CITY OF OREGON CITY
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)
AGENDA

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, October 02, 2023 at 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orcity.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS

1. Chamber of Commerce – Victoria Meinig
2. McLoughlin Blvd Enhancement – Christina Robertson-Gardiner
3. New City Website – Jarrod Lyman

   NOTE: CIC members are encouraged to bring their laptop computers so we can have some hands-on experience with the new website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the City Recorder. The Citizen Involvement Committee does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the City Manager. Complaints shall first be addressed at the department level prior to addressing the Citizen Involvement Committee.

MINUTES

4. Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC)
5. Minutes of the May 3, 2021 Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC)
6. Minutes of the May 2, 2022 Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC)
7. Minutes of the August 2, 2023 Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC)
8. Minutes of the October 4, 2023 Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC)

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

ELECTIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

ROUNDTABLE

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ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.

As a general practice, the City Commission does not engage in discussion with those making comments.

Electronic presentations are permitted but shall be delivered to the City Recorder 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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CITY OF OREGON CITY
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MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Monday, April 05, 2021 at 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact planning@orcity.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: 9 - Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Denise Beasley, Dennis Anderson, John Kies, Karla Laws, Karin Morey, Robert Malchow

STAFFERS: 4 - Public Works Director John Lewis, Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner Pete Walter, City Commissioner Denyse McGriff

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Annexation Code Amendments-Pete Walter

Pete Walter presented changes to the annex code in chapter 14.04 of the Oregon City Municipal Code. The reasons behind the changes are to address concerns about citizens' rights to vote on Oregon City annexations in accordance with the new senate bill, to add greater clarity and specificity to approval criteria, and to address City Commission concerns about the analysis and timing of infrastructure prior to development. The summary of changes is with wording, adding language for clarification, and providing more details where necessary. A tentative timeline for adoption of these changes is early June.

2. Public Works Update-John Lewis

John Lewis was given four specific items to address for his presentation: Ice storm 2021, transportation updates, other project updates, and utility fee updates.

Ice storm 2021

Work on cleaning up issues related to the ice storm has been heavy. Public Works created a project page where people could be informed with updated information. A slide was shown with the timeline of events from the start of snow and ice to show power failures and restorations and area closures where debris was heavy. Resources and information were given of the damage assessment and documentation that is being created because of the event, right-of-way cleanup, debris management, and emergency management.

Transportation

Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge: ODOT has started a study to look at the options for developing a pedestrian/bicycle bridge that goes over the Willamette River through a concept plan. There will be an online open house and public meeting soon, and the City Commission and West Linn City Council will vote in the summer on whether to adopt the plan. A video of the concept can be viewed on ODOT's website.

Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project: This project is still on track for budget and scheduling as planned. During the project construction, effort is being made to ensure access to businesses. A project status and timeline gave some details on items that are complete and what is next on the schedule with the completion deadline tracked to November.

Union Pacific 12th Street Bridge Rehabilitation: This project is underway with the road currently closed, and it will stay closed through the middle of June. A resolution is being taken to the City Commission that will allow some night work and round the clock work to get everything complete so trains can stay on schedule.

Other Transportation Projects

ODOT is still at the table for updates with projects such as the I-205 widening project and the I-205 tolling project. They will be presenting to the City Commission on April 21st. He discussed some local traffic control improvements with some speed limit changes, rapid flashing beacons, and pedestrian improvements. A 2021 Construction update was given, and this information can also be found in the Trail News.

Utility Fee Updates

Water Service: Water Service requires planning for current and future customers which takes a lot of engineering, planning, and financial commitment. A master plan has been adopted by the City Commission for rehabilitation, pipe replacement, and new capacity projects with a total cost of $80,264,000 with 60% of that capital cost projected in the next 5 years. A discussion about water rates and what is needed to fund these improvements yielded a recommendations of a 4-5% increase over a period of 3-4 years.

Storm Water Service: A storm water master plan has been recently updated with the last update in 1988. There was work on a rate analysis, and Public Works will be talking to the Commission about rates and SDCs. There will be a public hearing about this on July 7th. Public Works will be bring a moderate cash fund option to the Commission.

MINUTES

3. March 1, 2021 Draft Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes for March 1, 2021, seconded by John Kies. Motioned carried 9-0. Ayes: Karla Laws, Didi Dahlsrud, Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, John Kies, Denise Beasley, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Karin Morey.

