



General Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Virtual Meeting

1. **Welcome/Introductions**

Jesse Buss (Chair), Denise Beasley (Secretary), Cameron McCredie (Treasurer), Josh Habre (Vice Chair), Wendy Marshall, Curt Reesor (Steering Committee)
MNA Members: Renee King, Damon Maybee, Ashley Reade, Jesse Reade, Justin Couch, Owen Premore, Jessica R, Charles R, Jay Pearce
Guests: Sgt. Justin Young (OCPD), Kelly Reid (OC Planner), Greg Ramirez (Clackamas Fire)

2. **Presentation**

Kelly Reid, Planner – City of Oregon City

Bike & Pedestrian Needs Inventory and Action Plan

In anticipation of the Riverwalk and other future attractions drawing more people to Oregon City, there is a plan being developed to make bike and pedestrian traffic more readily available. The story map featured at the link below shows the information that has been gathered regarding pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and some proposed plans to enhance the safety and feasibility of family friendly walking/bicycling. The proposed routes that are planned for focus in the McLoughlin neighborhood area are along John Adams, 9th Street, and 6th Street. Specific plans for these routes include reducing the speed limit to 20 mph, improving crossing safety at 5th/John Adams, adding a traffic diverter with bike/ped openings at 6th/Washington. Plans for city wide upgrades include making changes to traffic signal timing, upgrading lighting, adding signage, adding bike corrals/parking, adding a public restroom downtown. More information and a public input questionnaire can be found at the link below.

<https://maps.orcity.org/portal/apps/storymaps/stories/47293df9c15140c1b3b8022a37201704>

Kelly also discussed the development of an Historic Property Reporter Tool on the city website.

3. Discussion of **Minutes** Due to the difficulty in presenting the minutes to the general meeting, it was decided to wait until we can meet in person to approve the minutes.

4. **Police/Fire liaison updates**

Sgt. Justin Young (OCPD)

A question raised at the last meeting regarding crime statistics has prompted work on formatting that so it can be presented to citizen groups. Sgt. Young estimates that 85% of their time is taken by responding to homeless and behavioral health issues. The new behavioral health specialist, Valentina, has averaged 1 to 1.5 referrals/day to get people the help they need.

New officers are being trained, there are 4 vacancies and 2 pending retirements. The Drug Take Back event last month gathered 7 large U-Haul moving boxes of expired/unwanted drugs that were sent to the incinerator in Salem. This is important for environmental as well as health safety reasons. There is no paper shredding event planned for this year.

Greg Ramirez (Clackamas Fire & Rescue)

The current Fire Chief is retiring, and the new Chief will be Nick Brown.

Clackamas Fire is working with the Ready Set Go program to teach people how to develop defensible space around their property by removing flammable fuel. This is part of the wildfire mitigation for Clackamas County.

The department has been supporting the county with COVID vaccine help, which is part of the Community Emergency Response Team. Citizens are encouraged to volunteer for this team.

5. Treasurer's Report

Cameron McCready

- a. Checking Account: \$560.36
- b. Savings Account: \$3506.13
- c. Expenses: \$2735 check sent to Traffic Safety Supply on April 2, 2021 for sign toppers. The Buena Vista area signs are ready to install.

Report accepted by consensus

6. Committee updates

Community Involvement Committee – Denise Beasley

Matthew Wientrout (Program Specialist, City of Oregon City)

Updating codes for public mural program. Seeking applications from artists for murals along Molalla Avenue and 7th Street.

Liz Hannum (Downtown Oregon City)

The murals that are downtown will be restored and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will fund a new mural on the White Rabbit/Black Ink building.

A virtual Oregon Trail "Run" will be developed with a 200 and a 2000 mile goal in one year.

Looking for funds for lighting project to replace the tree lights that were lost in the ice storm.

Taste of Oregon City will occur in July to encourage people to visit local restaurants. There are \$4000 worth of gift cards to be used for daily prizes, and working on a grand prize of a Subaru from Lithia Subaru.

Land use – Wendy Marshall

The apartment/retail building proposed for 7th and Monroe Street is progressing.

7. Old Business:

Adopt 2021 goals:

Finish 501C3 status

Strategic Neighborhood Planning

Clean up parks

Develop a Good Neighbor Agreement between A Father's Heart Ministry and the McLoughlin neighborhood.

Jay Pearce moved to adopt the goals

Josh Habre seconded the adoption

Vote was unanimous to adopt 2021 goals

8. **New Business:**

Park cleanups:

Promenade Park May 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 am

This is a recurring event on the second Saturday of the month

Garden Tour May 8 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm \$25 starts at the Elevator

The garden of Jesse Buss is part of the tour 😊

Barclay Park June 5 from 9:00-11:00 am

Waterboard Park July 17 9:00 -11:00 am

9. **Commissioners Corner**

Jesse Buss for Denyse McGriff (at city budget meeting)

The city budget is still being worked on (even as we speak).

Several parks in the city are being given Charter status.

Arts Commission will restart and will take applications for mural paintings.

Sign toppers for McLoughlin neighborhood are being produced.

10. **For the Good of the Order:**

Wendy Marshall will work with Denyse McGriff to order more MNA tee-shirts for sale.

Jesse Buss offered congratulations to our newest City Commissioner, Adam Marl.

Jay Pearce asked about the status of the Grand Ronde tribal leaders' relationship to the Willamette Falls Trust. Articles in the Oregon City News last week and this week gives some explanation.

Denise Beasley highlighted the scavenger hunt that the library is sponsoring for May the Fourth. The hunt continues through May 9th. Information can be found in the Trail News.

After some lively discussion, the meeting was delightfully.....

11. **Adjourned** at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary
