

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 08/16/2007

**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
- Director absentees: George Holcomb, Deasa Stein, John Sylte
- Others: Linda & Hal Meyer, Jim Schultz, Pete Stoltz

**Agenda:**

1. Guest speaker: Brett Boyer, Administrator, City of Rathdrum

Brett provided an update on recent efforts to obtain public easements to access the City's property on the Mountain. Negotiations are still on-going with several property owners. Brett also provided information regarding the City Forester's recent survey of the property and the limited storm damage that occurred.

Brett will request an estimate for the conduct of a comprehensive valuation of the City's property on the Mountain so that the potential for selective logging proceeds can be assessed.

2. Old business:

a. A letter to the City is being prepared with the results of the weed survey conducted on 05/19/07 and recommendations for spot treatment with herbicides. FoRM is working with the Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Department to ensure compliance with their guidelines.

b. The plant list being developed by the Idaho Native Plant Society based on their survey of the City's property on 07/15/07 is not yet available. This list will be used in making recommendations to the City for preservation and reforestation plans.

c. The FoRM booth at Rathdrum Days was well attended and public responses to our efforts were mostly positive. Over 25 names were added to our e-mailing list, 15 coupon magnets were distributed, and donations totaling \$100 were received.

d. Contact with Forest Capital/Westslope Properties has been established. Kennon McClintock is the Regional Manager for Forest Capital, which is the parent company for Westslope properties. Kennon is responsible for property management issues. Kevin Boling is the Western Director of Land Transactions for Westslope Properties. Kevin is responsible for ownership issues and conservation easements.

e. No change since last month regarding the projected sale of the Siverson Trust property.

3. New business:

a. Discussions regarding FoRM memberships and activities were continued from last month. A simple handout will be prepared for distribution at the Heritage Fall Festival in September but a more comprehensive pamphlet along with membership/contribution levels will be prepared in the coming months. A membership drive kick-off event will be planned for the Spring.

4. Board of Directors:

a. The meeting summary from 07/19/07 was approved by vote in favor 4, opposed 0.

b. Treasurer's report:

<b>Checking Account</b>			
Beginning Balance		\$2,802.12	
Debits	\$163.24		<i>banners</i>
	\$47.70		<i>business cards</i>
Credits	0		
Ending Balance		\$2591.18	

*Next month's report should reflect income from Rathdrum Days donations.*

c. No Board members attended the United Citizens for Responsible Growth (UCRG) organizational meeting held on 08/14/07. UCRG activities will be monitored for potential partnering opportunities.

d. Carey will work with Deasa on making arrangements for the FoRM booth at the Heritage Fall Festival.

e. Magnet coupon returns to date: None.

f. GoodSearch (internet search engine) proceeds to date: \$13. (Proceeds are provided annually for the fiscal year ending September 30th. Amounts less than \$20 are not processed.)

g. Wes will submit the annual report to the Idaho Secretary of State.

h. A review of Long Term Goals and Action Items will be conducted in the fall/winter season.

5. Next meetings:

Regular monthly meeting: Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Community Center at Golden Spike Estates. Guest Speaker: Nina Eckberg, Superintendent, Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Department.