



*General Meeting Minutes
May The 4th, 2023
Oregon City First Baptist Church*

1. **Welcome/Introductions:** Melissa Cottingham, John Withum, Sgt. Jared Turpin, Glen Suchanek, Brandi Johnson, David Tucker, Ben Figgins, Scott Steussy, A. Meek, Bartmess & Youkey, Kevin & Wil Ilcisin, Tiff Mumma, Melissa West, Linda Baysinger, Kent & Marleigh Mathiot, Clint & Sharon Nicholson, Phil Rotrock, Diane Roake, Emma Lugo, Nini Thomas, Brandon Pearson, Corinne Patel, Jason Temchin, Sharon Lowe, Michael Totten, Richard Howells, Joe Wedding, Bill Stewory, Ron Thom, Rita mlls, Vickie Yates, Claire Met, Amy Wilson, Denise Beasley, Curt Reesor, Wendy Marshall
2. **Community Garden:** Corrine Patel
Corrine would like to install a community garden along 6th street adjacent to the staircase from Jackson to VanBuren streets. This is a 60-foot right of way with a 40 foot rise. In order to make it accessible to people with disabilities, there would be a 5 – 6 foot wide serpentine path with 4 – 5 bends, with retaining walls. The stairs would remain in place. The fence would be replaced. Better lighting would be created. Corrine would supply the water from a roof run-off/cistern system. If that fails, she would ask the city to install a spigot. Unused beds will be seeded with wildflowers. Corrine will contact the Oregon City Arts Commission to request artwork on the walls. There are sewer, water, and cable in the right of way. Corrine is a grant writer by profession and will apply for grants for this project. She expects it to cost about \$500,000. Corrine is committed to manage the gardens for 5 years. Contact information will be included in a future MNA website. After a discussion, we agreed to send a letter of endorsement to help get this going.
3. **Police/Fire liaison updates:** Sgt. Jared Turpin
Several officers are retiring, including Chief Band. New officers are being hired.
Q&A: Rita Mills is concerned about buses and cars parked in the yellow zones along the street by the football field. Sgt. Turpin will contact code enforcement.
? does OCPD use volunteers? Not at this time.
? does the new youth advisory work with OCPD? No, they work with the city commission.
? are ride-alongs happening? Yes. Fill out paperwork at the front desk at the police department.
? is there a citizens academy? Yes. Just finishing.
4. **Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County:** Brandi Johnson, Richard Howells, Joe Wedding, Bill Stewory www.hsccc.org

HSCC is working to establish a center with multiple services for homeless people at the old fiberglass production building on 15th/Main. The Fathers Heart Ministry and Love One would move there in 2-3 years. Additional resources would be added.

The goal is to make homelessness Rare, Short, and Non-Recurring.

The coalition has had several public meetings to introduce their plan and learn about concerns. A big concern they heard at the first meeting was What can they do Now to address immediate instances of difficult people who are stressing the neighborhood. Dan Fowler has met with Chief Band and another police Captain to develop some solutions to this problem.

For more information, see www.hsgcc.org

See www.orcity.org/police/homeless-outreach for information about the city's strategy for homeless solutions.

5. **Approval of Minutes:** Denise Beasley
Wendy moved to approve Curt 2nd Approved
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Curt Reesor
Savings: 0.16 dividend, \$2714.25 balance
Checking: \$1982.16 balance
Denise moved to approve Wendy 2nd Approved
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. CIC: Denise Beasley
James Graham gave an update on Economic Development
Kendall Reid and Melissa Sebastian presented update on Parks & Recreation
Parks Master Plan does include Waterboard Park
Swim lessons and more recreational swim times are starting
Summer camps at the pool, Pioneer Center, Rivershore Park
Concerts and Movies in the park start in July/Aug (we will be selling sno-cones)
Volunteer and paid positions are available
Ermatinger House is hosting talks May 6 at 1:00 and 2:30 and May 20
Tolling: the Governor has signed legislation that will create a commission to gather input from communities along the I-205 areas that would be affected by tolling.
There will be a hold on tolling for 2 years. We need to continue giving input.
 - b. Land Use: Wendy Marshall
Elevate Building on High street requests adding a 2nd story, which will be a >30% addition that will require a review. Comments are accepted.
5th/JAdams: a new ramp has been added. This was in the originally approved plan.
9th/Center: porch cover has been approved
15h/Polk middle housing
4th/Jefferson request for Bed & Breakfast
8. **Good of the Order**
St. Pauls Episcopal church hosts a meal on Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:15
The Pioneer Center is hosting an art fair this Saturday May 6
9. **Adjourned** at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary
