

OREGON CITY CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE – December 4, 2017 DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Video recording did not begin until Roll Call was almost complete.

Attendance -

Present:

Linda Baysinger - CNA
Dennis Anderson – CNA
Amy Willhite – GLNA
Joyce Gifford – HNA
Gordon Wilson – MNA
Karin Morey – RNA
Bill McConnel – SENA
Roy Harris - HNA
Vern Johnson – TVNA
Jesse Buss – MNA
Mike Mitchell – CFNA

Absent:

Mark Matheson – BHNA
Georgia Reagan – TVNA
Barbara Renken – PPNA
Steve Van Haverbeke – PPNA
Gary Fergus – SENA
Bryon Boyce – TRNA

Staff:

Tony Konkol – City Manager
Brian Shaw – City Commissioner
Christina Robertson-Gardiner – Liaison
John Lewis – Public Works Director

2. Presentations

2a. Economic Development and Tourism Plan Update - Leigh Anne Hogue, Economic Development Coordinator, presented in place of Eric Underwood and went through some items that the Economic Development Department has been working on. The City Commission's Goal #1 in their 2017-2019 Priorities document was to cultivate an environment for successful economic development. This provided the Economic Development Department with seven priorities on which to focus. Leigh Anne spoke about four of those: the Beavercreek Employment Area, the Tourism Strategic Plan, Business Retention and Expansion and the Downtown Area.

2b. ODOT Projects Update – Katelyn Jackson from ODOT Regional Community Affairs presented with the Project Leaders for two upcoming ODOT construction projects. Kelly Hawley, Project Leader for the 99E Rockfall Project joined Katelyn as she reviewed the steps they will take to increase the stability of the hillside and the safety of 99E. The project will be broken down into two sections; the first section will require the removal of vegetation and the installation of rock bolts. The second section requires vegetation removal, scaling of the slope, installation of rock bolts and repairs to or replacement of the wire mesh. The tree removal process will begin between December 2017 and March of 2018, with the

construction phase expected to run from Spring 2018 through Fall 2018. There will be some lane closures and traffic holds during the 15-20 days of tree and vegetation removal. There will also be some 24-hour lane closures throughout the anticipated 5-month period of rock work. Numerous questions were asked and answered or follow up to come. Katelyn concluded by advising that there is an online open house available where people can get more information, ask questions and sign up to be on the project mailing list. Tom Hamstra, Project Manager for the Tunnel Illumination Project noted that his project is still very early on in the design process so details and the construction plan are not yet determined. The goal is to upgrade the vehicle and pedestrian tunnels to modern LED lighting. The second part of the project includes the installation of a variable message sign on 99E southbound that will warn drivers if there is congestion ahead. Design work will run through Summer 2018 and construction will begin after the Rockfall Project, either in Fall 2018 or Spring 2019. Work will require at least a one day vehicle tunnel closure, but the pedestrian tunnel should remain open.

2c. Public Works Project Update - John Lewis went through a power point presentation detailing many Public Works project updates since he had last presented at a CIC Meeting. He reviewed many highlights for the year including Matt Powlison, Street Division Operations Supervisor being named 2017-2018 Pavement Manager of the Year by the NW Pavement Management Association. John reviewed the progress of numerous Capital Improvement Transportation and Utility Projects, Private Development Projects and Engineering Study Projects. John wanted the CIC to know that the Transportation Advisory Committee was working on a handout for neighborhoods to help clarify traffic management information. John provided an update on the Alternate Mobility Study for the intersection at Beavercreek and 213. They determined that the intersection will need a free flowing right turn lane. There will be another meeting of both the Technical and Community groups. John concluded with the good news that Oregon Legislature approved a large funding package that will benefit OC. Next year, the City will receive \$231,000 from the Gas Tax which will be used for sidewalks, roadway project among other projects. The plan is for the amount of money received each year to increase, up to \$865,000.

3. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda –

Phil Lewis, Community Services Director, informed the CIC that the Carnegie Library Park naming process is still ongoing. There will be further discussion at the next PRAC Meeting on Dec. 7 at 7pm.

Betty Mumm – BHNA provided an update on Barclay Hills NA. They met on Nov. 14 at the Founder's Clinic, who also presented about their flu shot clinic. Other presentations included Mike Day, OC Police Homeless Liaison and a representative for the new apartment complex on Pleasant Ave. They elected a new Vice-Chair, Michael McGuire, a new Secretary, John Eason, and two new CIC Reps, Janice Morris (primary, also Treasurer) and John Eason (alternate). Their next meeting will be on Dec. 12 and will discuss how to get more people involved in 2018.

Janice Auit, resident of the McLoughlin neighborhood, expressed her concerns about the proposed Public Works expansion at Waterboard Park and their plans to store emergency equipment in what she considered to be a hazardous area.

Tom O'Brian, OC resident, complimented John Lewis and Public Works for working with other cities to learn about how they do things, for using the latest cameras and technology to inspect our infrastructure and for trying out new paving materials. He also expressed his shock at Matt Powlison's award. His final comment was regarding the use of Waterboard Park by Public Works and his understanding that the City Charter says that park land cannot be used for such a purpose.

