



General Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021
Zoom

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Jesse Buss (Chair), Denise Beasley (Secretary), Wendy Marshall, Curt Reesor, Denyse McGriff (Steering Committee)

MNA Members: Jessica Murray, Clint & Sharon Nicholson, Amy Ha, Pam & Dan ?, Mary C?, Courtney ?, Heidi ?

Guests: Sgt. Justin Young (OCPD), Ted Willard (Clackamas Fire), Ryan Kersey (Code Enforcement Manager)

2. **Presentation:** Ryan Kersey, Code Enforcement Manager

Ryan started 4 weeks ago as the new manager for Oregon City Code Enforcement. After a brief introduction, a Question/Answer session followed.

Q: (Denyse) What can you do about problems with (1) abandoned cars parking along the streets plus parking for Corner 14 taking up residents parking and (2) problems with unpermitted tree cutting and construction, etc. that happen on weekends?

A: (1) A parking permit program is available for McLoughlin neighborhood so residents can park in front of their house. Neighbors can petition to have a 2-hour parking sign posted on their street, then obtain a parking permit for each car.

<https://www.orcity.org/codeenforcement/mcloughlin-resident-parking-permit-program>

Resident permits are free and may be secured by calling 503-905-3665.

(2) Ryan will work on getting 7 day/week coverage so there is someone to contact on the weekends when these problems seem to occur.

Q: (Curt) What is the preferred method of communication for code enforcement?

A: A complaint form is available on the city website

<https://www.orcity.org/codeenforcement/code-enforcement-contact-information>

The Code Enforcement phone number is 503-905-3665 with current availability Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Q: (Wendy) What is the current procedure for problems on weekends?

A: Call the police non-emergency line to contact dispatch. If an officer is available, they will respond and document. Citizens can take pictures/videos to document the problem.

Q: (Jesse) Who can we call to deal with problems with homeless people?

A: Call the non-emergency dispatch number. If available, a Crisis Team or the Behavioral Specialist and an officer can respond. If it is an emergency call 911. (see more about this in Father's Heart section).

Q: (Jesse) Does code enforcement only work on citizen complaints?

A: Ryan would like to be more proactive, and have Code Enforcement initiate reports of code violations.

3. **Police Updates:** Sgt. Justin Young

The riot that occurred at Clackamette Park is an ongoing investigation.

2 officers retired last month and it is difficult to find new people for police work although OCPD feel that Oregon City residents support them.

Statistics for crime related to Father's Heart Ministries are not available.

Crime stats by neighborhood will be available on-line soon.

Denyse expressed her/our appreciation to Sgt. Young for his excellent dedication as our neighborhood OCPD liaison.

Q: (Curt) Why has the OC track been closed to the public? Were there vandalism problems?

A: There was a very, very low incidence of vandalism or other problems at the track. Sgt. Young suggested Curt contact the High School to find out why it was closed, and give feedback that residents would like to be able to use the track again.

4. **Clackamas Fire Updates:** Battalion Chief Ted Willard

New Fire Chief, Nick Brown has started. Nick is an internal hire and has been with Clackamas Fire since 2008.

Homeowner fire safety programs are running <https://clackamasfire.com/readysset-go/>
Chief Willard pointed out that our waterways are still cold even when it is hot outside, and to be careful when jumping into the water.

The contract with Estacada ended on July 1, and they have new fire department coverage.

The Eagle Creek station has added staff and now has 3 people for 24/7 availability. There were 1500 Emergency Medical Service calls in June and 66 fire calls.

Q: (Denyse) What is happening at the fire house in our neighborhood, 7th/Adams?

A: Formal engine company operations with vetting training and hose inspections. There are about 4-5 calls /day at this station.

Q: (Curt) Does Clackamas Fire coordinate with PGE for power shutoffs when there is high fire risk?

A: Last fall, the Forest Service coordinated with PGE to shut down power along highway 26 due to high risk of fires. Clackamas Fire has not been involved with PGE (yet).

Q: (Jesse) If it were up to Clackamas Fire, would you ban all fireworks?

A: YES! Thankfully, there were only 2 fires this year due to fireworks on July 4th. Several surrounding cities had bans, and Clackamas County had restrictions. People were more responsible this year probably due to the fires last fall.

5. Election of new Treasurer:

Denyse McGriff nominated Curt Reesor

Wendy Marshall seconded

All in favor

Denyse reported a \$100 donation from a movie recently filmed in our neighborhood.