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

4. Staff Liaison Report

Christina gave a link to the Ice Storm Resources page that will provide additional information as needed. Val Muggia's contact information was provided as well. She is helping Oregon City police for behavioral health issues when it makes sense to call her out to help a citizen. Hillendale and Tower Vista Neighborhoods are now active. There is continuing effort to recruit people for active or recently activated neighborhoods. She encouraged neighborhood association members to sign up for the Trail Newsletter and gave a link.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Charter Change Support Letter-Bob La Salle

Bob offered some corrections to the letter. There was discussion around who is the most appropriate authority to approve appointments. Christina will add corrections suggested and will forward it onto the person who will send it to the City Commission.

ROUNDTABLE

Barclay Hills – Karla Laws

They had a meeting recently with a small group of attendees, and the 2040 survey was completed. Visitors attended from Hilldale and Tower Vista. A steering committee meeting will be held next week.

Canemah – Linda Baysinger & Dennis Anderson

They will try to have a meeting in April. The ice storm and wildfires have made having meetings difficult. Dennis gave an update on the ongoing issue related to the Cottage development.

Caulfield – John Kies

There was a meeting on March 23rd with a small turnout. Pete Walter came and talked about the 2040 survey. Carlos Calaba (sp) discussed the school projects at the meeting. A question was raised about individual neighborhood groups having their own Gmail addresses. John gave thanks for fixing the potholes at John Storm Park and for opening the bathrooms there.

McLoughlin – Denise Beasley

A meeting was held on March 18th and a couple of speakers came from Father's Heart Ministries to talk about the request for conditional use. They would like to make that a permanent use for overnight shelters in winter. That led to a discussion at the steering committee meeting. A goal-setting session was created at the steering meeting. There will be a cleanup at Barclay Park on June 5th from 9:00-11:00. There will be another cleanup at Waterboard Park on July 17th from 9:00-11:00. A third cleanup will happen on 7th Street on May 1st from 9:00-12:00.

Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke

Park Place had a general meeting on March 15th. Much of the discussion was regarding Hiram which is a right of way through the middle of the park. This is was a hot topic. The latest in the Park Place Master Plan is that it was noted Hiram would be rerouted so it would not bisect the park. This master plan was dated 15 years ago. The next meeting will be a steering committee meeting on April 19th with a presentation from Icon regarding the Sears property development.

Rivercrest – Karin Morey

The neighborhood lost a lot of trees during the ice storm. She thanked an anonymous donor who fixed the roof of the library of the Oregon City Women's Club that had damage from a limb.

Commissioner McGriff

Commissioner McGriff brought up the right of way going through Hiram Park and mentioned that this should be reviewed. There will be a City Commission meeting tomorrow at 6:00 where Rachel Lyle Smith will be given the oath of office, and the election results will be certified. She gave an update the agenda for that meeting. She also welcomed thoughts and comments about the West Linn Bicycling/Pedestrian Concept Plan.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.

CITY OF OREGON CITY
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MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Monday, May 03, 2021 at 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact planning@orcity.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: 10 - Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Dennis Anderson, John Kies, Denise Beasley, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Karin Morey, Linda Baysinger, Sara Peterson

STAFFERS: 1 - Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Art Murals Code Change-Matthew Weintraub,Tourism Coordinator

   Matthew Weintraub was present today to discuss some background and updates to the Art Murals Code. Oregon City staff was direction by the commission in 2020 to develop some code that the commission could adopt that would engage the painting of new and original art murals on the side of private buildings or public buildings that are city, state, or county owned. This process has been in motion since the summer of 2020 with review and research of city code as well as holding stakeholder meetings and developing program materials. There have been a few levels of review, presentation, and feedback of these items which helped create some needed changes to the code.

   Some of the changes are: In 2015, there were no specific zoning districts, lack of clarity on why murals could not be on the exterior surface, subjective wording, and review authority lacked definition. The 2021 draft now has zoning language, gives details on why a mural could not go onto an exterior surface (i.e. blocks door or windows opening), made content review less subjective, and assigned review authority to the Oregon City Arts Commission once it is reactivated.

   The CIC asked several questions around revitalizing existing murals, qualifications for the Arts Commission, preventing objectionable art, content, et cetera that Matthew was able to answer.

2. Downtown Oregon City Update - Liz Hannum, Executive Director (www.downtownoregoncity.org)

   Liz added to the conversation about the art murals and let the CIC know that there is work happening alongside the Grand Ronde Tribe to create a replacement mural on the side of the White Rabbit.

   The Oregon Trail Game Run will be virtual this year where participants will have one year to log movement for all 2,000 miles of the Oregon trail with medals being awarded at the end of the year. This run has historically funded projecting including the Street Tree Lights. Unfortunately, these lights were lost this year with the ice storm, but the group is working with Public Works on a lighting project to support businesses during the holiday shopping season.

Taste of Oregon City will be happing in July where people will be encouraged to purchase food from Downtown Oregon City and post selfies and share on social media their experiences with local restaurants. This city will be having giveaways and a grand prize.

There will not be a First City Celebration this year.

MINUTES

There were no minutes to discuss.

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

Staff Liaison Report – Christina Robertson-Gardiner

Christina prompted meeting participants to reach out to friends and neighbors who might want to be part of the CIC. If anyone needs to know what is happening Oregon City, the best way to learn is to subscribe to the monthly E-newsletter. She noted that neighborhood associations who are meeting with developers and who need to access to preapplications conference notes that they are available through the public records request process. Finally, a reminder was made that the CIC meets on the first Monday of every month unless there is a holiday.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business.

ROUNDTABLE

Chair – Bob La Salle

Bob received an email by a city commissioner and one CIC member to have Dennis Anderson cease speaking about the Cottage development in Canemah. Bob has decided not to do that. He feels his role as chair is not a decider of who says what at the meetings. The roundtable is meant to be an open forum for members to speak about what is going on in their neighborhoods and what may be coming up. Bob does not feel he has the power to limit what a person says. If the CIC member and/or commissioner wishes to address this issue, they may contact Bob to be put on the agenda or they can come to public comments. He asked Dennis to limit his conversation on the subject to 3 minutes.

Barclay Hills – Didi Dahlsrud

Didi appreciated Bob's stand on the issue with Dennis. Their neighborhood had a distance outdoor planning meeting in April. The neighbors were encouraged to bring their concerns and complaints with enough time to take their items to monthly meetings. A local flower cultivator was invited to speak and discuss what she does at their May meeting at St. John's Cemetery.

Canemah – Dennis Anderson

Dennis defended his discussion around the Cottage Development in that these were true concerns that neighbors had, and they felt that the issue has not had resolution.

Linda spoke to their neighborhood having had a meeting in April via Zoom. They look forward to meeting in person again at a park at some point. An issue has risen where someone turned in a neighbor for residing their house with siding the person did not like. This situation has been a challenge.

Caufield – John Kies

John appreciates Bob's stand on the issue with Dennis. The new park by the high school has the kids out playing. He is worried about the rumor of the sale falling through with the Indians and the Blue Heron. Their next neighborhood meeting will be May 25th, and it will be the last meeting until September. They will probably have a public comment about the freeway tolls at that meeting.

Hillendale – Sara Peterson

The Hillendale neighborhood is just getting reestablished in the neighborhood association. Ther is not much to report right now. They had their first meeting around ground rules and getting started. They have the beginnings of a board, and they talked about meeting soon. There will be a possible neighborhood meeting in July. Christina let Sara know that she can be emailed any information or updates for the neighborhood webpage.

McLoughlin – Denise Beasley

On May 1st, they had a good turnout of at least 10 people for a cleanup on 7th street. On June 5th, the neighborhood will do a cleanup at Barclay Park. On July 17th, there will be a cleanup at Waterboard Park. Those cleanups will likely be pulling ivy. Their next Zoom meeting will be this Thursday. Postcards were sent out, and three new neighbors have been contacted and invited to next meeting. There has been a discussion with Father's Heart Ministry to put together a good neighbor policy with them.

Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke

Park Place had a steering committee meeting April to mainly discuss Park Place Park and all of the contentious issues surrounding Hiram going right through the middle of the park. This discussion went to the commission. The current plan is that a private citizen may purchase the property and donate it back to the city. This would preclude having to put a city street right of way through the middle of the park. A meeting is scheduled for May 17th on Zoom.

Rivercrest – Karin Morey

Rivercrest is still not meeting in person or trying Zoom. Communication is happening via Next Door and Facebook. Karin posted a recent update to people to sign up for the monthly Trail News Update for information. There will be an invitation-only dedication in May for the Tyrone S. Woods Park. The McLoughlin neighborhood has the first ever Oregon State Film Trail sign which will be dedicated on Wednesday and will be invitation only. Between 4th and 5th, there is a sign that points out that the former Blue Heron Mill site was a site for several movies and television shows. Oregon City has joined the State of Oregon film trail. Mountain View cemetery will not be holding an in-person Memorial Day ceremony. There will be a digital one held potentially at 10:00 a.m. on Memorial Day.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:13 PM.

CITY OF OREGON CITY
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MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Monday, May 02, 2022 at 7:00 PM

This meeting is in-person only and will not be recorded.

TOUR OF ROBERT LIBKE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

The CIC toured the new Robert Libke Public Safety facility at 1234 Linn Avenue and discussed the project.

CITY OF OREGON CITY
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MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, August 02, 2021 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: 9 - Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, John Kies, Amy Willhite, Sara Peterson, Hunter Pico, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Karin Morey, Denise Beasley

STAFFERS: 4 - Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, City Commissioner Adam Marl

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Willhite

Amy Willhite came before the committee in a citizen capacity. She has concerns over practices of the Community Development Department. She would like for the CIC to send a letter to the city commission asking them to investigate the Community Development Department practices whether those practices are written or not. There was a question raised about examples and details of the concerns. Some of those examples were postings behind bushes, misinformation given, emergency meetings that required a rapid and unexpected turnaround for applications, staff reports being given to developers before being presented at public meetings, staff records being adjusted and revised before they are presented at public meetings, and public notices going out with wrong dates and information. Amy is asking for an overall review of the Community Development Department versus an itemized review of any examples that may be placed in the letter.

Amy Willhite, as a member of the Citizen Involvement Committee, made a motion to send a letter to the City Commission to investigate the practices of the Community Development Department. This motion was seconded by another committee member. Motion carried. Ayes: Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Amy Willhite, Sara Peterson, Steve VanHaverbeke, Denise Beasley. Nays: Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, Karin Morey. Abstain: John Kies, Hunter Pico, Bob LaSalle

Amy Willhite will draft the letter, and Bob will sign it.

Paul Edgar, Canemah neighborhood

Paul came before the committee today to make comment on tolling of the I-205 corridor. He feels the tolling will bring congestion to the side streets in Oregon City. He does not understand why Oregon City is being targeted for the toll and others are not. He would like the CIC to follow this issue.

PRESENTATIONS

1. John Lewis, Public Works Director- Public Works Update

I-205 Widening and Seismic Improvements: House bill 3055 was passed which will provide $375 million in funding for phase 1a of the Abernathy Bridge section for widening and seismic improvements. On the West Linn side, the interchange of I-205 and Highway 43 will change to a roundabout, and the current northbound offramp will be removed. On the Oregon City side, there will be some slight reconfiguration to the on/off ramps of 99E as well as a sound wall being installed near the Cove Apartments. Final plans for Phase 1a is scheduled to be completed October 2021, and construction will begin in July 2022 with completion scheduled for 2025.

Vehicle Registration Fees: A $30 per year county-wide vehicle registration fee was voted in February 2019 by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. Cities within Clackamas County will receive a distribution of 40% of those funds. Oregon City has created a plan for use of funds to balance the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists as well as addressing congestion management. The first projects will be focused on pedestrians and bicyclists to include sidewalk infills, traffic signal upgrades, and adding/removing flashing beacons where needed.

Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project: This project is on time and on budget. The original projected completion date was set for November 2021, and it is anticipated to be done a bit earlier.

Park Place Urbanization Plan: This plan is currently moving through the land use process aiming for sidewalks, crosswalks, and urbanization of rural areas.

Paving Project Updates: The annual chip sealing is complete. FEMA projects have been mostly focused on sidewalk improvements.

Utilities Update: Issues are being cleaned up around water boundaries where the Clackamas River boundary still includes some Oregon City customers who do not receive Clackamas River water anymore. The city staff is working with the Clackamas River Water District on this project.

The Canemah neighborhood will be getting new pressure reducing valves on their water lines which will cause some water shutdowns. There will also be small diameter work on 13th Street, work on the storm pond in the canyon, and Barclay Hills will have some improvements.

Sanitary Sewer: Some updates will be going before the City Commission on August 4th that will set up sanitary sewer rehab, and Rivercrest will be the first big neighborhood affected. John went over upcoming, completed, and design-phase projects.

Stormwater: A new stormwater SDC will be effective January 1, 2022. This is a one-time fee imposed on new development at the time of the development. This fee went

from $956 per equivalent residential unit to $1,070 per residential unit. Monthly rates increased to $10.86 beginning January 1, 2022 with an 8% increase each year until 2026. Capital projects were also discussed.

Water SDC: The new rate was effective July 1, 2021. Public Works will be in front of the Commission to discuss what water ballot measures should stay. Upgrades are needed to help with water storage for fire suppression and summer demand. Capital projects were discussed.

Geologic hazard codes were updated.

Oregon City shuttles are moving around town now, and the schedule is posted online. These are on a fixed route but can divert if needed if contacted in advance.

The Oregon City Engineering and Operations Center is on schedule.

2. Lucinda Broussard, ODOT Tolling Program Director- I-205 Toll Project

House Bill 2017, "Keep Oregon Moving," was adopted. This looks at the bottlenecks on I-5 and I-205 and how they can be opened up as well as implementing a toll program. This bill gave the Oregon Transportation Authority Commission toll authority as well as the ability to set toll rates. A Value Pricing Feasibility Analysis was done to determine what points can be tolled such as I-205/OR 213 to Stafford and I-5 from Multnomah Boulevard to North Going Street. They are also doing a Regional Mobility Pricing Project that includes I-5 near the Interstate Bridge down to Boon Bridge and I-205 from Stafford Road to I-5. The need for tolling comes as a result of not getting enough money from the gas tax which has not been raised in 20 years. Most funding has covered only maintenance with no room for innovation. The system needs maintenance and improvements, but there is a $325 million shortfall, and tolling can make up that gap. The benefits of tolling are improved travel times, reduced greenhouse gasses, sustainable funding for investments (improvements, bridges, I-5 corridor), and strategies and investments to advance equity and mobility. The cost of the tolls is not set yet, but it will be variable depending on the amount of traffic. At this point, it is unknown where the toll devices will be located. The earliest start for tolls will be 2024.

Concerns raised from the CIC are around pricing, congestions, travel time, programs the fund are being used for, and the possibility that the tolls will not end once the projects are paid for. Lucinda also made a presentation to the Training Advisory Committee that can be referenced as well through the Portland Police Bureau website.

3. Jerry Herrmann -The Cove Water Quality and Endangered Species-Mitigation Funding

Jerry discussed the history around how the Portland Harbor Superfund Fund collected money. There are funds available from there that help cities with work on their natural areas. Gladstone, Milwaukie, and West Linn have used close to $100 million of the fund successfully. Jerry would like to see Oregon City proceed rapidly in order to not lose the opportunity to participate in the Lower Harbor Superfund Mitigation Fund and is asking the CIC to send a letter with a strong recommendation to move forward on this as there is less than $200 million left of the original $500 million. With this fund, the city does not need to hire any new staff to manage the projects because they are managed by professionals who do the legwork around getting the permitting and working with the many agencies that may be involved. Further, the mitigation trust fund puts the money into every project for long-term maintenance so the city does not have to cover it. Bob LaSalle has created a letter for this.

Amy Willhite made a motion to approve sending the letter Bob wrote to the City Commission to encourage starting the process of acquiring the mitigation funds for local natural area projects. The motion was seconded by Karla Laws. Motion carried. Ayes: Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Linda Baysinger, Dennis Anderson, John Kies, Amy Willhite, Denise Beasley, Steve VanHaverbeke, Bob LaSalle, Karin Morey, Sara Peterson, Hunter Pico.

