



# **CITY OF OREGON CITY**

## **CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)**

### **MINUTES**

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**Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City**  
**Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: 14 -** Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Lisa Guirsch, Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson, Tim Powell, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Dave Hunt, William, Mark

**STAFFERS: 2 -** Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist; John Lewis, Public Works Director

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### **1. Public Works Update – John Lewis, Public Works Director**

Director Lewis directed the committee to the Public Works website for full details of city projects and social media sites for immediate information.

A map was shown from the website for the Sanitary Sewer I&I projects with areas 10, 8, and 5 being the focus. The Molalla Avenue project is in the bid phase. Most of the Rivercrest basin is done, but there is some lateral replacement work that needs to be done that includes work on private property if property owners opt into the work. A map showing these projects is also in the summer Trail Newsletter.

The city received a \$16 million loan through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for capital improvement projects over the next 5 years that total \$33 million. These projects include a lot of pipe replacement that will start on Molalla Avenue. Benefits include protecting drinking water and water reliability during times of fire risk. The updates on Molalla Avenue will cause traffic inconvenience. The Clairmont area is almost complete. The Holmes Lane still has water and paving to complete. A consultant has been selected for the Henrici pump station and transmission main, and they are working through the scope of work.

Information was given about the city's pavement management program. The current pavement condition index is 75 out of 100 which is very good. There is a large backlog of projects. It is anticipated that condition index will drop due to the backlog and cost of repairs which will go from \$18.8 million to \$32.5 million. The pavement utility fee found on monthly utility bills has funded a lot of maintenance and reconstruction work.

Other projects mentioned were:

Transportation projects

Downtown Quiet Zone

Holcomb Boulevard Safe Routes to School Project

McLoughlin Boulevard Pedestrian Enhancement Concept

The transit center project

Tribute to the Cayuse Five

Cove Water Quality Analysis

PGE/Oregon City pole charging stations pilot project

“20 is Plenty”

Grant money was received for the following projects:

Quiet Zone - \$2 million

Holcomb Safe Routes to School - \$1.6 million

All Roads Transportation Project - \$1 million

Main Street from 10<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> - \$432,600

Highway 213 at Redland Road improvement - \$4 million

## **2. Clackamas Fire District Update – Doug Whiteley, Division Chief of Community Services**

The fire levy that was passed by the voters allowed five different stations to increase their staff from 3 on-duty daily firefighters to 4. An example was given of how having this extra person has saved lives. The Clark Community south of Beaver Creek will get career firefighter staffing in addition to their volunteers. In about a year or so, there will be a deployment of quick response vehicles that can help take lower risk calls so the larger units will be available for bigger incidents.

Information is shared through the communities via social media and their newsletter, *The Siren*. He would like to see consistent engagement with the community on a personal level by having a fire crew at a city meeting at least once every 3-4 months. If the CIC is interested, Hannah will have his contact information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jerry Herman spoke about linking Oregon City, Canby, West Linn, and Gladstone together in efforts to bring tourism to their waterfronts through small and medium water vessels and city bus tours. The River Assets Group met two weeks ago, and a representative from each city attended. Commissioners Mike Mitchell and Frank O'Donnell developed a resolution to be presented to each city for signature consideration.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

3. A motion was made to approve the Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2024. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**STAFF LIAISON UPDATES – Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist****4. Staff Report**

The summer issue of Trail News is available for review, and any edits requests are due by May 10<sup>th</sup>. The e-Trail Newsletter went out in April with May and June neighborhood association meeting dates. Gaffney Lane and South End neighborhoods are in the process of reactivating. William and Mark were in the meeting representing South End, and Dave Hunt is the chair for Gaffney Lane. Gaffney Lane will have their first meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m., and South End will start up in the fall. The issue with the USPS permit account for postcards has been fixed, so neighborhoods can now have their final postcard requests in 7 days prior to preferred send date versus 10 days. Mayor McGriff has appointed all CIC members as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. As Gaffney Lane and South End get established, they can request to have a representative added to the committee. Ms. Schmidt is continuing work on uploading public records for the committee. Finally, the Ermatinger House is celebrating Preservation Month, and there will be two lectures on May 18<sup>th</sup> about the history of the house.

