

City of Oregon City
Meeting Minutes
Citizen Involvement Committee

Monday, November 5, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

1.) Call to Order

Vice Chair Mike Mitchell called this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 8 - Roy Harris, Linda Baysinger, Karin Morey, Janice Morris, Mike Mitchell, Dennis Anderson, Brian Shaw, and Christina Robertson-Gardiner

Absent: 6 - Denise McGriff, Robert Malchow, Chair Amy Willhite, Vern Johnson, Bryon Boyce, and Steve VanHaverbeke

2.) Presentations

2a.) Eve Nilenders – TriMet Update (15 minutes)

Ms. Nilenders, representative of TriMet’s Office of Planning and Policy Development, gave a brief presentation regarding public transit and the new legislation House Bill 2017 (HB 2017). Ms. Nilenders began with a brief overview of the transit system including discussion of access to public transportation lines, the frequency of those lines, and the overall transit network. Next, she discussed ridership (the amount of people being served) and coverage (the frequency of routes). Ms. Nilenders then proceeded to inform the CIC about HB 2017 aka the “Keep Oregon Moving Act” which went into effect during 2018, creating a new source of funding for public transportation across the state. This new legislation takes 1/10 of 1 percent payroll tax on individuals and goes towards public transportation. TriMet now generates approximately 49 million dollars per year in revenue. These monies will fund enhancements to the expansion of services, providing low-income fares to those who meet the designated requirements, a new electric bus system, regional coordination, senior and disabled transportation, and school transportation. Lastly, Ms. Nilenders discussed future changes to individual lines (Lines 30, 31, 32, and 79).

2b.) Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) – Update (15 minutes)

Jonathan Stone, Executive Director of the Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA), delivered a presentation regarding the new vision statement and draft visions for DOCA. The vision statement has been revised to “DOCA cultivates commerce and community in Oregon City’s historic downtown”. Stone discussed how the draft vision is separated by district and the organization. The Oregon City district vision draft views the district as “welcoming to all, economically resilient, local and independent, cultural and vibrant, and embracing of its past and future”. The Oregon City organization itself is now described as an organization that “reflects the community it serves, is broadly supported and respected, and informs and engages stakeholders.” Stone clarified that the role of DOCA is to cultivate commerce, build community, manage Oregon’s hometown brand, navigate programs and projects that benefit downtown, partner with organizations that have shared priorities, and create great public spaces. In the

coming year, this will look like utilizing funds provided by the Economic Improvement District, developing projects that spur community engagement, crafting a vision for the courthouse building, strengthening retail, and working closer with the business community and business networks. There was discussion about the housing arrangements on Main Street and the mitigation of technicalities surrounding that project. There was also discussion regarding the amount of first floor and second floor vacancies as well as the turnover rate of businesses on Main Street. Lastly, there was an inquiry regarding Main Street parking, which Christina Robertson-Gardiner said she'd expand on. Before concluding, Jonathan Stone gave brief updates and informed the CIC on upcoming events for Downtown Oregon City.

3.) Public Comments

There were no citizen comments.

4.) Staff Liaison Update on Questions from the Last Meeting

Christina Robertson-Gardiner confirmed the information she would gather and deliver to the CIC for the December 2018 meeting. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner stated that she would provide more information regarding the parameters of the Quiet Zone in the Canemah District, she would forward Jonathan Stone's email about the new draft vision statements, and she would provide more information about the TriMet shuttle bus system in Oregon City.

4a.) Staff Liaison Update on Questions Asked at the Previous Meeting

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner expanded on the previous question regarding the issue of parking on Main Street. She explained that the City adopted a Transportation Demand Management Plan, which focuses on utilizing current assets before building new assets. Over the course of the next 15 years, an implementation committee will be created to look at work plan items that require execution. Robertson-Gardiner noted that another subject worth examining is the enforcement schedule for parking. As peak hours for parking continue to occur during the evening, managing traffic by shifting the enforcement hours may be a feasible solution to some of the parking issues. Lastly, Robertson-Gardiner updated the CIC on the neighborhood association postcards and the total costs of postage. Some neighborhood associations met their allocation, others did not. It was advised that a portion of the leftover funds be used for additional outreach opportunities.

5.) General Business

5a.) Work Plan #1 Goal 3: Develop Resources to Help Maintain Active Neighborhood Associations

Mike Mitchell decided to table the discussion regarding the development of resources to support active neighborhood associations until the next meeting when more CIC members are present.

6.) Roundtable

6a.) Upcoming Neighborhood Association Meetings

Representatives from each of the neighborhoods provided information regarding presentations that had been received at their neighborhood association meetings and information regarding upcoming meetings.

7.) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Next meeting December 3, 2018.