



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)

MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, November 06, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: 9 - Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson, Denise Beasley, Willemjin Ilcisin, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Emily Lisborg

STAFFERS: 4 - Communications Manager Jarrod Lyman, Assistant City Engineer Josh Wheeler, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Commissioner Adam Marl

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments related to items not on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Works – Josh Wheeler, Assistant City Engineer at Public Works

Oregon City Loop Trail Refinement Plan

Josh presented plan details for the Loop Trail, which comes from the Trails Master Plan, that will encircle Oregon City. Much of the trail is within the urban growth boundary or outside of the city limits, so it will take a while to bring the trail to life. The plan looks at four locations: Clairmont, Meyers, Gaffney, and Orchard Grove. These locations are buildable and within the city limits. Concept plans for Clairmont and Meyers were displayed, and it was advised that the Orchard Grove section will be completed by private development. Adoption of the plan requires public process where the city has communication with the neighborhoods which is being done via the CIC in this meeting, and flyers, mailers, and surveys were sent to impacted property owners. Feedback has been good. Public feedback and further details can be found at the city's project page:

<https://oregoncity.teammunicode.com/publicworks/project/ps-22-002>

Bob asked about whether there was any signage for the trails, and the response is that this will come up later in the project timeline. He asked about the cost of shifting roadways versus adding a trail to the existing space. Josh explained that there is an effort being made to not infringe on property owners yards, and this was the least expensive alternative. Josh from Hillendale asked if PGE was consulted about moving poles for the trail changes, and he was answered that those conversations took place. Another question was asked about whether pedestrians and bicyclists will be sharing the same trail. The answer was that bikes

and pedestrians can share the multi-use path on the west side, and only pedestrians will be able to travel on the east side. Didi asked about if the Meyers Road project will go all ways down to 212, and Josh said it will go to 213 and then the crosswalks will be used to get to the next section of the trail.

Pavement Maintenance Utility Fund (PMUF) – 5-year plan

A 5-year plan is created to give a guideline on which roads to prioritize for resurfacing or maintenance and how to use funding appropriately. The funds for these projects come from a fee all Oregon City property owners pay on their monthly utility bill. These fees can be found here: <https://www.orcity.org/1246/Pavement-Maintenance-Utility-Fee-PMUF>

The new 5-year plan for years 2025-2029 is currently being worked on and will be published in the middle of 2024. Roads are prioritized based on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI), whether a utility project or private development is happening, traffic counts, and the age of the roadway. An Oregon City resident can offer suggestions on a road they would like to see resurfaced at ocpublicworks@orcify.org.

Bob also brought up that he feels the utility fees have tripled over a period of time. Josh let him know they have gone up, and the data on these increases is on the website. The price increases are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The 5-year plan is trying to answer the question of should the fees continue to rise or is the system stabilized.

2. McLoughlin Boulevard Enhancement – Christina Robertson-Gardiner

Christina presented an overview of phase 3 of this project which covers the area of 10th Street down to the railroad tunnel, tumwata village. The goal is to create a complete street where the area is available to all uses such as vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles as well as people of all ages and abilities.

In 2020, the city was awarded a regional flexible funds grant of \$673,000 for creating a conceptual plan through alternatives analysis and evaluation. This part of the project is the most complicated because it includes the viaducts. The viaducts will not be replaced in the near future, so this will need to be a stand-alone structure, and the design team is reviewing alternatives. Phase 1 & 2 before and after photos were displayed showing the change in accessibility in the project areas.

The adoption process will include four briefings with the city commission and the design team which can be watched live or at a later time. Items to review will be the vision corridor, aspiration statements, approval criteria, and first looks at alternatives to the bridge piece. There will be technical investigations, work with ODOT, tribal outreach, discussion with Tourism, and feedback from the general public. After all of the necessary steps have been completed, the adoption will be formalized by the city commission through a public hearings process.

There will be a virtual open house in December were the public can provide feedback.

