

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 06/15/2006

**Purpose:** Regular monthly meeting of the Friends of Rathdrum Mountain and of the Board of Directors

**Attendees:**

- Directors: Wes DuCharme, Jim Ochenkoski, Deasa Stein, John Sylte
- Director absentees: George Holcomb, Carey Kaplan, Toby Kaplan
- Others: John Stockton, Kris Storey.

**Agenda:**

1. Guest speaker: None.
2. Old business:
  - a. Jim provided an update on discussions with TPL, IEP, and the City...
    - 1) The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is still considering the possibility of assisting FoRM with upfront funding should the JD Lumber property be offered for sale. However, their concern is that a levy or bond for the amount of money required may exceed their guidelines of keeping the average household impact to roughly \$50/year. Joshua Alpert, TPL's Northwest Conservation Finance Director in Portland, OR, is planning to visit with FoRM to discuss further plans.
    - 2) There has been no change in Inland Empire Paper's (IEP) position regarding their consideration of our proposal wherein IEP pays the market price for JD Lumber's cutover timberland and FoRM purchases the development rights. Dennis Parent, IEP's Forest Operations Manager, has not confirmed if IEP has contacted JD Lumber's President Jeff Weimer to discuss the situation. Dennis did agree to assist FoRM in conducting tours of the Mountain in an effort to increase public awareness. A tentative schedule for several tours has been established but no further plans have been made at this time.
    - 3) The two actions addressed to Councilman Ken Hayes were not discussed at the City Council meeting on 06/13/06, but Ken did say he wanted to talk to Wes about them in person. The two actions are as follows:
      - a) Accomplish the survey of the access road, and
      - b) Determine the current value of the timber on the City's property.
  - b. John Sylte sent an e-mail to Idaho Department of Lands' Forester Ron Fryzowski to inquire as to the status of the easement exchange with JD Lumber. No response yet.
  - c. Contact with the developer of Radiant Lake will be included in a larger plan to contact the business community regarding their support of FoRM activities. Deasa has the lead on this action.
  - d. Wes and Toby met with representatives from the Idaho Foundation for Parks & Land (IFPL) on 05/24/06 to discuss Marty Frantz' Twin Lakes conservation easement

proposal. There is no update on the progress of this conservation easement, but IFPL offered to assist FoRM in pursuing our goals.

e. Marty has not yet heard back from Jeff Weimer at JD Lumber. Marty intends to discuss with Jeff the benefits of establishing a conservation easement.

f. Deasa provided an update on Rathdrum Days preparations.

3. New business:

a. Director George Holcomb was absent from this meeting because he was attending the City's meeting to discuss the Park & Rec Comprehensive Plan. George will be representing FoRM's interests on this committee.

b. Another item addressed at the City Council meeting was the Forest Service's suggestion that their 40 acres on the south side of the City's property could possibly be donated to the City if recreational access was established in the future. City Administrator Brett Boyer was directed to look into this matter and advise the Council. Jim offered to Brett that FoRM could assist him in gathering info regarding this proposal. Pete had presented this proposal to the Chamber in a letter signed by Mr. Per Larsen, Chairman of the Chamber's Business Development Committee, et al, but has not yet drafted a letter from FoRM to the Chamber's Board of Directors expressing our support of promoting this transfer. John Stockton will talk to his neighbor, a Forest Service employee, regarding any further information on this property and its potential transfer.

4. Board of Directors:

a. Meeting summaries from 05/18/2006 and 06/07/06 were approved by vote in favor 4, opposed 0.

b. Treasurer's report:

	Checking	NICSC	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	897.87	1200.00	2097.87
Income	0	0	0
Expenses	550.00	0	550.00
Ending Balance	347.87	1200.00	1547.87

c. FoRM's 501c3 application is still in process. Jim and Wes are reviewing.

d. Wes led a discussion regarding FoRM's long term and short term plans based on a summary of the meeting conducted on 06/07/06. The status of assigned actions will be addressed at our next meeting. See attached.

5. Next meeting: *Thursday, July 20th, 2006 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates.*

## FRIENDS OF RATHDRUM MOUNTAIN:

## GOAL SETTING MEETING

7 June 2006

We broke our goals out into two categories, Long Term and Short Term (6 – 12 months).

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 LONG TERM GOALS

- Facilitate the process of obtaining a conservation easement on the City's Rathdrum Mountain property.
- Help guide the development of a comprehensive park plan so that it supports our vision statement.
- Encourage the use of Quality Services, Inc. (QSI) on the City's Rathdrum Mountain property.
- Encourage the City to accept donations intended to help protect and preserve the City's Rathdrum Mountain property.
- Explore and possibly help initiate a levy or bond issue that the City could use to purchase more property on Rathdrum Mountain.

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 SHORT TERM GOALS

Revised as of 15 June, 2006 meeting

GOAL	ACTION	WHO HAS THE LEAD
Encourage City to discover timber value of mountain property	Follow up with Ken Hayes	Wes
Encourage City to resolve access to mountain property through survey pin placement and/or filing of "Quiet Title Action"	Follow up with Ken Hayes	Wes
Learn about conservation easements	Set up workshop for board and interested citizens and City officials	Jim – Chris DeForest
Learn about noxious weed programs	Set up workshop for board and interested citizens and City officials	Kris will contact county regarding Rathdrum Days

Arrange tour of mountain for board and other interested people	Tour set for July 16 <sup>th</sup> , meet in IGA parking lot at 8 AM	John Sylte will lead. Bring sack lunch.
Hold public event on the mountain	Determine best option after board tour of mountain	Board of Directors
Increase public awareness of our goals	Present plans and actions to City Council and to local newspapers	On-going. Desea will make presentation to the Chamber of Commerce
Educate mountain land owners about our goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop list of owners</li> <li>2. Send them an information packet</li> </ol>	Toby/Carey
Provide suggested guidelines to developers of mountain land	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find source for information on new development activities on the mountain</li> <li>2. Develop guidelines</li> <li>3. Send guidelines to identified developers</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. John Stockton will look for source.</li> <li>2. Toby to develop, use Marty Frantz document as one potential source of ideas.</li> </ol>
Encourage City to define "authorized use" for mountain property	Suggest to Ken Hayes	Wes, use potential of 40 acres from Forest Service as context.
Educate local business owners about our goals	Develop and deliver information packet	Desea
Create promotional items	Put our logo on T-shirts, buttons.	Desea/John
Pursue donation of 40 acres by Forest Service to City	Follow up with City Administrator	Jim
Pursue Trust for Public Land funding	Follow up with TPL	Jim
Pursue conservation easement conversation with JD Lumber	Follow up with Marty Frantz	Jim