



General Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2022
ZOOM

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Jesse Buss (Chair)
Amy Wilson
Denise Beasley (Secretary)
Denyse McGriff (Steering Committee)
Cindy Latimer
Wendy Marshall (Steering Committee)
Captain Patrick Dunne (OCFD)
Curt Reesor (Treasurer)
Willemijn Ilcisin (CIC)
Rocky Smith
Samuel Detke
Sgt. Justin Young (OCPD)
Rushelle Sauer
Bill & Louisa Gonyou
Jessica Murray (Steering Committee)

2. Police Updates: Sgt. Justin Young

National Night Out was a successful event despite negative graffiti. Thank you to the Parks Department for cleaning up the graffiti before the event started.

Training has completed for two new officers. Six are still in training.

Traffic/speeding concerns with the South End Road construction project. Other streets of concern are Telford, Barker, Linn/5th, Holmes Lane, and Washington. A focused enforcement with 17 officers from OC and surrounding area during a 6-hour period resulted in several hundred traffic stops. A noticeable change in compliance has occurred as a result. Motorists are encouraged to use the detour routes that are posted for South End Road.

Sgt. Young is helping with a restaffing traffic team to bring our traffic officers up to 4. Sgt. Young emphatically encourages us to tell our friends to secure their vehicles and outbuildings. Two theft rings coming from Portland have been targeting unsecure vehicles. Lock your cars, do not leave keys or wallets in your cars.

Denise Beasley reminded people to protect their catalytic converters. You can install a plate specific to your vehicle. Sgt. Young explained that the huge catalytic converter

theft ring that was caught last month was responsible for 85-90% of thefts. Thank you to all police departments that were involved in catching these thieves. 😊

3. **Fire Department Updates:** Captain Patrick Dunne

Captain Dunne has been at Station 15 since April. He agreed to add our MNA meetings to the station calendar so there will be a fire dept. representative at each meeting.

The call volume for July was 2499 events, which is consistent with the previous year.

On Sept. 10, there will be the Oregon City Hilltop Health & Safety Fair from 10:00-2:00 at the Hilltop 9 theater parking lot.

October is fire prevention month.

September is emergency preparedness month.

Heat/humidity are being monitored for fire restrictions to help mitigate wildfires.

Capt. Dunne reminded everyone to be aware of water safety. The water temperatures are cool. Always WEAR a life jacket when playing in our rivers.

Upon questioning, Capt. Dunne declared chocolate chip cookies likely the favorite at the station. Hint, hint, nudge, nudge.

4. **Best-Kept Secrets: land use in the McLoughlin Neighborhood**

Due to time constraints, this topic will be presented at a different meeting.

All were in favor of this decision.

5. **McLoughlin Neighborhood Haunts: Residents from the Past – Rocky Smith, NW Ghost Tours**

Rocky became interested in researching ghost stories when he worked at the Ermatinger House. His 20 years of research is meant to confirm folklore with facts, and he has collected many interesting factual historical stories about Oregon City. There are several McLoughlin neighborhood mysteries that he would like to clear up. The ghost stories include:

Ermatinger House: a steamboat captain who likes to sit at the head of the table. There was a steamboat captain who was a boarder at the house.

A little girl who likes to hide ribbons.

Sightings of a little girl on Jefferson Street who may have drowned in a pond.

A little boy with red hair around the elevator/Singer Creek. 2 possibilities for this have been disproved. There was a typhus outbreak that many children died from.

A fish monger in raincoat and boots above the library on 6th street.

Several stories/sightings at the high school Jackson campus may be associated with a native burial site. There are several native burial sites in the McLoughlin neighborhood.

Cove apartments have had reports of toys being moved. This was the site of the Clackamas village and where the Hudsaker (sp?) family lost 2 children.

The Commercial Bank building on Main Street has many ghost stories from the basement.

The old Oregon City Hospital on Washington St. has many, many stories.

On Oct. 18, Rocky will be doing a presentation at the library. He leads tours in Oregon City from his business on Main Street, NW Ghost Tours.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Denyse McGriff
Seconded by Jessica Murray
Unanimously approved.

7. Treasurer's Report:

a. Checking Account : $\$1252.97 + \1221.62 (sno cone sales) = $\$2474.59$
b. Savings Account: $\$3562.67 + 0.16$ (dividends) = $\$3562.99$
Motion to approve by Denyse McGriff
Seconded by Denise Beasley
Unanimously approved.

8. Elect Steering Committee member to fill vacancy

Wil Ilcisin was nominated and unanimously approved 😊

9. Land Use:

Letters of support were sent to approve actions at
1210 7th Street to remove and replace a garage
Stephens Crawford House to remove garage

10. Commissioner's Corner: Denyse McGriff

I-205 construction is continuing with pile driving during the day.
A Diversity/Equity/Inclusion open house will take place September 7 at 3:00
2 more are planned
The Arch Bridge 100 year celebration will be held October 1.

11. Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary
