



*General Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2024
Oregon City Library*

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Bill Carton, Ben James, Paul Harris, Diane Roake, Ben Figgins, Phil Rotrock, Curt Reesor, Amy Wilson, Lissa Adams, Peter Lewis, Billie Lewis, Lisa Cowgill, Courtney Markham, Alex Halvorson, Wendy Marshall, Damon Mabee, Kira Smith, Kyle Murphy, Max White, Mandy Dexter, Denyse McGriff, Carlee Brounstein, Denise Beasley, Tim Powell, Sgt. Justin Young, Sgt. Jared Turpin

2. Police/Fire liaison updates: Sgt. Young, Sgt. Turpin

A successful multi-force traffic mission occurred last month. A saturation patrol will occur May 30. Sgt. Young reminded us that any handling of a cell phone while driving is cause for a citation and a third offense within 10 years results in jail time. OCPD has five recruits attending or waiting for police academy. A regional canine conference was held last month with 152 officers at three locations in Oregon City. OCPD is helping the Father's Heart Ministry volunteers with a self defense class. A concern was expressed regarding traffic violators on 11th street by Lafayette Park.

3. Greater Oregon City Watershed Council: Kira Smith

Kira asked for a letter of support from the MNA for an Oregon City enhancement grant to install interpretive signs at Abernethy Creek Park and Singer Hill Park. The Greater Oregon City Watershed (GOCWC) group is a 501C non-profit group that organizes invasive plant removals, native plant installations, path improvements, and signage. Kira mentioned that this group offers free ivy removal for properties adjacent to streams in the Oregon City area. GOCWS is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year and will be sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt at the Environmental Learning Center June 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00. More information can be found at www.GOCWC.org

4. VFW Monument: Paul Harris

Paul would like a letter of support to the Metro/OC Enhancement Grant to build a marble monument for Clackamas County veterans of the wars of Korea, Viet Nam, and Iraq. The monument would be placed in front of the VFW building on High Street and would list 62 names. This VFW post will be celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2025.

5. Elevate Plaza Brick Sale: Ben James

Ben is selling commemorative bricks for \$100 each to raise money for a building project at Elevate Plaza. The bricks will be placed in a courtyard near the OC Elevator. Ben will be adding two stories to the existing building and will include possible public gathering

spaces such as a coffee shop, eatery, and courtyard. He calls his building the “balcony for Oregon City”. More information can be found at www.thatsmybrick.com/elevate

6. **Porchfest:** Mandy Dexter, Max White, Kyle Murphy, Lisa Cowgill

Mandy and friends are pleased to offer a fun event August 9 & 10. In conjunction with the McLoughlin garage sales (not associated with the MNA), they will be organizing musical and other artistic offerings from the porches/yards/driveways of our neighbors. They are also seeking a letter of support for the Metro/OC Enhancement Grant so they can offer payment to about half of the artists. They are also looking for volunteer hosts. More information can be found at www.oregoncityporchfest.com

7. **Approval of Minutes:** Denise Beasley

Damon Mabee moved to accept the minutes, Denyse McGriff 2nd. Minutes approved.

8. **Treasurer’s Report:** Curt Reesor

Savings: 0.16 dividend gives a balance of \$3716.16

Checking: balance of \$3217.04 includes checks of \$100 for signs and \$275 for Concert in the Park Sponsorship. Damon moved to accept the report, Wendy 2nd. Report accepted.

9. **Committee Reports**

a. Land Use – Wendy Marshall

Plans to build a house on the vacant portion of 406 High St. have been approved.

b. CIC – Tim Powell & Denise Beasley

Annual report from Police Chief Davis. Melissa Sebastian shared upcoming city activities including July 4th celebration at End of the Oregon trail, a Ukrainian Festival May 11 from 12:00-3:00 at Gardiner Middle School, Concerts in the Park start July 11.

c. City Commission – Denyse McGriff

The next Commission meeting, May 7 at 6:00 at the Libke Center will feature a presentation by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and a presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Denyse shared the fun May the 4th Proclamation making May 4th a celebration of Star Wars Day. Accepting the proclamation was Greg Williams from the OC Library where a family fun celebration will occur May 4th from 4:00 to 6:00. The Holmes House will host a presentation of Ruth McBride. The Ermatinger House will host a session on how to find information about our old houses. The structures at Clackamas Heights will soon be demolished to make way for new buildings. The residents will be relocated. The new development must be affordable housing. Concerts in the Park start July 11. We will be selling sno cones and a sign-up sheet was circulated. Contact Denyse to sign up.

10. **7th Street Cleanup:** Denyse McGriff

We will meet at the fire department on 7th Street on May 25 at 9:00 am to start cleaning the street and flower boxes. Bring your own gloves and weeding tools. The city will provide cans. We plan to be done by 1:00. A “major prize” will be given to whoever finds the most unusual item. (note: items like banners brought from your house will be disqualified).

11. **Adjourned** at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary
