



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, February 05, 2024 at 7:00 PM

This meeting was held online via Zoom as well as in person at City Hall Chambers in Oregon City.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: 11 - Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson, Denise Beasley, Willemjin Ilcisin, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle

STAFFERS: 2 - Community Engagement Specialist Hannah Schmidt, Commissioner Adam Marl

PRESENTATIONS

1. Downtown Oregon City Association – Juliana Allen

Juliana is the Executive Director of the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA). Their goal is to build community and cultivate commerce in the Downtown area. Since beginning in her role, the focus has been on events and building relationships with business owners and community to reinvigorate Oregon City's Downtown.

On cultivating community and commerce, there will be events and outreach and trying to get Downtown to look more vibrant with economic vitality. They would like to see more retail businesses as they have lost four in the last year and a half.

She was asked about what will be done about the Homeless Referral Center that is proposed to go into Downtown in relation to these plans. Julianna honestly answered about the unsurety of this issue and let the committee know that she gets this questions frequently from Downtown business owners. It was asked about how the courthouse closure will affect businesses, and she let them know this was an understood issue that is staying on their radar. There was a question posed concerning trash and pickup, and Juliana let them know that there is a small, part-time weekend staff that picks up trash.

Summer activities on the Events calendar include a Wine & Arts Walk in May, First City Celebration on July 27th, Concerts in the Plaza each Wednesday evening in July and August, and an antique fair in August.

2. Two Rivers Neighborhood Association – Jerry Herman

Jerry is a member of the Two Rivers Neighborhood Association and attends so he can see that effort to look at the river and its assets gets consideration. The city is holding a special meeting to look at Destination Monitoring Organization (DMO) which is about making the business of tourism intentional and organized. There is support for the idea of a DMO if it will look seriously at getting the dock in front of John Storm back into service to bring river vessels such as the Portland Spirit, Willamette Star, Jetboats, and more to Oregon City. Christine Lewis, Metro Councilor, leads the River Assets and Opportunities Task Force to help her advocate for commercial uses of the locks, and with those efforts, they will hopefully be back in service in 2-3 years after being out of commission for 12 years.

3. Spring Forward Event – Hannah Schmidt

On March 9th, the day before Daylight Savings, Oregon City will be hosting a Spring Forward event which was previously known as the Spring Resource Fair. This will be a community building event with environmental organizations, cultural and community resources, and nonprofit volunteer opportunities. Hannah let the CIC know that this would be a great event for each neighborhood to attend to bring awareness of the work they are doing with the hope that there will be more digital subscribers to the newsletter and more attendees at future meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

ELECTIONS

Bob LaSalle read the election rules from the bylaws for the committee. The elections are for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Dennis Anderson nominated Linda Baysinger for Chair. The nomination was passed unanimously. Linda Baysinger is the new CIC Chair.

Josh Kayser was nominated as Vice Chair. The nomination was passed unanimously. Josh Kayser is the new Vice Chair.

Dennis Anderson was nominated to be the secretary. The nomination was seconded by Linda Baysinger. The nomination was passed unanimously. Dennis Anderson will continue to be the secretary his fourth term.

MEETING MINUTES

Josh Kayser made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2021; December 6, 2021; and December 4, 2023. This was seconded by Linda Baysinger. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

The E-Trail Newsletter went out for February, and it had the Neighborhood Association meetings for February and March listed. The spring newsletter will go out in March with updated meeting information for the neighborhoods.

Patty Nelson, project manager and project engineer for Oregon City, would like to present to the CIC in March concerning a large water pipe project. She is scheduled to present this information to the Hillendale neighborhood in April and Elyville in May.

Hannah Schmidt is in the process of signing a one-year contract with Eagle Web Press in Salem, Oregon to print neighborhood postcards. The current company with the contract, Buel's, charges \$0.60 per postcard, and the hope is to solidify a contract with Eagle Web Press for approximately \$0.48 per postcard. The new postcard will be on a 4X5 card, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ " smaller than the current card, and will be on fluorescent card stock with black print. There is current work being done on postage permitting, and the city is hoping to sign that contract soon.