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

4. Staff Liaison Report

Kelsi McNall's is the staff representative who coordinated postcards and invoices for the neighborhoods, and her last day with Oregon City will be August 3rd. Christina will have the postcard budget available at the October meeting and will have updates for this at each meeting going forward. For home projects, she pointed the CIC to the "How do I?" section on the city's planning and building pages on their website so they can share that information with their neighbors. There is interest showing from people who would like to be involved in the neighborhood association. A reminder was put out to sign up for the monthly *Trail News* e-newsletter and to encourage neighbors to as well to get details about activities around Oregon City and at the library. If neighborhood chairs would like the city's notes before any developer comes to their neighborhood to make a presentation, Christina can be contacted for those. She will be also be working on some code updates to come into compliance with House Bill 2001 and will bring those to the Commission in August and the CIC in October to discuss them.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. CIC Bylaws, Article V, Section 6 per HB 2560 -

   Requires governing body of public body, to the extent reasonably possible, to make all meetings accessible remotely through technological means and provide an opportunity for members of the general public to remotely submit oral and written testimony during meetings to the extent in-person oral and written testimony is allowed https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Measures/Overview/HB2560*.*

   The CIC can no longer ban an electronic or telephonic vote which means that the bylaws will need to be updated. Future meetings will need to have the option for distance attendance. The City Recorder can help work with neighborhoods to help with accommodations to help with this.

ROUNDTABLE

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Canemah – Linda Baysinger

Canemah is excited to be hosting an ice cream social so everyone can meet again face-to-face.

Rivercrest – Karin Morey

A groundbreaking was held for Silver Run Park.

Gaffney Lane – Amy Willhite

They are looking for a new place to hold meetings if anyone has any ideas. She is concerned about the amount of email Spam that is coming from so-called city entities. Christina discussed that they are working on it. Amy talked about the City Commission meeting being held in the new chambers and reminded everyone that the City Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Historic Review Board will be the groups that meet in the new space at this time.

Caulfield – John Kies

Asked if the City Commission meetings could be attended live, and Christina advised that they could be as long as the person is wears a mask.

Barclay Hills – Didi Dahlsrud

Didi expressed that Christopher Seggs (sp) on the City Planning Commission has an active lawsuit against the city. She believes he should step down from the planning commission as a developer. The second issue she brought up is that the message machine for the city planning building says it is still closed and suggests that someone update that.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

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STAFFERS: 3 - Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, City Commissioner Adam Marl, City Commissioner Denyse McGriff

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Polertise (sp) represented the Oregon City Parks Foundation in his comments. The foundation would like the CIC's help in encouraging the City Commission to have Oregon City join with other metro cities to participate in a No Ivy Day event on Saturday, November 20th to help in eradicate English ivy. The No Ivy League in Portland has a framework available for the city to follow to plan a No Ivy Day event to gather volunteers to control ivy growing in the city.

William Gifford is a resident of Oregon City here to comment on two points: The first is he has been contacted by several neighborhoods to get instruction on how to use the Zoom system he had set up for neighborhood associations. He would like to see the CIC provide education to neighborhoods so they can benefit from the use of Zoom. The second issue brought up is that he would like to see consistent email addresses for each neighborhood association so that when a chair leaves their volunteer position they do not take their email address with them.

Karla Laws, coming forward as a resident and a CIC chair, discussed land use issues on Holmes Lane. The concerns raised are using a traffic safety report from 2017 and doing a geological study during the 2020 forest fires with no soil sample on a creek bed. Barclay Hills had an appeal that is being nullified because of issues with the neighborhood's meeting minutes and bylaws. She feels that it is difficult to advocate for residents in land use and would like to see the city attorney represent the elect in cases rather than the city manager so that there is an even playing field for residents. Bob LaSalle mentioned that there will be a Land Use 101 informational meeting on October 14, 2021 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bob advised Karla to email him with this item so it can be put on the next meeting agenda to discuss.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Downtown Update – Denyse McGriff, Vice President of Downtown Oregon City Association (DOCA) (www.downtownoregoncity.org)

   Denyse offered activity updates in her presentation. Halloween is coming soon, and there will be Trick-or-Treating from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on October 29th. A companion pub crawl will be on October 30th. The mural above the restaurant, Don Pepe's, is getting refurbished, and more murals are proposed to go near the Live Edge Salon on Railroad Avenue and 6th as well as White Rabbit Ink on Main Street and 5th. A new Christmas ornament is ready for pre-sale, and it will be the 1936 Clackamas County Courthouse. Other ornaments that are still available for purchase are the Oregon City Municipal Elevator, Arch Bridge, Wagons at the end of the Oregon Trail Center, and the Courthouse. Next year's ornament will possibly be the Ermatinger House. DOCA is having informal conversations about the courthouse. The Virtual Oregon Trail Game Run is still going through next year. A new business is coming to downtown called The Glow Up and will be next door to Don Pepe's. Next year, the Arch Bridge will turn 100 years old, and some planning for a celebration has begun. Denyse welcomed a new board member, Laurie Bell.

2. Housing Choices Update-Christina Robertson Gardiner, Senior Planner

   Christina provided a general overview of the Housing Choices Code Update Project for Oregon City in response to House Bill 2001. This bill was passed as a partial solution for addressing Oregon's housing shortage. The city must update their code to align with the bill by June 30, 2022 or the model code that was created by the legislature will prevail.

   This bill requires that large cities allow duplexes on every lot and parcel of land that allows a single-family home. There are also allowances for triplexes, quadplexes, townhomes, and cottage clusters. A slide was shown of where the city already follows the bill and the new requirements needed. FAQ topics have been about the historic districts, geological hazards, parking, and private covenants and restrictions. The community can stay involved via the project page on the city's website, getting on the project mailing list, take a survey, ask Christina to present in your neighborhood, and attend or comment on public hearings in spring 2022.

3. Water System Plans & Upcoming Ballot Measure-Patty Nelson, Special Projects Senior Engineer (www.oregoncitywater.org)

   Patty identified that there are $81 million in projects for the water system focusing on maintaining the water system as well as its ability to recover from wildfires, major storms, droughts, and also provide water for everybody for many years. Some examples that show this need are the 2020 wildfires and the 2021 ice storm. The City's approach is to focus on repair and upgrading the water system. The water system is funded by Water System Improvement Fees, which were increased starting July 1, 2021, and the Water Distribution Fee that is seen on the Oregon City utility bill. Current annual water increases have been capped at 3%, and the city is seeking to

temporarily raise that increase for six years up to 6% as well as borrow $38 million to pay for these projects. The requests for raising the yearly increase and borrowing funds will be on the November ballot, and these ballot measures can be reviewed at www.oregoncitywater.org.

4. OC 2040 Update - Laura Terway, Community Development Director (www.OC2040.com)

   This is concerning the Comprehensive Plan Update which is a document that forecasts how Oregon City would like to look and function in 20 years from now for development, parks, transportation, capital project, et cetera. This plan is a goal policy that brings forth transportation, master plans, and codes from which policy recommendations come from. There has been a considerable amount of community engagement over the last year with good input from local groups, clubs, organizations, neighbors, surveys, paper mailers, interactive poster boards, and social media. The full statement for the plan can be found at www.oc2040.com. The vision is split into four categories: Diverse economy, connected infrastructure, healthy and welcoming community, and protected environment. There have been already been summits on the first three categories, and a summit for the fourth will be held on Zoom from 6:00-8:00 on October 7, 2021 as well as an in-person chat, Coffee and Comp Plan, on Friday, October 8, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Planning Division Office.

5. Housing Needs Analysis-Laura Terway, Community Development Director (www.bit.ly/ochousingneeds)

   The housing needs analysis is used to determine what housing needs will be in 20 years and if there is enough supply to meet potential demand. The analysis will need to be redone every six years to stay up to date. Examples of data analyzed were existing quantities of housing, construction data and trends, ownership vs. rental, cost of housing, household income, and percentage of income spent on housing. The forecasted numbers for housing showed the need for 7,435 new units with the vacant land capacity for 7,266 new units. The next steps are that Community Development will go before the city commission on October 25th with a goal to get to through the adoption process before the end of the year.

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

6. Staff Liaison Update

   Christina encouraged attendance at the Protected Environment Comprehensive Plan summit and reiterated how to register. She also invited everyone to attend the Land Use 101 Zoom meeting that was discussed in Public Comments. Christina will have a 30-minute piece in this presentation that will be recorded for future use. Postcards: Christina let everyone know that she is the contact for postcards as of July. She has been able to turn around requests within 24 hours, but there is a delay in receipt of these cards in neighborhoods because of they are mailed out in bulk through the U.S. Post Office. She reminded everyone to subscribe to the monthly Trail News e-newsletter and forward the information to their neighborhoods and contacts as well.

