

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 05/17/2007

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

Attendees:

- Directors: Wes Du Charme, Carey Kaplan, Toby Kaplan, Jim Ochenkoski, Deasa Stein
- Director absentees: George Holcomb, John Sylte
- Others: Ron Fryzowski (IDL Forester), Pete Stoltz

Agenda:

1. Guest speaker: None.

2. Old business:

a. A letter of endorsement was received from the Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Department in support of our Weed Management Plan for the City's property on the Mountain. The Plan was submitted to the City on 05/07/07. Having received approval from Brett Boyer, Rathdrum City Administrator, the first action item in the Plan, completing a more extensive weed survey, is scheduled for accomplishment on 05/19/07. Representatives from the Calypso chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society are scheduled to participate in this survey.

b. An invitation-only tour of the City's property on the mountain is scheduled for 06/09/07. Attachment (1) is an information sheet describing the event.

c. Jim reported on the projected sale of the Siverson Trust property, 160 acres to the west of and contiguous with the City's property. He has again been in contact with John Beutler of Century 21, the listing agent; no change since last month. Ron Fryzowski, Forester for the Idaho Department of Lands, endorsed our plan due to his department's interest in securing easements across the Siverson Trust property.

d. Jim reported on his efforts to determine if the National Wild Turkey Federation has any interest in activities on the Mountain; no change since last month.

e. Deasa reported that plans for the FoRM booth at Rathdrum Days are on track. Rathdrum Days is scheduled for July 20th and 21st this year

3. New business:

a. Toby & Carey reported that there is an internet search engine that is designed to generate income for non-profit organizations. This should be investigated once we receive 501c3 status.

4. Board of Directors:

a. The meeting summary from 04/19/07 was approved by vote in favor 5, opposed 0.

b. Treasurer's report:

Checking Account		
Beginning Balance		\$322.51
Debit	-\$35.00	<i>Rathdrum Days fee</i>
Credit	+\$20.00	<i>donation</i>
Credit	+\$35.00	<i>donation</i>
Ending Balance		\$342.51

NICSC 501c3 Account		
Beginning Balance		\$2440.00
Debits	0	
Credits	0	
Ending Balance		\$2440.00

c. No change in the status of the IRS processing of our 501c3 application.

d. Promotional items:

- (1) The cost for 72 white coffee mugs with the green FoRM logo would be \$187. It was decided to wait on this purchase.
- (2) An idea for logo magnet “coupons” to promote visitors on Rathdrum Mountain through the Scenic Lodge manned gate is still being reviewed by Shelley Tschida, who is discussing it with IEP.
- (3) Carey will get more details from the Chamber regarding banners for display on the Rathdrum Days stage.

e. The review of Long Term Goals and Action Items will be deferred until the fall/winter season.

5. Next meetings:

Regular monthly meeting: Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates. Guest Speaker: TBD

Attachment (1)

Rathdrum Mountain Introductory Tour - Saturday, June 9, 2007

THIS IS AN INVITATION-ONLY EVENT DUE TO TRANSPORTATION LIMITS

Purpose:

This tour is intended to introduce Rathdrum community and business leaders to the beauty, proximity, and potential of the City's property on Rathdrum Mountain. The goal of the Friends of Rathdrum Mountain in conducting this introductory tour is to develop a broad-based, grass-roots level of support for the Friends' efforts in protecting the Rathdrum Mountain area from development and for our vision of providing low-impact recreational opportunities for the community.

Invitees:

Rathdrum Parks & Recreation Commissioners
Rathdrum Planning & Zoning Commissioners
Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce Directors & Committee Chairs
Coeur d'Alene Press reporter
Spokesman-Review reporter
Rathdrum Star reporter
Friends of Rathdrum Mountain supporters

Please...no children for this event.

Start time:

Participants are requested to meet in the parking lot of Stein's IGA at 10:45 am. Two vans will depart at 11:00. *Note: Private vehicles are prohibited on the City's property.*

Activities:

- Welcome remarks
- Presentation by Linda Ely, Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Department
"Noxious weeds: Problems and Solutions"
- Short walk (1/3 mile) along a gentle incline to an area of large, old cedars
- Presentation by Shelley Tschida, Quality Services Inc.
"Our local forests: Recreational Opportunities & Challenges"
- Walk back to where the vans are parked for a lunch snack and refreshments
- Board vans for the trip back to the IGA

End time: 1:00 to 1:30 pm

Rain date: In the event of foul weather, tour will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 10th.

Please provide a contact number so we can call if the tour is rescheduled.

Questions: Call Toby (687-3627) or Jim (687-2113)