



# **CITY OF OREGON CITY**

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

### **MINUTES**

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Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City

Monday, November 4, 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: 13 -** Karla Laws, Didi Dahlsrud, Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Lisa Guirsch, Shelly Alway, Betty Mumm, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson, Denise Beasley, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle

**STAFFERS: 2 -** Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist; Dayna Webb, Public Works Director

#### **2. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **a. Communicating with People Experiencing Unique Circumstances - Behavioral Health Specialist, Valentina Muggia**

Ms. Muggia works with the Oregon City Police and is on call 24/7/365 days per year to be available to help people experiencing a mental health struggle, generally through a police report or community member request, get services they need by responding and following up with them.

She offered reasons why community members could be difficult to communicate with and ways to engage to create a feeling of safety and engagement. Some reasons given for difficulty in communication are homelessness, mental illness, drug/alcohol abuse, aging, pain, and/or medical trauma. Father's Heart has seen an increase in serving people with special circumstances from 80 a day to approximately 184. Suggestions for successful connections are to create a more private space with less stimuli, controlling facial expressions while listening, staying calm, patience as thoughts are being processed and stories are being told, and asking clarifying or direct questions such as "How can I help you?" In situations with someone who is angry, using deescalation techniques such as keeping a calm tone, attempt to sit down, staying clear of using patronizing or sarcastic language/voice tones, creating personal space, and/or moving the person out of a small space can be helpful.

It was stressed that in cases where safety is a concern to contact 911 for help.

**b. Hazel Grove-Westling Farm Neighborhood Association Project - AKS Engineering & Forestry, LLC**

Glen Sutherland and Ethan McCarty presented from AKS Engineering & Forestry, LLC. They gave an update on the project that will be a subdivision development at the end of Orchard Grove and White Lane in the Hazel Grove-Westling Farm neighborhood. The process is at the early stages, and they are working on the site plan of about 29 lots of 2-unit townhomes. Concerning parking, there will be a shared driveway for every two units and a separate garage for each unit with a couple odd lots having their own driveway. The square footage of the units is unknown at this time, but there will be 16 feet of property in between units (8 feet to each property line). There will be a stormwater facility, street frontage improvements, and street trees added. It is known that about 7 trees will need to be cut down for the development, and every tree that is removed will be replaced.

**c. Public Works Update - Director of Public Works, Dayna Webb**

Director Webb gave an overview of the sanitary sewer Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Program; the Water, Infrastructure, Finance, and Innovation (WIFIA) Program; transportation projects; winter weather preparations; a drinking water update; and information on the Clackamette Cover water quality work.

The I&I program looks at the city's sanitary sewer system and the storm water that is getting into it. They are working to reduce stormwater from getting into pipes that have cracks or breaks. There is an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Clackamas Water Environmental Services (WES) where the city is reimbursed 33% of the expenses for this work. Fixing the I&I from the city's collection system allows for money savings to invest in the expansion of the treatment plant. The City Commission approved funding to repair and replace private sanitary sewer laterals that have cracks and/or deterioration that are letting in storm water. Some homeowners will be receiving a letter from the city requesting right of entry to determine if a lateral on private property can be fixed or cleaned out. There is also a yearly manhole rehabilitation project where manholes are sealed so they stop leaking stormwater into the sewer basins. About 130 manholes were done last year, and they plan to continue that each year. The Molalla Avenue Project is under construction through the end of this year where the water will be programmed to come down starting in spring. The Lynn Basin project 1 is complete with projects 2 and 3 in design. Rivercrest projects 1, 2, and 3 have also been completed with project 4 under construction. There will be an annual report given to the City Commission regarding flow monitoring of the sewer lines to show the benefits of these projects.

A ballot measure was approved via vote a few years ago to allow the city to take on debt for \$16 million which will be matched at 50% of city funds to work through projects associated with WIFIA (drinking water). There are many pipes that are very old and struggle to get water through them which cause water pressure issues. Projects include the Molalla Transmission Main, work in the Clairmont area, and Holmes Lane. The other large transmission main project includes a new pump station which will help better service the area, especially in an event where a weather situation would cause a power outage.

For Transportation planning, she reviewed the McLoughlin Boulevard Enhancement Project that was talked about at the October CIC meeting. This went to the Planning Commission and will now move to the City Commission. There are consultants looking at the Beaver Creek Road and Maple Lane signal intersection to understand how signaling can help improve the area. Public Works is looking at ways to fund an update to the Transportation System Plan that has not been done since 2013. This is fairly expensive and the funding that was hoped for from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is no longer available. An update was given on a construction project on Holcomb where there is an issue getting Lumen to move their power poles. There is a project is the Downtown Quiet Zone that is in the design phase which will provide safety improvements at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Singer Hill Railroad Crossing and the 11<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian crossing. Upcoming transportation projects are creating an acceleration lane and removing the yield at the Highway 213 and Beaver Creek intersection where it connects with Maple Lane and adding a pedestrian activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). Another project is Main Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> that will create streetscape improvements addressing sidewalk issues, street trees, and streetlights. A presentation will be given to the City Commission on Wednesday for a concept design for the Washington Street Corridor between Abernathy and 17<sup>th</sup> addressing gaps in the sidewalk and putting an RRFB at the crosswalk between the End of the Oregon Trail and Amtrak Station. The city looks and applies for any transportation grant opportunity available and currently has five applications out in various stages. These are All Roads Transportation Safety concerning traffic safety measures citywide and at the Molalla and Pearl Intersection, Regional Flexible Funds for the McLoughlin Boulevard Project steps 1 and 2, and the Oregon Community Paths Grant for the McLoughlin to Canemah Trail. Other non-construction projects include using the new patch truck for small paving projects and emergency situations.

