



# **CITY OF OREGON CITY**

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

### **MINUTES**

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Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City  
Monday, October 7, 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.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: 12 -** Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Shelly Alway, Betty Mumm, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson, Denise Beasley, Tim Powell, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle

**STAFFERS: 3 -** Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist; Dayna Webb, Public Works Director; Christina Roberts-Gardiner, Senior Planner; Josh Wheeler, Assistant City Engineer; Commissioner Adam Marl; Commissioner Mike Mitchell

#### **2. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **2.a. LoveOne Community Engagement Presentation – Brandi Johnson, LoveOne Executive Director, and Glen Suchanek, Deputy Director**

Brandi talked about how LoveOne started with laundry and hygiene items while partnering with local laundromats. They started out at 5 events per month and are now up to 14 with events added in Molalla and Sandy and soon to be Estacada with 2 events in Oregon City per month. The second Thursday and Fourth Wednesday, they partner with Brax Laundry in Oregon City to provide free laundry, hygiene, showers, and a meal. They also have partnerships with local clubs, faith communities, and volunteers.

A rural food pantry is held at Redland Grange every Thursday that serves over 400 people each week which is about 7,000-10,000 pounds of food. People show up 1-3 hours ahead of time to wait, and community member volunteers help them shop for food to help get them through the week.

There is a dedicated team who responds to calls from community members who need help connecting to support services that LoveOne can provide.

The Trash Extravaganza is an event where LoveOne assists in removing trash in houseless camps. During the event, they offer a meal and housing support and pay people who live in the area and have lived experience in gift cards. Last year they removed 660 yards of trash.

Housing assistance is their next mission to figure out as there is no guaranteed safe overnight parking or shelter and the Regional Long-Term Rental Assistance (RLRA) vouchers are all filled now.

Currently, LoveOne is funded primarily through Clackamas County's Supportive Housing Services and some from the governor's emergency orders. They have about 62 employee split between LoveOne and their other organization, Father's Heart, along with many volunteers. They

are hoping to be in their new location, the Caring Place, in mid-2026 where they will have a bigger dedicated workspace, services, and parking for their shower cart, van, and food trailer.

### **2.b. McLoughlin Blvd Enhancement Project Update – Public Works Director Dayna Webb and Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner**

The presentation today is to give an update on this project and talk about next steps. This project started about 20 years ago looking to improve McLoughlin Blvd from the Gladstone Bridge to the railroad tunnel. Phases one and two are complete. Phase three involves the viaduct and is the most complicated section of the project. The grant they have been working on over the past year is trying to understand the best way to bring pedestrians and bikes along this final segment from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the railroad tunnel.

A virtual open house was held last year to start this part of the project. Many ideas were offered, and several comments were given and considered. Once the design team reviewed and investigated all alternatives, it was discovered that none of them worked, and they had to look at other ways to move forward. It was decided that the best option is a long span bridge which will be a suspension bridge that will thread through the Arch Bridge and will only require a few large bents for support.

Part of the plan is looking for placemaking and riverfront activation opportunities to put in green space, landmarks, wayfinding, art, and interpretive signage.

The city is coordinating with the Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde as they received a federal grant for street improvements for their portion of this street. They are doing their project alongside Oregon City and it is hopeful that their plans will integrate with the city's final plan.

Other possible pedestrian connections were reviewed as well as options for the existing parking spaces around the proposed bridge.

This is a conceptual plan at this point that will need to be adopted in order to move forward with further grants or study. The plan will be brought before the Planning Commission on October 28<sup>th</sup> who will review it and make recommendations to the City Commission. If adopted by the City Commission, it will be added to the Transportation System Plan which will allow for two grant requests to be sent out. One will be for streetscape design and construction for the viaduct portion and a second one for further design refinement of the long span bridge. If these grants are awarded, the Planning Department will move forward in that work which will begin a new public outreach process.

Some committee concerns were a possible high-water event that could be damaging, loss of trees during the project, and loss of parking spaces.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner let the CIC know they can review the website for updates, and if they would like to formally support the project via letter or comment that there will be two opportunities: One for November 15<sup>th</sup> and one in January.

### **2.c. Updates to the Oregon City Erosion Control Code – Assistant City Engineer Josh Wheeler**

A brief summary was provided for some code changes needed for Oregon City Municipal Code 17.47 which is currently called "The Oregon City Erosion Control Code." When the city renewed their National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits, they learned that the state made updates to the language which

requires Oregon City to update this code as well. The old language is “Erosion and sediment control codes,” and the new language is “Construction site runoff controls.” The change is only required to the wording and does not change any process. The purpose was to create a stronger relation of erosion to the act of construction. A copy of the code was offered to the committee to show where changes were made to include phrases such as “construction site waste,” “construction site runoff,” or “construction waste management.” Mr. Wheeler is here to provide a public forum, and these adjustments will be brought before the Planning Commission on October 28<sup>th</sup>. If approved, it will then go to the City Commission.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kaitlyn Bergstrom, Oregon City School District Communications Coordinator, and Sarah Crane, Assistant Superintendent, talked about the proposed bond measure on the November ballot. The goal of the bond is to update and repair aging elementary schools that were built in the 1960s, fund new HVAC systems, update classrooms, increase accessibility, create flexible learning spaces and additional career and technical education spaces, and update the fields and grounds around the high school. If passed, the district will receive a \$6 million matching Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) grant.

Heidi Blackwell, Oregon City School Board member, expressed support for the Oregon City School Bond 3-616. She explained that there are rusty pipes and leaking ceilings that need repair, a need for an HVAC system, fencing, cameras, locking doors, functional learning environments, and more accessibility for playgrounds and bathrooms. She offered that they would like to keep the money in the community by using contractors from Oregon City.

Jean Jones, Oregon City Home Orchard Education Center, introduced this nonprofit orchard located on the Clackamas Community College Campus in Oregon City where they focus on providing education around growing plants and creating an edible landscape. She is here today to bring awareness to the orchard and would like the community to know they can visit, engage in workshops, participate in activities, and volunteer. She announced a fundraiser on October 26<sup>th</sup> with the goal to raise a significant portion of their funding for 2025. Their website is [www.homeorchardeducationcenter.org](http://www.homeorchardeducationcenter.org)

### **4. MEETING MINUTES**

*A motion was made to approve the CIC Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2024. The motion was seconded. All in favor via raised hands. Motion passed.*

### **5. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES**

#### **5.a. 2024-10-07 Staff Report**

Ms. Schmidt submitted the first draft of the winter edition of the Trail News with all of the neighborhood association meeting information. She asked for any corrections to be brought to her attention. The e-Trail News went out October 1<sup>st</sup> with the October/November meeting schedule. A posting will be made on Facebook and Next Door as well. A request was made for new and more photos for the publication and social media posts if anyone is willing to take pictures or point to places that would be great to take pictures of.

The city has been working with Eagle Web Press to keep postcard rates low, and one way that can be done is to send more than one neighborhood mailing out at a time. She reaches out 2-3 weeks in advance as a reminder for neighborhoods to have their designs sent in so she can bundle the requests. There was an uptake for the email subscriber list after National Night Out. If any neighborhood association is interested in adding a QR code to their postcard, Ms. Schmidt has a copy they can use.

#### **5.b. CIC Budget Update**

The budget for the CIC is in the staff report. It is believed that the annual fee for Zoom will be renewing soon and will come out of the excess funds from last year.

### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **6.a. Amending Chapter 2.30.030 – CIC Membership**

A request was made to change the wording for Ordinance 15-1010, Chapter 2.30.030 (D) from “The membership shall reside within the neighborhood association boundaries in which they represent,” to “A member shall reside, work in, own property, or own a business within the neighborhood association boundaries in which they represent.” This change was made so the Two Rivers neighborhood could have the opportunity to have representative on the CIC.

*A motion was made to approve amending Chapter 2.30.030 CIC Membership. Motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.*

#### **6.b. Amending CIC Bylaws – CIC Membership**

Upon approval of the amendment, this will be taken to the City Commission for a first and second reading starting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

*A motion was made to approve amending CIC bylaws. Motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.*

### **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 had a candidate forum last month that was well attended and went well. The Big Pink Church had their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary that the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association co-presented. There were tours, history talks about the Povey windows, and a 100-year-old time capsule was opened up. It was also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ice cream cone maker, and ice creams cones were given out. The neighborhood will have their website up on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The neighborhood association has taken over management of the yearly McLoughlin Neighborhood Sale from the Lion’s Club.

***Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke & Bob LaSalle***

Their next meeting will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They had an update from Clackamas Housing on the redevelopment of Clackamas Heights. Mr. VanHaverbeke has been working with the city on a Metro Enhancement Grant for Park Place Park. They are working on getting rid of the poison oak in the park. After 16 years, Mr. VanHaverbeke will no longer be on the CIC as he will be moving away. Mr. LaSalle thanked him for his time and devotion over the many years.

***Canemah – Dennis Anderson & Linda Baysinger***

Dayna Webb was at their last meeting presenting on the McLoughlin Enhancement Project, and it was well received with a lot of questions. There was a summer cleanup at the historic cemetery, and they are thankful for the Tough Shed storage unit that will hold their equipment in one place. Their efforts in the cemetery have been aided by the Enhancement grant and volunteers. Their next meeting is on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the library.

***Caulfield – Dan Berge***

Mr. Berge gave a quick mention that there is a lot of work to do before the traffic goes up in their area.

***Gaffney Lane – Shelly Always & Betty Mumm***

The principal from Gaffney Lane Elementary attended their last meeting and spoke to them about the bond measure and improvements they are hoping to make. Dayna Webb spoke at their meeting about the McLoughlin Enhancement project, and Paul Scarlett from Metro East made a presentation as well. Their next meeting is on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

***Hillendale – Sara Peterson***

They had a meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and they had a candidate forum. They are working towards creating a smoother candidate forum for the future. They will not have another general meeting until January, but they do have a steering committee meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>.

***Commissioner Adam Marl***

There is a work session tomorrow for the City Commission. The topics of discussion are around establishing a destination management organization to enhance tourism for Oregon City and funding parks and their needed updates and how System Development Charges (SDCs) could help. Recently, the state tour of the Joint Committee on Transportation arrived in Happy Valley. Commissioner Marl and Commissioner Mitchell both gave testimony with a need for the next transportation package to include completing the I-205 Bottleneck Project without the use of tolls. He appreciated a previous conversation with the CIC concerning Police K-9 retirement funding, and he is looking forward to having more discussion about this and finding a way to ensure these retired officers are taken care of.

*Commissioner Mitchell*

There will be a large candidate forum on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall with an informal Meet and Greet at Oregon City Brewing with all of the candidates. He is hoping to see a lot of people attend. Former CIC member Tim Giles (sp) conducted 30-minute interviews with each of the CIC members. It was recorded at the Willamette Falls meeting Center and will be posted online.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.