Information was given about development applications and that interested parties can go to the Developer tab at www.orcity.org. The public records request process was covered for when a neighborhood has a meeting with a developer. The chair can contact Christina to get a copy of the preapplication conference notes. The form to request these notes is on the city's website on the City Recorder page, and the turnaround time is about a week.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Storage of Neighborhood Association papers - Steve Van Haverbeke & Bob LaSalle

   This issue was brought up because the Park Place Neighborhood Association is at a point where they are having trouble storing all of the historic information and believe other neighborhoods may be having a similar problem. He believes there is a storage room available at the John Adams Fire Station across from the library, and Denyse McGriff confirmed this. She will send the code to interested neighborhood chairs.

8. Committee to Investigate Postcard Routing and Timelines.

   Bob brought up the issue about postcards being received late as well. Christina offered some options that may help fix the issue: Consider first class mailing, go out for a new bid to request for services, and mentioned there might be a grant opportunity. Bob would like 2-3 volunteers to look into how this process can be more efficient timewise and financially. Karla Laws and John Kies volunteered. Some suggestions were using A-frame signs and/or lawn signs to help get the word out about meeting information.

ROUNDTABLE

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

Barclay Hills – Karla Laws

They will have a steering committing meeting next week, and some land use will be coming their way. There is a side committee that is researching the previous name of Barclay Hills, which was Elyville, and this group would like to entertain changing the neighborhood name back to Elyville. She asked if there will be elections this year, and Bob advised that nominations and elections will be in January.

Canemah – Linda Baysinger

The neighborhood had an ice cream social on August 8th that as very well received and attended. They had a recent meeting at the park and are struggling for a consistent meeting place. There will be some new neighbors coming in soon. There are plans to have a steering committee meeting soon as well.

Caulfield – John Kies

They had a neighborhood meeting on September 28th where Patty Nelson presented her Water Systems Plans and Upcoming Ballot Measures. They also had representatives from Willamette Falls Hospital and how that is going with their growth.

Gaffney Lane – Amy Willhite

They have a steering committee meeting on October 6th where they will discuss if they will have their November meeting. Amy is sitting on the committee to rename Filbert Run Park and reminded everyone they have until October 8th to fill out the Survey Monkey with suggestions for a new park name.

Hillendale – Sara Peterson

They are still trying to get going and are working with Tower Vista for their meetings. They are having a community meeting October 5th via Zoom with presentations from the fire department, Public Works, and others.

McLoughlin – Denise Beasley

Kelly Reid talked at their meeting about the Compatible Change Project and the revisions for definitions of new construction. They had an approval for solar panels for 815 and Monroe. The neighbors around The Father's Heart worked together, and the request for temporary shelter was denied pending more information. The Father's Heart wants to work with the neighborhood association to develop a Good Neighbor Policy which was a goal for the year. She is encouraging brainstorming with neighbors on what they would like to see happen with the Waterboard Park master plan, and they would like to host a community engagement event when everyone can meet in person. There will be a steering committee meeting this week.

Park Place – Steve VanHaverbeke & Bob LaSalle

They have a general meeting coming up on October 18th via Zoom. There has been disruption in the organization where the chair resigned and took with him the Park Place email address. The neighborhood is becoming very active in land use with the proposed developments.

Rivercrest – Karin Morey

They are going to meet soon via Zoom. There is a request from Gardner Middle School for a lighted monument sign and an update from Public Works. Karin clarified that Filbert Run Park was a placeholder name, and the survey Amy Willhite mentioned is for giving the park it's actual name.

Commissioner Marl

Two joint work sessions were held with the city of West Linn to focus on transportation issues that relate specifically to tolling, and they talked about a bike pedestrian budget connecting the two cities. Commissioner Marl went over details from two letters the CIC sent to the City Commission two months ago. One was for The Cove mitigation funding. The issue that came up

is that it is desired that The Cove becomes more of a public space, and the funds may be harder to access for public access spaces. The other letter was about the Community Development Department. There will be an investigation into the director. As it relates to the policies and procedures, he encourages everyone to be involved with the OC 2040 Comp Plan Updates which is where they will get to the root of the complaints by neighborhood associations.

Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Commissioner McGriff sent a letter to the editor of the Oregon City News which was published in last week's issue that made a request to the public to get back to her concerning citizen involvement. The article was "Oregon City must help citizens get involved with planning processes." She feels that Oregon City has done a great job in making opportunities available for citizen participation, but they cannot make someone become involved. She would like to have further conversations to get ideas on how to encourage Oregon City residents to engage in city processes.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 9:21 p.m.