The city is preparing for winter weather by getting the proper gear together, continuously monitoring the weather, and coordinating with other regional groups. In the event of a winter storm, there are plans in place to review the roads to determine if deicing needs to happen, and there will be crews running 24 hours a day. The city has two trucks with 200 gallon tanks for deicing, 5 vehicle with plowing and/or sanding capabilities, a grapple truck for helping clear tree debris, and a woodchipper, chainsaws, backhoes, and a front end loader.

An update was given on the water quality report that is also mailed to each city resident and is on the website. The city purchases finished water from South Fork Water Board. The Environmental Protection Agency put out a copper and lead rule in 2021 which created a need for the city to evaluate their service line. This was completed in 2024 and found no water service with lead. The southeast part of town receives their water from the Henrici reservoir. This reservoir was taken offline about a year ago for some upgrades including a new roof and mixing pipe. It was taken back offline a year later for a warrant inspection and cleaning.

Aquatic Insight was hired to test and monitor water quality in Clackamette Cove with no issues found of harmful algae so far. There will be continued assessments and observations with a report being given to the Urban Renewal Commission in Spring to determine next steps such as continued monitoring or other options.

**d. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Ullman, Oregon City resident, came today to talk about her concerns with the Hazel Grove-Westling Farms Neighborhood Association Project. She advised that all of the homeowners in the Payson Farms HOA are opposed to the development application as it currently reads. The worries are around increased traffic, density, and the care of the homes as the development will be surrounded by HOA neighborhoods.

**e. MEETING MINUTES**

*A motion was made to approve the CIC Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2024. The motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.*

**f. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES****a. November Staff Report**

Trail News went out. If there are any changes that need to be made for the spring edition, they need to be sent in by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Schmidt is working to adjust the postcard colors for the neighborhood mailers. Eagle Web Press has been ordering a teal cardstock, but it has been said that the background makes it hard to read, so the printer used the teal cardstock with a white background. Unfortunately, that caused some smudging when it got wet, so it was suggested for the committee to decide on one color of card stock to have all mailers sent on. Ms. Schmidt will bring samples to the next meeting for review. She also sent an email to the neighborhoods letting them know about a presentation at Clackamas Community College of *No Place to Grow Old* on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**b. CIC Budget Update**

Since last month's budget, some neighborhood association addresses have changed with only a small change to the overall remaining budget. The other item affecting the budget is the A-frame reimbursement for Gaffney Lane. This puts the CIC technically in a deficit. The total remaining budget through to 2025 is just under \$27,000.

**g. GENERAL BUSINESS****a. Reactivation of Hazel Grove-Westling Farm**

Chris Nolte and George Matos introduced themselves as representatives to helping reactivate Hazel Grove-Westling Farm neighborhood association. They have met with Hannah Schmidt and Linda Baysinger to understand what is needed to get started, and they are here today to request funds for postcards to be mailed for a first meeting in April.

*A motion was made to approve funding a postcard mailer for Hazel Grove-Westling Farm from funds left over by South End . Motion was seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.*

**b. Chapter 2.30.030 and CIC Bylaws Update**

The first reading of the updated chapter for the CIC bylaws within the city code was approved. There will be a second reading on Wednesday. A resolution is also up for approval as well.

**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 will have a meeting on Thursday. Christina Robertson-Gardiner and Dayna Webb will present about things that will be pertinent to their historic neighborhood.

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

They had a meeting in October, and the candidates for the City Commission all came. They also had a presentation from Clackamas County Housing and an update on Clackamas Heights redevelopment. Thursday will be a special meeting to discuss Park Place Park and the Enhancement Grant. There are issues with the work area being covered in poison oak. They will have a steering committee meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

They had a Halloween get together in the neighborhood using the children's park with great success. The next meeting will be November 21, and the winning commissioners will be invited to speak.

***Caulfield – Dan Berge***

He feels there is a lot of work to do at the intersection at 213 and Beaver Creek Road with the pedestrians and the traffic, but he feels like the city is really on top of it.

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

The neighborhood will be meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> and will have Pete Walters to present items pertinent to Gaffney Lane. The Homeless Coalition was invited to attend the meeting, but they were unavailable. They had a meeting with Oregon City school district regarding the traffic issues around drop off and pick up on Gaffney Lane with the elementary school and are trying to work out how to ease that.

***Hillendale – Sara Peterson & Josh Kayser***

There is a steering committee tomorrow.

***Elyville – Karla Laws***

Their next general meeting is on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and Kiera from Greater Oregon City Watershed Council will present on improvements, cleanup, and signage at Singer Creek Park.

***Oregon City – Hannah Schmidt***

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. , there will be a Plant for Pollinators community volunteer event where there will be some planting of native pollinator species over by the pool.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned until December 2<sup>nd</sup>.