

GOVERNMENT CAMP
COMMUNITY PLANNING ORGANIZATION
IN-PERSON/ZOOM HYBRID MEETING AGENDA
Mount Hood Cultural Center and Museum

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024 – 7:00 PM

In attendance: Nick Rinard- President, Brett Fischer-Vice President, Jacob Thompson-Secretary/Treasurer, Rick and Amy Slavin, Meredith Friogard, Toni/Bill Wainwright, Terry/Sally Niedermeyer, Tom/Cheryl Graves, Nanne Heinjenga, Chris Dawkins, Mary/Larry Jacob, Jamie Flikkema, Tim Graham, Jerome Kline, Greg/Mary Fuhrer, Michael Beckman, Julie Howland, Matthew Drake, Kiran Limage, Jeremy Evans, Dave Butt, Wendy Evanji, Andrew Glader.

Note: Zoom attendees where not captured this meeting

Guests/Speakers:

Scott Kline -- Hoodland Fire District

Jeff Kohnstamm -- Timberline

Matthew Drake -- Mount Hood Meadows

Doug Decker -- Oregon Solutions

1. Call to order

CPO President Nick Rinard called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM via in person and Zoom meeting.

2. Adopt last meeting's minutes

No objections, Larry Jacob motioned and was seconded. Approved as written. Board approves.

3. Treasury report

The current statement balance is \$1,960.22 with no new changes.

4. Still Creek PUD development -- CPO presentation cancelled

President Rinard stated:

“Hinton development cancelled saying that they are not far enough along to report anything to the community – they have not yet applied for county land use permits. I advised that it is never too early for community outreach and it often goes better for the developer if the community does not feel blindsided. The CPO will continue to invite them. The land area is about 66 acres. Original land exchange took 20 years. It is called “Still Creek” because the original private parcel traded was located in Still Creek drainage, south of Multorpor Mountain. It was traded for land east of Skibowl East parking lot. This is within the comprehensive plan boundary of Government Camp. That means all relevant agencies once up on a time agreed with development and the subsequent effects of the housing density. It was zoned MRR. ODOT agreed to the traffic flow and the Sanitary District has been investing in infrastructure upgrades anticipating this future need. The original project was reviewed by Clackamas County in the mid 2000’s, with controversial access. There was even a community meeting about alternative access to the development, besides Bergstrasse).

I am allowing discussion on this topic despite the developer not being present because I feel the community needs a forum to discuss this item, and it is not a new item. There is a past history the community can rely on for context. I'd like a summary of the discussion to be captured in the minutes. If you'd like to share, please keep a tone that you would use if the developer were here tonight. The chair opens the floor..."

Questions/Concerns:

- 1) Who would pay for the utilities to feed the development area (water, sewer, etc...)? Nick said it is unsure. Some members worried about water as this was an issue with the Golden Poles fire years ago.
- 2) How many lots/homes? It is believed 400 front doors.
- 3) Did the County approve a previous plan? No one in the audience could state for sure.
- 4) Concern on impact of vacation rentals being the majority of the residents.
- 5) Could the County help us understand what process there could be should a permit be filed? Nick could ask, but that is not a common practice.

Tim Graham issued comments to the community. He is the property at the end of Bergstrasse Rd. He confirmed that the entire ownership along this road strongly opposes using it as access to this area. The development of this year would take 5-10 years of constant traffic to build.

It appears that there were two themes of concern:

- 1) Traffic/access
- 2) Utilities and Water

5. Firewise/Hoodland Fire

Scott Kline was unable to attend. President Rinard stated it was difficult to get approved as Firewise, but we barely passed. We need to be thinking about how we can do more next summer.

6. Timberline public outreach update and next steps

Jeff Kohnstamm from Timberline gave an update on next steps on Timberline's development ideas. They had 15 different meetings over 2 months. Key concerns:

- 1) Traffic
- 2) Access up the hill
- 3) Cultural and environment impact

Timberline has a goal to get an updated plan to the Forrest Service. This would then start a formal process that they oversee, including public comment.

7. USFS/MHM Land Exchange update

Matthew Drake reminded the group that last time he presented there were two lawsuits against the land exchange. One trial in Hood River ended with full support to the County. It appears that this may be appealed in Oregon. One trial in Federal Court is still ongoing. Thus, the land exchange is still "paused."

8. Rest Area Relocation Planning

Doug Decker gave a presentation to the CPO. See the slides for the presentation. He encouraged folks to fill out the online survey:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/78ca5c2f362e43888071ee2869b62637>

9. Public Restrooms committee -- interested volunteers to work with the County?

President Rinard informed that the County has funding to construct a new public restroom. The details need to be finalized (where and rendering). There was a work group in 2022 that came up with ideas on location. Timberline funded a potential rendering. President Rinard asked for public members interested to help get this completed.

Committee Members:

Jerome Kline

Jeff Kohnstamm

Nick Rinard

10. Community comments/announcements

- 1) President Rinard announced that Lloyd Musser has retired from the museum.
- 2) Jesus updated that there was no movement on the hotel development idea he presented in past meetings.

11. Next meeting reminder: Saturday 8 February 2025

12. Adjourn-Nick Rinard adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.