The CIC had comments and questions. Karla asked if there is any hope that there will be a River Walk, and Christine advised that, yes, Water Street will be coming back as part of the

Confederate Tribe of Grand Ronde's master plan. Dennis asked about considerations around parking. It was explained that these conversations will be had as they get closer to that piece of the project. Downtown parking is an issue that is consistently being reviewed. Linda would like to see better access to the river, and she was directed to the virtual open houses as a great place for that suggestion. Bob asked if the city will be going after grants, and the answer is that they will at the appropriate time. More information was given that the street design standards are ODOT, but this is a city project that Oregon City will be paying for. Another question was asked about how much of the river will the tribes control, and it is understood that five tribes have shown interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

MEETING MINUTES

3. Dan made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2023. This was seconded. Motion Carried. Ayes: Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Dan Berge, Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson, Denise Beasley, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, and Emily Lisborg.

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES – Jarrod Lyman

Hannah Schmidt has been hired as a full time Community Engagement Specialist, and she will be the liaison for the CIC.

There will be no January meeting.

ELECTIONS

These will be held in February since there will not be a January meeting. Bob asked that this piece be taken off of the agenda until then.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A discussion was had around postcards. There is a pattern of the postcards not being received on time, and there have been some instances where the postcards did not display the correct information. Jarrod advised the CIC that the postcard proofs should be to him two weeks prior to the preferred time to go out, and he will request a final proof from Buel's before printing to ensure accuracy in the future. A new bidding contract for printing will be reviewed and may be in place within the first few months of the new year.

The cost effectiveness of the postcards was brought up considering the amount of money being spent to send the cards out versus the number of participants at meetings. Linda voiced that Canemah successfully uses A-frame signs to inform the neighborhood. A discussion was had around how to more cost effectively keep the neighborhoods informed of meetings and events.

An updated financial spreadsheet was given to the committee. Jarrod let them know that the \$1,000 for the utility mailer was not included in this month's totals because the bill has not come in yet.

ROUNDTABLE

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

Canemah – Linda Baysinger

The neighborhood had a successful Halloween event, and they plan to repeat it next year. In their last meeting, the question was brought up of why all of the city meetings are not on one main calendar on the website. Their next meeting will be on November 16th, and that will be the last of their postcards funds.

Caulfield – Dan Berge

Their next meeting will be on November 28th, and they will be putting out A-frames in high-traffic areas and parks. They recently sent meeting emails out from a 2013-2017 list and got some good feedback.

Elyville – Karla Laws

At their next meeting on November 14th, the Free Clinic will be attending. They will also have an update about the farmer's market and winter market.

Hillendale – Josh Kayser & Sara Peterson

NAMI Clackamas presented at their last meeting, and there was a lot of engagement and many new faces in attendance. The police were also there, and the neighborhood asked about crime statistics by neighborhood. There was a courthouse update on October 24th. January will be their next meeting.

McLoughlin – Denise Beasley

Crime statistics by neighborhood has been asked by McLoughlin as well. They had a neighborhood meeting on November 2nd with a tree theme. Samantha Wolf from the Natural Resources Committee and Christina Smith from Friends of Trees attended and gave presentations. Friends of Trees will be doing plantings on December 2nd and 15th and a pruning workshop in January. Didi Dahlsrud talked about the Oregon City Parks Foundation and handed out bottle return bags for their fundraising effort. The next meeting will be in January.

Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke

The last meeting was a couple of weeks ago, and they did not send postcards. There was a small turnout of participants. Sergeant Pagano of the Oregon City Police Department made a presentation. The next meeting will be on November 20th with NAMI Clackamas in attendance, and Pete Walter will discuss Park Place Crossing.

Rivercrest – Emily Lisborg

There are no updates since the last meeting. The neighborhood is in a dormant stage as there are not enough people on the steering committee for sustainability. There is active solicitation

for more support, and virtual meeting options are being explored in hopes of more involvement. She let the committee know that the Rivercrest neighborhood has about 20 A-frame signs if anyone is interested in using them.

Commissioner Adam Marl

Commissioner Marl was happy to be able to secure an increase to the CIC budget. He feels the conversation around the postcards is good to show the City Commission that the committee is being a good steward of their resources. The city had a memorial for fallen Officer Libke on November 3rd. The City Commission will have a joint work session with West Linn on November 7th to discuss tolling and homelessness. Oregon City can no longer handle other cities having the police drop off their homeless people in Oregon City. He recently dealt with a frustrating issue where Clackamas County approved \$10 million of the \$20 million needed to help fund capital improvements necessary for a navigation center on Main Street in Oregon City without a conversation or approval from the Oregon City Commission or the mayor. This was a consent agenda item, and there was no discussion involved. There will be continued conversations around this subject.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.