6. Land Use Updates: Wendy Marshall and Denyse McGriff

Father's Heart Ministries is meeting with the Planning Commission on July 12 to discuss their application for a warming center. Wendy submitted a letter from the MNA to Kelly explaining our opposition and concerns about this permit.

Neighbors near the Abernathy Center complained to Denyse McGriff about excessive noise from the center. Denyse contacted Dan Fowler to express the concern. Dan was not apologetic or helpful.

7. Old Business:

a. Barclay Park ivy pull: Jesse Buss

About 10 people worked to trim ivy off trees and clean up storm damage. 14 yard debris bins were filled and a pile of brush from storm damage was made.

b. Movies in the Park: Denyse McGriff

There will be no concerts in the park this summer. Instead, the city is hosting movies in the park. The MNA has been asked to sell sno-cones at the movies in the park on Thursdays from July 15 to August 26. The city will pay us \$2 for each ticket we redeem. There will be a limited number of people allowed to attend. Denyse thinks the movies will be shown at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center starting around 9:00 pm. We would need to be there for sno-cone sales between 5:30-8:30. Denise and John Beasley are willing to help for some of the weeks. All Steering Committee members are encouraged to help at least once. Denyse wants to donate \$100 to be a sponsor for these events. Discussion ensued with no motion to spend the money, and with questions about how much income this would bring in. We have netted about \$1000 for sales for concerts in the park, which draws a lot more people than we anticipate the movies will.

Amy Ha asked if we could put together our own concerts in a park this summer as a fund raiser. She was encouraged to see what she can put together.

(Update Note from Secretary: The Events on the Lawn will include 3 movies and 3 evenings with Trivia or BINGO. Sales will be with money rather than tickets.

<https://www.orcity.org/parksandrecreation/events-lawn>)

c. Waterboard Park Update: Jesse Buss

Jesse talked with Kendall Reid, Parks & Recreation Director, about development of a master plan for the park. He was not interested in helping with this.

Jonathan Waverly, Parks Manager, is interested and will work with MNA on this.

d. Father's Heart Ministry conditional use permit:

Several neighbors attended this MNA meeting to express their need for help with opposing the permit. They have put together statements from the residents immediately surrounding the Father's Heart building and are gathering signatures for a petition to oppose the permit. They plan to attend and speak at the Planning Commission meeting on July 12.

Some of the concerns include:

The warming shelter would close at 7:00 am, which would put mentally fragile people on the streets around the time that children are walking to school. In the 9 years that this facility has been open, it has negatively impacted residents who live near it. They do not feel that they are being heard or getting support from city police or code enforcement. Calls to the non-emergency number are often not followed up, and troubling behaviors have continued to occur. Amy Ha has been keeping a log of incidents, calls, and responses that she is willing to share with Sgt. Young. Jessica would like training /information on when to call 911 and when to call the non-emergency line. The Behavior specialist that has recently started working at the OCPD can be called out along with an officer to help with people who need mental health assistance, but none of these residents have seen her. Heidi is concerned that Father's Heart has no mental health professionals or community resource specialists on staff. Sharon and Clint are concerned that the staff report looks as though the planning commission will approve the permit. If that happens, an appeal can be made by the MNA for free but would cost \$1567 in fees for the affected residents to appeal. The MNA has submitted a statement opposing the permit, so we are involved and can discuss getting involved with an appeal if that becomes necessary.

8. New Business:

- a. We have lost 2 Steering Committee members due to moves out of the area, and an appeal was made for new volunteers. New members will be voted on at the next Steering Committee meeting on August 5.
- b. Events:
Promenade cleanup July 10 9-11:00 am
Waterboard Park ivy pull July 17 9-11:00 am (also Jesse and Denyse birthday celebrations)

9. Adjourned at 9 :00 PM

10. Commissioners Corner: Denyse McGriff

Arts Commission has been re-established, and volunteers are being recruited.
Storm drain fee for commercial sites will increase.
A proposal to raise the water rates will be on the November ballot. Our water infrastructure needs to be updated, which requires funds.
A performance review of the city manager was just completed.
Urban renewal vision statement and goals are being developed.
A notice will be sent in the water bill regarding replacement of storm damaged trees.
Friends of trees will help with the replacement of trees.

11. For the Good of the Order:

Jesse: congratulations to Denise Beasley on her retirement from work. Denise plans to sit around and watch TV and eat bon bons.....just like Denyse McGriff (LOL!!)

Meeting adjourned again.