

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting January 11, 2018

- 1. Call to Order Angela Wright 7:02 p.m.
- In Attendance:
- Angela Wright -Secretary/Treasurer
- Joan Schultze
- Ed Turpin
- Christine Core
- Mike Day OCPD Homeless Liaison
- Cynthia Gates OCPD
- Jay Russell
- Linda Fox
- Janice Limbach

- Dean & Deanna Hauck
- Gary & Charlene Lukes
- Michelle Don
- Joe Schroeder
- George Peck Vector Control
- Theresa Micallef Vector Control
- **Old Business** Minutes of the Meeting held on November 9, 2017 were approved unanimously.

New Business

George Peck and Theresa Micallef of Clackamas County Vector Control made a presentation on the local mosquito problem. Main concern in Oregon is West Nile virus – dead crows can amplify virus so call Vector Control if you find one on your property. They had samples of the mosquito larvae which can be found in tires, ponds, streams, rain barrels, etc. They grow year round and bite. Vector control In Clackamas County is covered by Property taxes. All products to control mosquitos are environmentally friendly and can be obtained from local stores or Vector Control. They degrade quickly. Vector Control has a mosquito fish from southern USA for ponds, etc. but they must be contained and not get into our waterways. Water is everything to mosquitos! April, May, June prime months. Each female

mosquito lays hundreds of eggs at a time. Midges help the environment. Misquotes aim for carbon dioxide so check screens, keep doors and windows closed and wear appropriate clothing to stop them from biting. Few ticks in Oregon but Lyme disease has been found. If you have a pond or water feature try to keep the water moving. Clackamas Vector Control is available (503) 655-8394 and www.clackamas.us/vector to help identify good and bad bugs.



Mosquito larvae

Mosquito fish

Officer Mike Day – Homeless Liaison OCPD. Homeless has increased from about 10 ten years ago to Oregon City now having the largest homeless population in Clackamas County – over 200. Officer Day spent time in San Diego with their outreach team. Objective is for Officer Day to be the first line of contact with the homeless population, community stakeholders, businesses, etc. to ascertain what issues are occurring, where, and to try to find long term sustainable solutions. Most crimes committed are petty. He finds out as much as possible about their background so that he can perhaps direct them in the right direction for help. Many resources available. He can help with getting identification. Severe mental health is the most difficult to deal with. Big achievement downtown is the two porta potties so far businesses report positively. Has helped people get jobs and permanent housing. Greatest contributors to homelessness; mental health, alcohol, drug abuse. Tries to relocate people who come from adjoining areas back to those jurisdictions. Camping in most of the wooded areas around the city, which also involves Metro and ODOT properties. Fathers Heart open 10:00 to 4:00 Tuesday thru Friday for breakfast and lunch. Only open overnight when temperatures drop. Children and women often homeless under the HUD definition so not under his jurisdiction. OC High School has two resource officers who cover this. CCC has one officer.

Many resources including: Bridge of Hope Love Inc. aim is to try to prevent homelessness. Non food. Will provide toiletries, etc. If into a new home and no money for furnishings they will help. Pioneer Pantry at OC High School for children who rely on Monday-Friday school meals. Many churches in the area have programs to help.

Officer Cynthia Gates – OCPD – presented latest Call Activity for Oregon City. (on file) Shred event April 28 9:00-12:00 noon at a new location – 1726 Washington Street. Women's self defense class coming at a new location. OCPD Community Outreach is building a data base of business and home owners who have outdoor video surveillance – please let OCPD have details if you wish to participate. Additional police officer on the road and one in police academy. Now 47 sworn officers.

Other business

Ed Turpin will get more details for the March meeting on the 175 Anniversary of the Oregon Trail in 2018. Celebrations planned to recreate move west over summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Attached for your information/interest – notes from the latest Chiefs Meeting – Police Chief and Fire Department.

Next meeting – March 8 at 7:00 pm. Speakers to include: Danny Belding, Store Director, Fred Meyer with some department heads. Cyndy Smith-English on Clackamas Repertory Theater upcoming season

Please come and bring your neighbors