4. Staff Liaison Update on Questions from the Last Meeting – Christina Robertson-Gardiner went through the questions from the previous CIC meeting.

Confirmed a request to change the format of the meeting minutes to follow the outline of the action items used by other City Commissions and Committees.

Confirmed Mike Michell's request to put land use notices on the main CIC webpage. Christina is working with David Knoll to provide a link on the main page.

Christina also noted that they are working on beta testing the subscription service for meeting agendas and land use notices. They are hoping to put this out to the public in March 2018.

5. Approval of the Minutes

5a. Draft Minutes – November 6, 2017 CIC Meeting – It was clarified that the minutes were in the new action item format and still needed to be approved. Karin moved to approve, Linda seconded, all approved by hand vote, with the exception of Gordon who abstained, motion passed.

6. Neighborhood and City Roundtable

Roy – HNA met on Nov. 7 and discussed finding a better way to notify residents of upcoming meetings, either by using internet / Facebook. The mailed flyers aren't working. They will have a General Meeting at 7pm on Jan. 2 at Living Hope Church. Their next Steering Committee Meeting is tomorrow, Dec. 5 and they will discuss an annexation.

Vern – TVNA – passed

City Commissioner Brian Shaw mentioned that at Wednesday night's City Commission meeting, they will hear an Emergency Declaration for opening warming shelters in OC. Going forward, the City Manager will have the authority to make this declaration without Commission approval.

City manager Tony Konkol expanded on the warming shelters. In cooperation with Clackamas Community College they had a request that The Fathers Heart and Oregon City Retirement Center be allowed to open when the temperature hits freezing. Clackamas County Fire District and City building officials worked to standardize the minimum requirement to be a warming shelter. They will propose before the Commission from adoption through March 15 that when there is a freezing temperature weather event, the shelters will be allowed to open. The City Commission authorized the sale of bonds to construct the new Police Department facility. The bonds will be taken to market in February or March 2018. They will be hiring an Owners Rep soon to help guide the process as they did with the Library. The City has received 26 applications to open retail marijuana stores, of those 6 have been approved, 3 are under review and 17 were either withdrawn, expired or denied. They just received the population forecast from the PSU Population Research Center. For comparison, the 2010 certified Census count of April 1, 2010 was 31,859 residents, the July 1, 2016 certified population estimate was 34,240 residents and the preliminary population estimate from July 1, 2017 was 34,610.

Liaison Christina Robertson-Gardiner noted that Kelly Reid was promoted to Planner and Preservation Planner Support and a new Assistant Planner, Carlos Callava, was hired. This past Saturday, Friends of Trees planted 80 trees throughout the Rivercrest, Barclay Hills and McLoughlin neighborhoods. There were three grievances recently submitted, but not in time to make the agenda for this meeting. They will be addressed at the February meeting. Christina reviewed the questions to follow up on for the next meeting; the location of the trees from the ODOT presentation, information on the ODOT online open house, confirm railroad or city ownership of the bluff face from 10th to the tunnel, and the Central Point speed study.

Joyce – HNA – There will be a new CIC rep taking over for her and she wanted to remind them that the CIC is about land use, but also about working together as neighbors. She encouraged everyone to live, shop and recreated right here in Oregon City.

Amy – GLNA held their elections and named Micah Scott as the new Vice-Chair and alternate CIC rep. They will have a Steering Committee meeting later on in the month, the date is TBD. She later noted her concerns about the activities going on at Waterboard Park and the police non-emergency response.

Karin – RNA held a General Meeting, but accidentally didn't mail out the postcards, so attendance dropped. They held elections and were still unable to find a Treasurer so the Secretary will do Treasurer duties. Brian Willard, Police Liaison, presented and the topic of traffic, drug use and littering taking place at Waterboard Park that is starting to spread out into the neighborhoods was discussed. One neighbor suggested that taking out the parking lot at the top might help.

Bill – SENA – passed

Jesse – MNA had a General Meeting in November where Mike Day, OC Police Homeless Liaison, presented. The meeting was well attended and also included a discussion about the Abernethy Place Hotel. They have a Steering Committee Meeting this week where they will discuss possibly using some funding for Facebook advertising to boost meeting attendance. Jesse also noted concerns about Waterboard Park.

Gordon – MNA – passed

Linda – CNA - noted that they did a quick count and found that more than 30 people have attended their meetings over the last 4 years.

Dennis – CNA held a General Meeting on Nov. 16 where they went through public safety updates, neighborhood reports and held elections. The new reps have not met at a Steering Committee yet.

Mike – CFNA met last week. The well attended meeting featured a presentation by Bob Cochran, Dean of Campus Services at CCC in which he reviewed their current projects including a new transit center. Phil Lewis, Community Services Director went over the timing of the development of the park property on Glen Oak along with other updates. CFNA held elections, in which everyone was re-elected, although they are still in need of a Secretary. There were also many questions raised about the new Villages at Beavercreek Apartments, so it would be helpful to get a representative for that group to present at their Jan. 23 meeting.

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm. Next meeting scheduled February 5, 2018.