Mayor McGriff would like all CIC applications turned in by the end of March for April appointments. Hannah will send current members who have not already signed up a link to get that complete. Any application will need to be accompanied by documentation of a nomination of the applicant by the neighborhood association.

The Oregon City website has had several updates including a calendar for each neighborhood as well as specific neighborhood links for a community member to use to sign up for the digital newsletter. Text alerts are encouraged. CIC members will need to contact Hannah to update their neighborhood information.

If any neighborhood has public records they would like to make available, Hannah can be contacted, and she will put those documents into the Oregon Records Management System (ORMS). There is a link under each neighborhood for community members to access those records.

If any neighborhood is interested in understanding Zoom better for online meeting options, Hannah is happy to help teach this to anyone.

4. CIC BUDGET

No discussion.

ROUNDTABLE

For more information on upcoming neighborhood association meetings and contacts please visit: <https://www.orcity.org/community/neighborhood-associations>

Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke

The next general meeting will be on February 26th. The new police chief is scheduled to present, and he is waiting for confirmation from some other groups for future presentations. There was a Zoom meeting in January where Bob LaSalle and Steve VanHaverbeke were nominated as their neighborhood CIC representatives.

McLoughlin – Denise Beasley

They recently had a steering committee meeting and are in the process of forming subcommittees for Web Development, Retail, and Events. Their neighborhood would like to join the Spring Forward event. The neighborhood has a new chair, Tim Powell, who will be the new CIC representative as well replacing Willemjin Ilcisin.

Hillendale – Josh Kayser & Sara Peterson

They had a general meeting in January that was frustrating in that they were asked to move from the Bus Barn over to Gardner and then got moved again because of a previously scheduled meeting that was running late. Vince from Public Works came to talk about winter preparedness, and the police department provided them with crime statistics specific to their neighborhood. There will be a steering committee meeting on February 6th and a general meeting in April.

Elyville – Karla Laws

There will be a steering committee meeting on February 13th, and the next general meeting is March 12th when they will have their elections. They are considering condensing meetings to every few months rather than every other month since attendance is low. They are working on ideas to draw more people to meetings. Didi said they are actively working on beautifying Elyville as they are losing a lot of trees on Molalla Avenue. California poppies were planted, and they hope to see some bright yellow popping up in the spring. There was a request made to Public Works for some extra garbage cans, planters, and flowers throughout the neighborhood.

Canemah – Linda Baysinger

They will have a general meeting on February 15th. A new chair, Ron Bistline, has been elected. Hannah will be presenting at their next meeting as well as John Lewis. The neighborhood is working on a letter to the area to let them know the neighborhood association is active.

Caulfield – Dan Berge

Their meetings have great attendance at 40-50 people per meeting. There is a lot of construction going on, and people are trying to keep on top of what is happening. They have had the police department, Mayor McGriff, and Commissioner Marl present and attend their meetings. To improve meeting visibility, they put out signs in busy areas.

Commissioner Adam Marl

Commissioner Marl acknowledged the hard work of Public Works during the recent ice storm.

A hearing was hosted at Gladstone High School by the legislative subcommittee on tolling for Gladstone, Oregon City, and West Linn. There was a great turnout, and he was able to offer comments.

Today is the first day for new Assistant City Manager Alex Rains.

On February 7th, there will be a meeting with the Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County, which is something Adam has been pushing for, to hear what is actually being planned for in Oregon City's Downtown. There are a lot of concerns around this project, and this will be an opportunity for the commission and public to hear details. On the same day, there will also be a discussion around Destination Management Organization that will encourage economic development by marketing their community assets.

Chair Update – Bob LaSalle

Bob asked Hannah to arrange for him to give the yearly update to the city commission within the next three months. As the outgoing two-term chair, he thanked the committee for their support of him as chair during his time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.