesby- trollhaugen13@gmail.com (Blossom Trail & Wy East Trail), Hans Wipper- hwipper@hotmail.com (E Darr Rd), Eliot Michael- instride1@aol.com (Central Govy), Betsy LaBarge- betsy@mthoodrentals.com (Multorpor Meadows), Ben Johnston- ben.trafficlaw@gmail.com (South of the Bridge), Lloyd Musser- To look into the areas of “no mans land”. The Go Fund Me account raising funds to keep our community, homes and futures safe from forest fires is still active, as this will be an ongoing effort. Please contribute to this worthy cause by using the link provided.

<https://www.gofundme.com/government-camp-fire-prevention>

Chief Ingrao added that Clackamas County has requested that the title 3 funds be rolled into this disaster preparedness program/ grant for further fuel mitigation. Additionally, there will be inmate crew brush clearing available.

b. Government Camp fire station remodel:

Chief Ingrao explained that Keystone Architecture has begun demolition and framing as well as plumbing and electrical work on the existing building. Sprinkler water lines need installed, prison industries building the cabinetry. It was also explained that 4 students have been hired to allow for a staffed station in Government Camp once the station is remodeled. HFD plans to hold an open house once finished, no later than October.

c. I.S.O Rating/ Insurance denials:

I.S.O meeting was held March 23rd. Several points were given for new improvements. There are several areas where the district has improved since the last rating. The population of a staffed station in Government Camp should also help rating and they will write it in, then issue the rating/ certificate. The Chief will pass any and all information he receives as he receives it.

5. ODOT- Core Area Speeding Solutions:

Kaitlyn Jackson & Kate Freitag with ODOT Region 1 Community Affairs attended to hear community concerns and address them. She asked to hear direct concerns that have addressed in previous meetings such as excessive speeding, lack of public safety, population density, limited sight, enforcement of signage/ parking etc. It was mentioned that it needs to be defined as to whom exactly regulates these roads and enforces the rules of the road. Several suggestions were made such as reducing speeds, speed counters, rumble strips, roundabouts, adding more crosswalks (illegal to park within 20 ft.), etc. It was explained that ODOT uses specific “seasonal traffic calming devices” to solve some of the concerns mentioned but these devices can cause congestion and can potentially reduce parking spaces. They also explained that speed can be changed but enforcement will also be necessary. Dr. Bob made a motion to advise ODOT to change speed regulation sign on the West end of Government Camp Loop Rd. to 25 MPH. 2nd and moved. ODOT said they will need to do a speed check before a change and the investigation itself could cause the speed to increase not lower it as this is all related to context and how drivers behave on the roadway. As an alternative they had mentioned a seasonal speed zone or an advisory board. Another discussion point was to change the

core area to a “business district” which would require a 20 MPH speed limit, as a year-round solution in addition to signs/ stripes and crosswalk striping. The CPO is formally advising ODOT to change the speed limit.

ODOT also mentioned some other road projects in the Mt Hood area scheduled for this summer. West Federal Lands will begin a project at the end of June for ODOT. This will be at milepost 63 to complete rock fall mitigation with 1 lane open in both directions. Western Federal Lands will also be working .7 miles South of Cooper Spur Rd. doing additional rockfall work behind the fence, there will be flaggers at this location with 1 lane open. It was asked by the community if ODOT would be open to extending the right-hand turn lane from Timberline Rd. to Government Camp Loop Rd. A motion was made to have ODOT investigate extending this lane, Eliot moved, 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Summit/ Timberline Future Plans:

Jeff Kohnstamm spoke regarding Summit Ski Area. He explained the renovations they have done to the lodge as well as the intention to be open from Memorial Day- Labor Day in the restaurant. He explained that they are working with Sustainable NW for solutions as to what to do with the “master plan”, they plan to deliver this proposal to the FS by late summer. They are using 6 pillars for consideration: honoring history/ 1st timers on the mountain/ zoning and land planning for community/ improvements for Government Camp/ conducive environment for workforce/ leveraging services to ensure benefits to other businesses. They also acknowledged that the intersection does not function properly, and they would like to consider moving/ relocating the rest areas to Snow bunny and Trillium lake snow parks. Meadows has expressed they would like to see them moved to Frog Lake snow park. RLK & Company is requesting the CPO to position to the them move the rest areas as they are trying to work with all levels of Government. There were suggestions of “not solving problems by making more”, expanding parking areas, sewage disposal issues at new locations, and finding funding before asking for support from the community. There was a motion to support to move the rest areas to new locations for “stakeholders”, motion 2nd and passed unanimously.

7. The Capitol Campaign for Museum Expansion:

Lloyd Musser spoke regarding the expansion of the museum and the need for bigger facilities and event spaces. The goal is to build a 200 person sit down space with a kitchen as well as a log building Stiner Cabin School and additional concrete bunker archive space. This is planned to be an 8M/ 10 Yr project. They plan to fund this with local grants, local financing, and by selling custom made, hand blown glass mountains representing Mt Hood for 1k each (available at the museum). If any entity donates 5k or more, their name will also be placed on the placard at the museum. The museum also plans to host future fundraising events and welcome all to spread the word! Outline of drawings and phases available on site at the front desk.

8. REVEL Mount Hood Marathon- volunteers needed.

Last year they donated 1k towards the fire wise effort and brush clearing. Volunteers are still needed and being requested. Please call 435-279-7502 or email kyla@booksee.com

9. Community comments/ Announcements:

Lee Englesby reached out to ODOT regarding the lack of law and code enforcement in Government

Camp from parking, snow removal, towing to illegal camping. Clackamas County is not enforcing neither is Oregon State Police unless there is a specific complaint. Asking for further support from ODOT and the community in this matter such as a community meeting with all entities eg. ODOT/HFD/OSP for verification as to whom regulates what. The community is pledging their support by forming a committee to this cause. The committee includes Maryellen, Mike, Lloyd & Rick.

The conversation surrounding Clackamas County's proposal of regulating short term rentals was brought up. It was announced that there was a meeting to be held at the Mt Hood Oregon Resort in June and several meeting throughout the county through Labor Day on this subject.

Timberline plans to hold a community "clean-up" on September 21st, 2019.

10. Next Meeting Reminder/ Meeting Schedule:

August 10th, 2019 - 7:00 PM

11. Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 09:04 PM.