

C500 Board Meeting  
5/25/09  
Minutes

In attendance were: Chris Folger, Brenda Hagan, Diane Kuechler, Cristine Lynch, Horace McCaskill, Jr., Fred Messing, Stephen Thibault. F. Messing presided.

**Minutes:** no minutes were taken at the General Membership Meeting, 4/09

**Treasurer:** 1 added membership; current account: \$4,258.14; records are being changed with the SBE to reflect the name of the current treasurer. F. Messing will contact S. Nicholson, past secretary/treasurer for any records prior to those currently in use.

**Updates:**

**General Membership Meeting:** approximately 35 individuals attended. BOS H. Connors and G. Skinner were speakers. Topics included: preservation/green issues; redistricting for 2011. H. McCaskill discussed several points he has discovered regarding redistricting and will continue to keep C500 informed.

**VRE:** F. Messing: Supervisor J. Logan will hold a community meeting 6/11/09. It is anticipated the BOS will receive the final updates on the VRE proposal early in June and will hold the public hearing to be followed by their vote at the second meeting in June. Information will be e-mailed as it becomes available.\*

**BOS Elections:** F. Messing: candidates thus far are E. Marshall (Livingston), B. Pitts (Battlefield), and G. Skinner/DJ McGuire/V. Onorato in the Lee Hill District. Candidate registration deadline is 6/9/09. C500 will contact each candidate (contested or not) with the C500 Principles statement and issues questionnaire. How endorsements will be processed will be discussed as the field unfolds.

**Comp Plan Implementation:** C. Folger: “3 Acre (approved as 4) Rural Lot Proposal” -to date, 3 applications have been filed (cap is 100); **UDA's** – Planning Commission has had 3 meetings with a public meeting scheduled 5/28/09.; **Open Space Plan** – passed\*; **Clustering** – ordinances currently exist which will be reviewed; **Parks and Recreation** – passed.

**Walmart (Orange County):** C. Folger: their appeared to be 2:1 opposition to the proposed Walmart at the public hearing attended by C. Folger.

**New Business:**

**Potential C500 Board members:** F. Messing led the discussion pointing out that the next board election is July, 2010.

**Annual Membership Meeting 7/09:** F. Messing: usually scheduled as a candidates forum, it was generally agreed this meeting could be better used to involve the general membership in the election process ala exploring topics of interest to them. The “Talk to the Members” opportunity might also validate and confirm the direction for the C500 Board.

There next meeting is scheduled for 6/22/09. The meeting was adjourned.

VRE Update: Anticipated that the Public Hearing will be announced 6/9/09 , with the actual hearing and vote on 7/14/09. J. Logan’s “VRE Summit” is scheduled 6/11/09 at 6:30pm at Riverbend High School. All C500 members are encouraged to attend/support each meeting.

Open Space Element of the Comp Plan:

The element defines the quantity of parks (community, district, and special use), trails, and general open space that the community desires. It also sets eight goals.

To provide Spotsy with a variety of activities and park facilities in order to meet regional and state standards that reflect the interest of the County’s residents.

1. To preserve natural, recreational areas, open space areas, trails, archeological areas, architectural sites, and cultural resources which are important to Spotsy.
2. To have obtainable results for improvements in the short term.

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3. Preserve the existing trails network within the County.
4. Expand the existing trails network to create a comprehensive system of interconnected trails.
5. Promote use of the County trailway system.
6. To protect and maintain current open space areas in Spotsy and to acquire additional open space areas within the County.
7. Locate and preserve green space corridors for recreational, heritage, and environmental open space issues.

The barriers to success are, of course, enough funding and enough people.