

# Rhododendron Community Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes  
Mt. Hood Oregon Resort  
Trees Room  
May 18,2019

## Open Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Graeper at 10:30AM. The board was introduced and it was determined a quorum was present. There were over 150 signatures on the sign in sheets. Graeper introduced and welcomed Commissioners Paul Savas and Ken Humberston. He also welcomed and explained the large attendance. Most were attending to hear Clackamas County discuss the Short-Term Rental (STR) issue. He apologized if attendee's thought the meeting was solely for the STR issue and explained that the county portion of the meeting will take place after the business portion of the CPO meeting.

## Secretary's Report:

The March 16, 2019 minutes were posted at the post office and distributed to the email list. Graeper asked if there were any changes, corrections, or additions to the distributed minutes. Carol Haugk moved and John Young seconded **a motion to approve the minutes as distributed**. The motion passed with no one opposed.

## Treasurer's Report:

Sharon Lamoreaux gave the treasurer's report. Since the last CPO meeting the general fund took in \$323 including individual and Facebook donations. The Garden fund received \$50 and Rhody Rising fund received \$260 in T-shirt sales. There was a \$16.65 reimbursement made for deposit slips and the account earned \$.28 in interest.

Checks were written for \$20.00 to the Oregon Department of Revenue for annual tax filing, \$200 to Clackamas County Elections for the voters pamphlet submittal and a deposit slip order of \$16.65.

Ending Balances as of May 18, 2019	
Rhody Rising Fund	\$1,912.91
General Fund	\$1,156.38
Garden Fund	\$ 217.17
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$3,286.46</b>

## Guest Speaker:

Steve introduced Sara Bushore with the US Census Bureau.

Ms. Bushore spoke about the upcoming 2020 US Census. In summary the census is constitutionally mandated to be done every ten years and provides a count of all persons in the US, regardless of citizenship, assuming everyone reports. Unfortunately, the population that doesn't report is typically the population needing government services the most. The census is used to determine congressional representation and provide statistical data for various governmental programs.

The first of the three "Invites" will be sent out beginning in March. If the census bureau receives no response after the 3 "Invites" then there will be a knock on the door. There will be a total of five attempted contacts made in order to obtain census information.

The Census is also looking for citizens interested in helping obtain census data. There are several paid positions available starting at \$16.00 per hour.

For more detailed information see the attached sheet or contact [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

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## Land Use Applications

There are no land use Applications at this time.

## Old Business

Mike Miskowicz gave the Revel Marathon report. The marathon will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> and is a Boston Marathon qualifier. The CPO has committed to provide 18 volunteers to help with the marathon in two areas; aiding with traffic management and water support table. There will be two shifts, 5 am to 8 am and 8 am to 10 am. A sign-in sheet is at the back of the room. The CPO stands to earn over \$700 by providing these volunteers.

Garden report was given by Merv Novinger. He reported that Carol Hauck called ODOT about a boulder the snow plows had displaced. ODOT replaced the boulders/rocks that they had accidentally displaced. He also reported that Mike Miskowicz had fertilized and that the Novinger's and Michelle Lamoreaux have set up a watering schedule for the summer.

Road clean-up was reported on by Carol Haugk. She gave a synopsis/history of road clean up then handed the responsibility over the Melanie Farnsworth. Melanie accepted the responsibility and stated that road clean ups will take place in October and April within the first 10 days of each month. More information later.

Coni Scott reported on the Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce and informed all present that Chamber meetings are always on the first Tuesday of each month. She added that the Chamber is also involved with the Revel Marathon and is looking for volunteers to help.

Steve Graeper gave a short report on the CPO summit meetings and stated that making Rhododendron a Firewise<sup>®</sup> community is in the process. He is waiting for information from the State Forester.

Graeper then gave the Rhody Rising report. He stated we are still waiting to get some department in the county to aid the CPO in applying for a gateway entry sign. So far, no county department has indicated an interest to help.

The ODOT Transportation Growth Management Quick Response Grant has been submitted and all indications are that the Grant will be awarded. If it gets awarded the funds will be available after July 1.

Rhododendron T-shirts continue to be sold and will be available at the Revel Marathon.

## New Business

### Debit Cards

The topic of obtaining a bank debit card for the CPO was discussed. The purpose of the card would be for making small supply purchases for the CPO and making after hour deposits at ATM's and at other than Clackamas County Branch ATM's. There should be two cards issued, one for the President and one for the Treasurer.

John Young made and Lyn Miskowicz seconded **a motion that the Rhododendron CPO apply for two bank debit cards through Clackamas County Bank.** The motion carried with no opposition.

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## **CPO nominations and election.**

Graeper read the list of nominees that were made at the March meeting. Those nominees are Steven Graeper, Chair; Mike Miskowicz, Vice Chair; Sharon Lamoreaux, Treasurer; Merv Novinger, Recording Secretary; John Young, Member at Large.

Graeper opened the floor for further nominations. Merv Novinger asked that the duty of Recording Secretary be shared with Michelle Lamoreaux and she agreed to serve. There were no other nominations and Graeper closed the nominations.

Bob Phillips made and Carol Haugk seconded **a motion to accept the nominations and vote for the slate of officers by unanimous consent ballot.** The motion passed with no one opposed.

## **Officers for Rhododendron CPO Board for 2019-2020 are:**

**Steven Graeper, Chair**

**Mike Miskowicz, Vice Chair**

**Sharon Lamoreaux, Treasurer**

**Merv Novinger & Michelle Lamoreaux, Recording Secretary**

**John Young, Member at Large**

## **Clackamas County proposed regulations on Short-Term Rentals (STR)**

Guest Speakers Martha Fritzie, Jennifer Hughes, Lindsey Nesbitt, and Camron Ruen, from Clackamas County were introduced by Graeper. He explained that this meeting is one of several the county will be having to discuss the issue of Short-Term Rentals and any regulations the county should or could possibly propose.

Jennifer Hughes began the discussion with a detailed explanation of what Short-Term Rentals were and how they are currently regulated and the issues the county has been having with STR. She also stated that these meetings are information gathering meetings only and that Clackamas County Planning will take into consideration all comments made when they formulate and then submit their recommendations for regulations to the Board of County Commissioners.

She then opened the floor for comments and questions resulting in a lengthy and lively discussion. The discussion took the remainder of the CPO meeting time and was continued after the CPO meeting in the Osprey Room at the Resort. For more information on STR's please refer to; [Clackamas County Short Term Rentals](https://www.clackamas.us/planning/str) at <https://www.clackamas.us/planning/str>.

## **Adjournment**

Graeper acknowledged Clackamas County Director of Tourism, Danielle Cowan, and thanked her for attending. Cowan made a few comments relating to the tourism issue as did Commissioner Savas. Graeper then thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the CPO portion of the meeting at 12:02PM

## **Next CPO meeting 10:30AM, July 20, 2019 at Al Forno Ferruzza Pizzeria**

Respectfully submitted by,

Michelle Lamoreaux, Recording Secretary