



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Monday, October 05, 2020 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob LaSalle called this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 10- Karla Laws, John Kies, Denise Beasley, Bob La Salle, Amy Willhite, Steve Van Haverbeke, Dennis Anderson, Rita Mills, Linda Baysinger, Kevin Shofner

Absent: 1 - Janice Morris

Staffers: 4 - Public Works Director John Lewis and Senior Planner, Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith and City Manager, Tony Konkol

PRESENTATIONS

1. Clackamas Heritage Partners - Dan Fowler/Gail Yazzolino

Dan Fowler, principal officer of the Clackamas Heritage Partners, presented a brief overview and history of the organization origins and operating the Visitor Center at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. Mr. Fowler mentioned was how after the last recession, the business model changed in order to ensure continued operational profitability by creating quality exhibits and information on the overland journey on the Oregon Trail and the people who made the trip. Gail Yazzolino, director of the Visitor Center, provided details of their operation plan and the many area partners that contribute to their ongoing effort to create more diverse and inclusive programming. The Visitor Center no longer receive funding through the hotel tax process. Revenue is generated through event and group rentals. The organization appreciates the efforts of Oregon City's Tourism staff, which have been a big help to the visitor center. A half-hour programming documentary is in the works that reviews the impact of the first settlers on the Native American tribes.

2. Willamette Falls Legacy Update - Tony Konkol, City Manager & Brian Moore, WFLP Project Manager

Brian Moore, WFLP Project Manager, provided a presentation on the riverfront approach to Phase 1 work for the Riverwalk, including public, semi-public and private use of the spaces. Discussed was the temporary easement through the Main Street access and the financial status of the project. Mr. Moore referenced the renewed emphasis working with the tribes to gain their valued input on planning and refinement.

3. Oregon City Shuttle-John Lewis, Kristina Babcock Clackamas County, Transit Coordinator

Public Works Director Lewis introduced Kristina Babcock, Transit Coordinator for Clackamas County. Ms. Babcock outlined that Clackamas County received funding from the House Bill 2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund to explore four new public transit services that could provide vital

connections to rural communities and areas that are currently hard to get to via transit. These shuttles would help relieve congestion on roads and they will provide critical, last-mile connections between service provided by regional transit. The Oregon City Connector Shuttle segment aims to make connections that will enable people to travel all the way to work, school, and other daily destinations on transit. The Oregon City Shuttle will fill gaps from TriMet stops to underserved portions of Oregon City. It will connect the Oregon City Transit Center, Clackamas Community College, and employers throughout the city, especially for transit-dependent and low-income populations. The Oregon City Shuttle will also provide critical connections with other regional transit providers serving Oregon City. Ms. Babcock presented the potential Oregon City route, the type of vehicles used and next steps in the process before a potential start date of January 2021.

4. Edgewater Live//Work Units - Michael Barrett

Michael Barrett with HBX architecture, working with the Edgewater at the Cove Live/Work Units, presented on a proposed masterplan change to several buildings in the complex from retail only to live/work units. Retail space would be on the ground floor with access to living space above. Because these retail units had not been leased up to this point, it was felt that changing them to live/work units might be more suitable. There was discussion regarding the saturation of retail properties in the area and that only one of these units have been leased. The committee members were generally not receptive of amending the masterplan to include the live/work option.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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5. June 1, 2020 CIC Meeting Minutes

Linda Baysinger indicated she was attended this meeting although listed as absent. This will be revised.

6. July 6, 2020 CIC Meeting Minutes

7. August 3, 2020 CIC Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 1st, July 6th and August 3rd Meeting Minutes with amendment to add Linda Baysinger to the June 1, 2020 meeting. (no motion was made)

Aye: 8- Janice Morris, Karla Laws, Linda Baysinger, John Kies, Bob La Salle, Amy Willhite, Steve Van Haverbeke, Dennis Anderson

Abstaining: 1 - Amy Willhite

Absent (for the vote): 1- Denise Beasley

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

8. Staff Liaison Staff Report

Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner outlined the revised land use notice that will be used going forward. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner also outline the new building and planning department office

hours, the OC 2040 Community Vision Survey, the process to host a community conversation and the development application process.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ROUNDTABLE

Steve Van Haverbeke – Park Place Neighborhood Association held the September steering committee meeting, general meeting with a housing development presentation and city commissioner candidates.

Amy Wilhite – Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association is keeping in contact through email. Ms. Wilhite asked about the Molalla Avenue project construction notifications coming through the night before.

John Kies – Caufield Neighborhood Association held a meeting concerning a property that would like to be annexed into the city.

Linda Baysinger - The Canemah Neighborhood Association attempted September meeting but was cancelled due to fire events. Steering committee meeting scheduled in October.

Karla Laws – Barclay Hills held the September meeting with land use presentations. Potential elections upcoming and concerned about how to conduct because of current conditions.

Bob La Salle – Mr. La Salle is hoping to get inactive neighborhoods activated, but because of COVID, this has not happened.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, provided updates on several topics, including the library's virtual programming for October, the City Pool is pre-registering for lap pool sessions per state COVID guidelines, an update on three future city parks, the status of the Molalla Avenue project, the Barclay Hills/Molalla Avenue crosswalk beacon, Meyers Road extension opening, and the new Public Works buildings.

Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith - Some city parks have some openings of play areas for children.

Ms. Wilhite asked if there are more the neighborhoods can do regarding COVID. Mr. Konkol indicated help support local businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob La Salle adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.