



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

(CIC)

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City

Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: 11 - Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Shelly Alway, Betty Mumm, Sara Peterson, Denise Beasley, Tim Powell, Bob LaSalle

STAFFERS: 1 - Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist; Jarrod Lyman, Community Communications Manager

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.a. Police Department K9s – Jackie Hammond-Williams

Ms. Hammond- Wilson presented as a private citizen and spokesperson to an informal group of citizens on Oregon City providing care funds for retired police K-9s.

Currently, the city has three operating and one retired K-9, and two of the currently operating K-9 officers will be retiring within 3-6 months. The city provides funds for care of these sworn officers during active duty; however, once they are retired, the adopting family must cover all costs of care which can be extensive given their line of work.

She and the citizens she is representing believe retired police K-9s should be offered retirement funds similarly to a retired police officer. She would like the CIC to create a letter of support for this issue to give to the City commission.

Bob LaSalle made a motion to recommend to the City Commission that they amend the budget to provide all care to retired K-9s. The motion was seconded by Denise Beasley. All ayes. The motion passed. Bob will draft a letter and offer it to the CIC for approval before being sent to the City Commission.

2.b. DEI Presentation – Lamont Browne, Triangle Advising Group, LLC

Lamont Browne shared an update on their current project and a recap of the previous project their group worked on on behalf of the city.

The previous project was to create a community DEI task force to meet monthly and share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas on how to strengthen the community. This task force and city staff worked together to create a DEI framework to help direct the city's work.

The current project will build on that work and has three components: A DEI work group, leadership and DEI training for city staff, and creating a second community DEI task force.

Mr. Brown is here today mainly to let the committee know about the task force. He shared the links on the city's website that discuss the city's commitment to support the individuals on this task force and how citizens can join it.

Anyone interested in joining a meeting can contact Mr. Browne for meeting location details.

2.c. Park Place Concept Plan Code Refinement – Oregon City Planning Department

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director, presented to the CIC the Park Place Concept Plan code amendments.

This process started in May 2024, and the city Planning staff have presented draft code to the Planning Commission. The draft phase is almost complete with the next step being the legislative public hearings.

The Park Place Concept Plan was developed to help the city prepare for the anticipated growth from 500 acres of rural land being brought into the Urban Growth Boundary. The plan was adopted in 2008; however, Oregon land use has changed extensively which created the need for code change to design clear and objective language focusing on the original 11 key elements of the plan.

The next step of this process is Pete Walter, Planning Department, attending the Park Place neighborhood steering committee meeting on August 19th and then the Planning Department giving an update to the City Commission the next week. It is hopeful that the legislative hearing process will start in fall.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the CIC Meeting and Work Session Minutes for June 3, 2024. The motion was seconded. The majority voted in favor with one abstention. Motion passed.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.a. Reimbursement for Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association A-Frame Signs

Gaffney Lane purchased A-frame signs and requested reimbursement from any surplus of the CIC budget. After discussion, Gaffney lane decided to use their budgeted funds to pay Dave Hunt back for the signs that were purchased for the neighborhood.

5.b. follow up 2024-2025 CIC Budget Allocation

Ms. Schmidt asked the committee for a motion to approve the budget based on the new postcard postage price change.

A motion was made to approve the current budget due to the postcard mailer change. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5.c. Chapter 2.30.030 – CIC Membership

Linda Baysinger presented that the Two Rivers neighborhood was having difficulty getting a CIC representative because the CIC bylaws state that the person who acts as the CIC representative must live in the neighborhood they are representing. Unfortunately, the way the that neighborhood is laid out, the members of the association cannot find someone to represent them on the CIC because all of their members do not live in the neighborhood. She asked if the CIC bylaws could be changed to show that the CIC representative for Two Rivers could be someone who lives, works, or has an interest in the neighborhood. Ms. Schmidt will update the bylaws with some new language to present to the CIC for a vote and will check to see if the bylaws need to be approved by the City Commission or not.

6. STAFF LIASION UPDATES

The Trail News and E-Trail News have been sent out. Clackamas County Fire District has also sent out their quarterly newsletter, *The Siren*. National Night Out is August 6th, and the CIC will have a booth there. In order to stop any issues with the postcard mailers not arriving on time, any requests for mailing must be received within the 7-day time frame. Any signs created for neighborhoods must be approved by Ms. Schmidt prior to printing. All neighborhood association bylaws have been published on the city's website.

ROUNDTABLE

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

McLoughlin – Tim Powell & Denise Beasley

They have been busy selling snow cones at Concerts in the Park. At their last meeting, they had an update from John Lewis from Public works. Tim asked if there was a Land Use CIC representative. None was known. He will pursue with the city how to organize a candidate forum for neighborhoods.

Hillendale – Sara Peterson

They had their quarterly meeting in early July that was very well attended with presentations from Fire and Police. Their second community cleanup was on the 13th. A steering committee meeting will be held on August 6th.

Caulfield – Dan Berge

Their neighborhood has had great success using signs to encourage attendance at the neighborhood association meetings.

Elyville – Karla Laws & Dorothy Dahlsrud

Their ice cream social is scheduled for August 24th at Barclay Hills Park from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Clackamas Fire will be there, and they are hoping to have the police K-9s as well. There will be a general meeting on September 10th.

Park Place –Bob LaSalle

While trying to have a new trail built in Park Place Park, a serious poison oak infestation was discovered. The trail is on hold until some funding can be found to remove the poison oak.

Canemah – Dennis Anderson & Linda Baysinger

A steering committee meeting is planned for September 19th, and they had their annual ice cream social in July with a good turnout.

Gaffney Lane – Shelly Always & Betty Mumm

They will have a steering committee meeting on September 19th on Zoom. There was a house in their neighborhood causing issues, and the Oregon City Police recently boarded it up to help stop them.

Commissioner Adam Marl

Commissioner Marl gave a land use update for Caulfield regarding an amicus brief that was filed concerning potential transportation congestion issues around the county densifying areas just outside the Oregon City city limits. He recently was a guest speaker at Gaffney Lane and let everyone know to reach out to him if they would like him to speak at any of their meetings. He feels their Independence Day event was successful and looks forward to enhancing it for the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.