



General Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022
ZOOM

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Jesse Buss (Chair)
Denise Beasley (Secretary)
Wendy Marshall (Land Use)
Curt Reesor (Treasurer)
Sgt. Justin Young OCPD
Denyse McGriff (Commissioner)
Jessica Murray (Steering Committee)

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Denyse McGriff
Seconded by Wendy Marshall
Unanimously approved.

3. Police liaison updates: Sgt. Justin Young

New recruits – Mr. Vega is training at the academy, Grace Pressor from Salem PD is training with community service department, Kevin Carlson from the Gresham PD is back to OCPD.

Justin requested that we ask people who are running for state offices about funding for public safety, especially the police academy.

Jesse commented that there is a noticeable lack of homeless camps in the Newell Creek Canyon Nature Park. Sgt. Young explained that the homeless camps in Newell Creek are/were not usually in the area where the park is located.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$1530.97

Savings Account: \$3411.60 + \$150 (Providence Hospital) + 0.15 (interest) = \$3561.75

Motion to approve by Denyse McGriff

Seconded by Wendy Marshall

Unanimously approved.

Denyse moved to donate \$100 to the Pioneer Center for Meals-On-Wheels. Curt Reesor seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

5. Committee Updates:

- a. Wendy nominated Denise Beasley to continue as the MNA representative to the Citizens Involvement Committee. Jesse seconded. Unanimously approved. A possible second representative was suggested. Denise will contact Jay Pearce to ask him to join her.

CIC Report: Denise Beasley

Many Public Works items were reported by John Lewis. The Abernethy Bridge/ I-205 widening project (ODOT) is expected to take 4 years. The work will be done at night. There will be some trees removed by the Cove apartments before March 2022, so birds are not affected. ODOT still plans to toll I-205. Check out www.Oregontolling.org and <https://NoToll.Army>

Vehicle registration fees have helped pay for pedestrian crosswalk beacons at Holcomb/Swan and Linn/Williams, sidewalk infill at John Adams/8th St., right turn change at 213/Beavercreek, traffic signal upgrades, sidewalk infill at Gardiner Middle School.

The Molalla Avenue streetscape project has completed underground improvements, sidewalks, beacons, turn changes, landscaping.

The Park Place Urbanization Plan is progressing.

A sidewalk replacement assistance program will be available soon. The city will provide \$200,000 per year for property owners to access grants for \leq \$600 per sidewalk panel. This includes removing the panel, root removal, and panel replacement. A contractor's quote is required. Retroactive payments will be available with proper documentation. There will be information on the city website when the program has been finalized.

There will be boundary changes with the Clackamas River Water District coming soon.

The water infrastructure vote for a rate increase did not pass. The vote to borrow from Federal funds did pass. We can borrow \$12 million with a low interest, long term loan. The Federal Infrastructure funds will be available for this project as well.

There will be a stormwater rate increase from \$10.86 to \$11.72 in 2022. This will increase each year for several years.

A free Oregon City Shuttle has been operating on weekdays.

An open house will be held at the new Engineering and Operations (Public Works) property at 13895 Fir St. on January 12 at 3:30.

Jerry Herman presented information about mitigations projects around the Abernethy Green. He asked for support from the CIC to keep the trees and bushes that were planted along Washington and Abernethy streets in place to help preserve the contamination mitigation from the Rossman's landfill. Bob LaSalle requested this be tabled so the CIC could have more time to review it.

Nancy Strening presented a proposal to build an administrative building for the workers at the Metro South Transfer Station. This would give employees a

comfortable place for breaks and provide meeting space. The building would be modular construction using recycled boxcars.

Bob LaSalle will be stepping down as Chairman of the CIC. He has accepted a position on the Planning Commission.

Adam Marl, city commissioner, reported that the city has received a possible \$400,000 as part of the opioid crisis settlement.

b. Land Use: Wendy Marshall

Tree removal on the Promenade. An arborist report recommends removing 4 of 6 trees. There are plans to remove 2 dead trees by the office building between 5th/6th with mitigation of 3 replacement trees.

5th/JQAdams house applicant has appealed the city decision to deny a ramp. The applicant is trying to claim that this violates ADA code. However, since this is not supposed to be a public building, ADA code does not apply.

There are 2 applications for solar panels. One at 4th/Madison and one at 5th/Madison. These are both houses that are under HRB guidelines.

Jessica Belnap is the new MNA representative for the Historic Review Board.

6. New Business:

a. Elections:

We will need to revisit this in March since there are not enough people at the meeting to vote on new officers. Denyse moved that we continue with the current officers on the Steering Committee. Denise seconded. All approved. The Vice Chair position will be temporarily held by Curt Reesor until confirmed officially. Moved by Denise, seconded by Jessica, approved by all.

b. 2022 Goals:

Our 2021 goals were not all met. We did support the parks by hosting 2 ivy pulls. The 501C has not been completed. The Fathers Heart Good Neighbor Agreement has not been completed. Sign toppers have been installed.

c. Father's Heart Good Neighbor Agreement:

Jessica and Denyse are working on a draft agreement. Commissioner Adam Marl proposed that the city does not work on permit until there is a GNA. HB2066 requires cities to allow shelters. Denyse proposed a shelter advisory committee that would include city as well as MNA and FH representatives. Tom Johnson is the FH night manager.

Denyse and Jessica suggested putting pressure on the property owner by sending them documentation of all the incidents that have occurred. They could decide to not renew the lease to FH.

PDA Properties

Gary Wheeler

34856 East Columbia Ave.

Scappoose, OR 97056

7. Commissioners Corner:

- a. Denyse sent copies of the Oregon City Parking Study to those on the Steering Committee. She suggested a separate neighborhood meeting with Kelly Reid regarding the conclusions made by the city from this study.
- b. Denyse would like to have us ask John Lewis when Public Works will be moving their equipment out of the Center Street and Waterboard Park locations.
- c. Denyse sent the first rough draft of the Father's Heart Good Neighbor Agreement to members of the Steering Committee. She would like input as soon as possible so it can be brought to the next Commissioners meeting.

8. Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary
