



*General Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2021  
ZOOM*

**1. Welcome/Introductions:**

- Jesse Buss (Chair)
- Denise Beasley (Secretary)
- Denyse McGriff, Jessica Murray, Amy Ha (Steering Committee)
- Wendy Marshal (Land Use)
- Curt Reesor (Treasurer)
- Josh Habre (Vice Chair – excused)

**Neighbors:** Father Shawn Dickerson, Karen Pederson, Leslie Hildula, Jeane & Trent Premore, Jason Temchin, Renee King, Vicki & Phil Yates, Wil & Kristen, Jay & Patty Pearce, Pam ?, Anne Bell-Fysh, Kristen Iseri, Owen Premore, Lindsey Green, Chris Renfro

**Guests:**

- Stacia Hernandez, Ryan Webb (Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde)
- Ted Willard (Oregon City Fire Department)
- Sgt. Justin Young (Oregon City Police Department)

- 2. Presentation:** Update on Willamette Falls site from The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (CTGR)- Ryan Webb (Engineering & Planning Manager, CTGR), Stacia Hernandez (Chief of Staff, CTGR)  
<https://www.grandronde.org/press-media/tribal-announcements/people-of-the-falls/>

A very informative presentation was given by Ryan and Stacia regarding the site at Willamette Falls. The 23.16-acre site of the former Blue Heron paper mill was purchased August 15, 2019 by the CTGR. This includes 0.4 miles below the falls and 0.45 miles above the falls of river frontage. 17 acres will be developed. There are 55 buildings, most of which will be removed due to their condition. After sitting empty for 10 years, they are not as useable as originally hoped for.

Goals that the CTGR have for this site are:

**Demolition**, currently in process. Stormwater pipes have been mapped. The first buildings to be demolished are Mill E Complex, Water Filtration Plant, Chip Truck Dump, Auto Shop, Millwright Shop.

**Habitat Restoration** includes restoring the riverbank and channels, create open spaces, environmental cleanup. A \$800,000 has been granted from the EPA in May 2021 for the

cleanup, which will take less than three years. About 100 cubic yards of contaminated sediment has been removed from the pavement, catch basins, etc

**Restore public access and recreational areas.** A bike/pedestrian bridge is proposed from the Promenade to the site.

**Economic development.**

**Cultural and historic interpretation.** The woolen mill foundation will remain as an interpretive site.

**Q&A:**

Q: How long is this project going to take?

A: This is a 10–15-year project.

Q: Will the area around the water tank on High Street be used/cleaned up?

A: Unknown currently. Might sell the property. Jesse suggested they keep it so they can be official members of the MNA.

Q: What is the biggest concern?

A: Trespassers getting hurt in the unsafe buildings.

Q: What parking will be available?

A: On street, angled parking.

Q: Will the Riverwalk be built?

A: Yes, but it will be delayed due to site demolition and decontamination.

Q: What cultural access will there be?

A: Area(s) for ceremony and interpretation opportunities.

Q: What will you do about being in the flood plain area?

A: Working on mitigation.

Q: Can previous companies be held accountable for contamination?

A: Maybe. This is being investigated.

Q: Will there be a falls viewpoint at the tip of the PGE dam?

A: Working on this with PGE and on water access points.

Q: What percentage of the work will be done by MWBE companies?

A: 20% will be MWBE and a good portion will be contracted to tribal companies.

Q: What are you doing about asbestos contamination?

A: Working with DEQ.

Q: Will there be water taxi access?

A: Yes, having discussions with the Frog Ferry.

Q: Will your plans follow the 2014 Master Plan?

A: The Master Plan has been amended. The Riverwalk project will not be the first action, and there will be no Historic Preservation of structures due to deterioration.

Q: Is there anything the MNA can help with?

A: CTGR is interested in working with the MNA.

### 3. Police/Fire liaison updates:

#### a. Sgt. Young, OCPD

A drug takeback will occur in April and October 2022, more information later. Several officers have been moved to patrol (traffic, homeless liaison, school liaison). Sgt. Young asked for our help in putting pressure on the Clackamas County Jail, the Sheriff's Department, and Clackamas County Commissioners to open the jail back up for people charged with misdemeanors. At this point, it is just catch and release, and is causing a problem with repeat crime. Two new recruits have started. Both are army veterans, and one is bilingual (Spanish).

#### b. Ted Willard (OCFD-Station16)

Our new fire chief, Nick Brown, started in July. Station 15 (in McLoughlin neighborhood) hosts public education. There will not be an Operation Santa this year. Engine 15 had 213 calls in September 2021

#### Q&A:

Q: Have there been any changes in operations after the 2020 September wildfires?

A: Yes, after consulting with CalFire and reviewing what happened several key changes have been made, including:

The addition of a 30 person type 2 hand crew. They will be based in Boring from April to November, used for digging lines around a fire, and forest management.

A community resource list was created, including helicopter with bucket.

A type 3 engine (heavy brush rig) was purchased.

Close contact with meteorologists who predict more dry summers.

Q: What is happening to prevent train sparks from starting another fire?

A: Union Pacific was made aware of their use of a yard engine which may have caused the sparks.

### 4. Review/Approval of Minutes: (Denise Beasley)

Motion to approve by Wendy Marshall

Seconded by Denyse McGriff

Unanimously approved.

### 5. Treasurer's Report: (Curt Reesor)

a. Checking Account: \$1589.97

b. Savings Account: \$1161.54

Motion to approve by Denise Beasley

Seconded by Jay Pearce

Unanimously approved

**6. Committee Updates:**

- a. CIC: Denise Beasley – will pass on report due to time
- b. Land Use: Wendy Marshall
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & JQ Adams-looks like an ADA ramp is being installed
  - 6<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson- roof approved
  - 6<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson- slate roof approved
  - 816 JQ Adams- split house. Meeting to review.
  - Corner 14- adding 2 carts and seating. This will affect parking in our neighborhood. Give feedback at the next Planning meeting.

**7. Old Business: Father's Heart**

Jessica Murray and Denyse McGriff met with Marty. State House Bill HB2066 grants temporary shelter for emergencies. This may affect the denial of the cold weather shelter permit for FH. FH is looking for a new location and service partners. We need to get our Good Neighbor Agreement drafted/reviewed/presented.

**8. New Business: Jesse Buss**

- a. Steering Committee elections will occur in January.
- b. Friends of trees is asking for help with planting on November 20.
- c. There is also an ivy pull on November 20 at Waterboard Park.

**9. Commissioner's Corner: Denyse McGriff**

Tolling on I205 will be happening. ODOT will not back down. West Linn and Oregon City Commissioners are all against it.

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

Denyse McGriff- We will be celebrating 100 years of the Arch bridge next year

**11. Adjourned** at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary

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