

STAFFORD HAMLET
BOARD MEETING

Minutes

January 14, 2020

Vice Chair Richard Fiala called the January 14th Board meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 8:00 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Jane Comer, Richard Fiala, Katy Krider, Jana Lombardi, Bill Long, Patty Mamula, Brandon Post, Len Schaber,
- ❖ Excused: John Keith, Bill Markt
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The December 10, 2019 Board and Community minutes were presented for review. Jana Lombardi moved to approve the minutes, and Len Schaber seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 8 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Community Vision Plan (CVP) Revision Updates:

Richard Fiala said the working draft has been started. Jane Comer read the beginning of the draft. The people working on the draft are Matthew Palmer, Jane Comer, Brandon Post, Patty Mamula, Len Schaber, Richard Fiala, and Bill Long. Richard Fiala would like to set a time to do a second review of the draft. Jana Lombardi has sent out a proposed timeline.

Patty Mamula said the postcard needs to be ready at the end of January, and she asked if there were any proposed changes to the text or design? Jana said the postcard will likely be half page size. Jana Lombardi said she would like more time to consider the postcard draft before proposing any changes. Rich Fiala said use less space this time. Jana suggested increasing the map size. Rich Fiala asked if there needs to be more written on the postcard. Patty Mamula said we should keep it simple and that way more people are willing to engage with it. Jana Lombardi suggested keeping it simple, like a mission statement.

Jane Comer will send the draft out via email for Board review. Next week there will be a committee meeting at Fiala Farms on Tuesday the 21st at 6 pm.

Patty Mamula said she has talked to Dave Adams about help with signs. The signs will likely be 16 by 24. There will be a variety of verbiage on the signs. The goal is to keep them relatively simple.

Brandon Post had one change so that it would read share your opinion. Jana Lombardi said the postcard is due seven business days before delivery. Patty Mamula said should it read “we need you” or “we need your participation to.” Rich Fiala said we need public comment, outreach and to listen to our members. Jana Lombardi said we need to be clear what are people commenting about. Katy Krider said we need to explain what the CVP is and why it needs to be revised. Patty Mamula said we need to talk about the past and that will help people understand the CVP. Katy Krider said they need information and we need to show people what we need. Katy said it needs to be clearer what we want from people. Katy suggested saying go to the website for more information. Katy suggested writing “we need your participation” and also said that people don’t know a lot about the Hamlet or the CVP. Katy said we should explain why people were brought to the Hamlet, advised keeping it simple, and said one goal should be educating people.

Len Schaber said don’t get people’s hopes up. He said we need to explain what the urban reserves designation means, what the cities can and cannot do, explain the whole process, and how the individual fits in. He suggested explaining the system and what can actually be done.

Jana Lombardi asked what is the schedule? She has Portland State on the 22nd but no other details. She suggested the Town Halls could be organized by 1) let’s get you up to speed, 2) pitch the draft and get feedback, and 3) vote.

Richard Fiala said the 22nd of February is Hamlet 101 and an educational Town Hall. The goal is to explain the founding of the Hamlet, the CVP, the need for a new CVP, education about the past, explain how we get to the future, and the cities want to know what we want. He said the Board should anticipate some questions about development, agriculture and conservation, and so there should be questions and answers on the website. Richard said the PSU study was good work and that some of it matches with the Hamlet’s vision. Patty asked should the study be presented to the public, and are there ideas they should consider. Richard said that Megan from PSU could give a condensed presentation. He suggested the March 10 Town Hall could be a repeat of Hamlet 101. Katy Krider suggested having Megan at a separate forum. Brandon Post said that he thought his neighbors would be more concerned about taxes and sewer costs than what was in the study. Richard said that Bill Markt felt strongly that there should be a day meeting, a night meeting, and then a vote. Jana Lombardi suggested the format could be where we were/are, where we are going, and then open discussion.

Jana Lombardi moved to not exceed \$1,200 on postcards and signs. Brandon Post seconded the motion.

Vote: approved, 8 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain.

Other Committee Reports:

Retreat Summary - Amy Herman and Kate Roth have sent out their notes.

Communications - Katy Krider suggested if the Hamlet wants to continue using the signs that they be laminated so that dry erase markers could be used each month.

Family Fest - Katy Krider is just starting the planning.

All other committee reports had been previously shared via email with the Board.

Adjournment: Vice Chair Richard Fiala adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.