National Night out will be happening on August 6<sup>th</sup>, and the committee was asked for volunteers. They will discuss at the June meeting about materials to distribute for the event.

The committee voted to cancel the July meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

**5. Budget**

There will be a work session one hour prior to the start of the June meeting to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year.

There was just over \$2,000 in inactive pooled money left in this fiscal year. A few neighborhoods would like to send postcards for meetings within this budget year. With the estimate given, the postcards will go over that pooled amount by about \$25.94.

A motion was made to use funds leftover from Park Place and Gaffney Lane to fulfill the postcard needs prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the committee.

**ROUNDTABLE**

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

*Hillendale – Sara Peterson & Josh Kayser*

They had a general meeting in April at Gardner Middle School that was very well attended. Patty Nelson gave a water update, and the police department gave a breakdown of neighborhood statistics. The steering committee meeting will be replaced with a courthouse update on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Josh is on the Chief's Advisory Committee, and the police chief would like to see more neighborhood association members. If anyone is interested, they can contact Patty Stewart at the police department.

*Canemah – Dennis Anderson & Linda Baysinger*

Their neighborhood had a general meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the library, and they continue to have good support with the fire and police department liaison. At the meeting, the "20 is plenty" issue was discussed. They believe it is positive and would like some more information on which streets are being focused on. If any neighborhoods want to pursue an enhancement grant, applications are due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Neighborhood members created a welcome letter for incoming residents that has been received well.

*Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke & Bob LaSalle*

At the April steering committee meeting, it was decided to move their money from a credit union to a bank. Most of this money in this account are grant funds for park enhancement. An old covered wagon was found and added to the park, and people were encouraged to come see it. Their next general meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and will have presentations from Willamette CERT, Housing Authority of Clackamas County, and an update from the police liaison. Park Place would like to have a grand opening party for the Park Place Park and asked for suggestions and help from other neighborhoods who have successfully done this.

*Elyville – Karla Laws & Dorothy Dahlsrud*

The steering committee decided to pursue starting a neighborhood watch, and it will be announced at the summer ice cream social. The steering committee would like to discuss the homelessness issue that is affecting parks in their area and Molalla Avenue by having the police department discuss their experiences. They feel it has improved, but there is still activity in vacant buildings and littering and dumping. Patty Nelson will discuss drinking water infrastructure and its effect on Molalla Avenue, and Hannah Schmidt will talk about Habitat for Humanity. They are interested in hearing how neighborhoods feel about the "20 is plenty" project.

*Caulfield – Dan Berge & Lisa Guirsch*

Mayor McGriff attended their last meeting and answered questions. Some members went down to talk to the flag wavers at Beaver Creek and 213 and asked them not to wave flags in front of cars and block them.

*McLoughlin –Tim Powell*

The neighborhood meeting had a presentation from the VFW about a monument put up at their facility that is specifically for veterans who were in Korea, Vietnam, and current wars. They also had a Kiera Smith who spoke about the greater Oregon City watershed. Ben James is the owner of Elevate which is a building across from the Elevator and is being remodeled. They are selling personalized bricks for \$100 to put in a patio that will blend in with Elevator and his business. Porch Fest was discussed where people sign up to host musicians and performers on their porch or in their backyard. Last year, they had 30 participants with a goal of 50 this year. The neighborhood discussed the “20 is plenty” project and sent a letter of support.

*Commissioner Adam Marl*

Commissioner Marl will be chairing a work session on May 7<sup>th</sup> concerning revisions to the Park Place Crossing Plan. There have been many changes to state land use laws since this was adopted, and the city is trying to figure out the best balance between community vision and adhering to state law. He is excited about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event that will include a concert in the park and a laser light show. He asked the committee to spread the word for the event. He also wanted to let the committee know the Youth Advisory Commission is collecting high school clothing donations until May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

\*Next meeting will be June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with a work session starting at 6:00 p.m.