

City of Oregon City

Minutes

Citizen Involvement Committee

Monday, July 1, 2019 7:00 PM Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members: Janice Morris-Barclay Hills, Steve VanHaverbeke-Park Place, Denise Beasley-McLoughlin, Rita Mills, Karla Laws-Barclay Hills, Linda Baysinger, Vern Johnson-Hillendale, John Kies-Caufield, Dennis Anderson-Canemah

Staff: Laura Terway-Community Development Director, Rachel Lyles-Smith, City Commissioner

2. Presentations

2a. [PC 19-069](#) Oregon City 175 Commemoration,

Lori Bell, Economic Development Coordinator, gave an update on Oregon City's tourism strategy, which was adopted last year. She informed the Committee that the tourism work the City does is funded through a travel and lodging tax. She then announced the plans and activities for the 175th Anniversary Celebration, August 24th, and other anniversary events taking place throughout the course of the year.

Steve VanHaverbeke asked if there will be a booth at Concerts in the Park. Ms. Bell responded that there will be a booth.

2b. [PC 19-068](#) Revisions to Historic Review Board Policies and OCMC 17.40 Historic Overlay District

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the proposed amendments and the Historic Review Board (HRB) policy updates and gave a brief review of the responsibilities of the HRB.

Karla Laws recommended that the HRB consider incorporating codes pertaining to adding new items such as solar panels to a historic home that may threaten its structural integrity. She also addressed the HRB's code about treated fences and suggested they take into account the chemicals draining into the creek in Barclay Hills, which in turn affects the City's water supply.

Resident Tina Carlson of McLoughlin asked why the Grand Ronde has jurisdiction over her property and why she would have to ask them before she can make any changes to her property. Ms. Terway assured that residents are not required to get permission from Grand Ronde because the HRB takes care of contacting the tribes. It is strictly a

notification for Grand Ronde in the event an archaeological artifact is discovered on the property.

Resident Patti Webb of Canemah expressed concerns about the fencing regulations, stating that the fences that border hers violate all three overlays and do not fit the historic codes. She stated that often nothing is done to enforce the fencing codes and asked how the HRB plans on enforcing these updated codes. Ms. Terway assured they there is an active code enforcement case on the fence Ms. Webb mentioned.

3. Public Comment

Karen Blaha of the Canemah Neighborhood Association Steering Committee announced that the Canemah Neighborhood Association unanimously endorsed its leadership to raise funds to bronze the boots of Oregon City's fallen Officer Robert Libke to memorialize the officer. The neighborhood approved the donation of \$500 toward the total \$1600 cost of bronzing. She also announced that Dennis Anderson agreed to paint a portrait of the boots to present to Officer Libke's widow and daughter. Ms. Blaha asked the Committee to invite their associations to help support Officer Libke's memorial with their donations.

4. Staff Liaison Update on Questions from the Last Meeting

4a. [PC 19-054](#) Staff Liaison Update on Questions Asked at the Previous Meeting

Ms. Terway stated that the Update on Questions is in the attachments and she has nothing else to add.

5. General Business

5a. [PC 19-067](#) Work Plan Update

Ms. Terway stated she has no updates on the Work Plan , other than what is on the attachment in the agenda.

Janice Mills stated that residents have asked about the Olson Drug property. Ms. Terway responded that she had not heard anything about the property in some time. She added that it meets their building codes, and has no violations with the planning or building codes.

6. Approval of the Minutes

6a. [PC 19-071](#) Draft Minutes

John Kies moved to approve the draft minutes; seconded by Dennis Anderson. The motion passed with the following vote:

Janice Morris-aye, Steve VanHaverbeke-aye, Denise Beasley-aye, Rita Mills-aye, Karla Laws-aye, Linda Baysinger-aye, Vern Johnson-aye, Roy Harris-aye, John Kies-aye, Dennis Anderson-aye

7. Roundtable

7a. 18-081 Upcoming Neighborhood Association Meetings

Rachel Lyle-Smith, City Commissioner and CIC Staff Liaison, announced that the Committee will be receiving an email of City updates. She mentioned the code amendments for equitable housing are moving forward. Items still being worked on are: shelters, food carts, downtown building heights, and short-term rentals. She stated that they are still looking for input on the remaining items. She announced that the prospective buyer of the Blue Heron site is the Grand Ronde Tribe and they are doing their due diligence.

Ms. Laws asked if the tribes were allowed to have only one casino in Oregon. She then asked if State will override the City in regard to single-family and multi-dwelling zoning codes. Ms. Lyle Smith responded that State always trumps City. She then announced that Bill HB2001 regarding single-family zoning did pass.

Ms. Terway updated the CIC on the Beavercreek Road Concept Plan implementation. They are now zoning it to implement the vision of the plan that was adopted and it will now go to City Commission; the next meeting is August 2nd. She then updated the CIC on Planning Division office reviews. She reported that the Police Department was approved for a new building and an OSU Extension building was approved, to be located at the corner of Warner-Milne and Beavercreek Road.

Ms. Lyle Smith commented they had had the ground-breaking ceremony for the new police court facility. She asked that they alert their neighbors that construction is beginning with the deconstruction of the school, if they'd like to give a presentation to their neighborhood association.

Denise Beasley, representing the McLoughlin neighborhood, announced that their Steering Committee met last month. They discussed a few land-use issues they dealt with and are currently in discussions with the Mayor of Milwaukie about including a climate action plan to encourage inclusion of a climate action plan in the Oregon City livability goals. They will be selling sno-cones during Concerts in the Park. Their next

meeting will be July 10th with guest speaker Siobhan Taylor. She corrected a date for National Night Out which is listed as August 7th, but should be August 6th.

Dennis Anderson, representing Canemah, talked about attending a presentation at the Library hosted by NW Center for Alternatives to Pesticides which he feels would be beneficial for the other associations to hear. He thanked Jayson Thornberg for taking the time to explain to neighbors what to expect with the repavement project. The Canemah Neighborhood Association will be having an event August 17th, 11am-3pm, involving electric boat tours to the Falls.

Steve VanHaverbeke, representing Park Place, stated they had a Steering Committee meeting June 17th, and they discussed the \$50,000 Metro Enhancement grant combined with City park funds, to refurbish the park.

Ms. Laws, representing Barclay Hills, stated they had a Steering Committee meeting on June 11th, and had a discussion concerning approval of signs for the neighborhood so they could make announcements, such as the neighborhood picnic, August 17th 1-4pm.

John Kies, representing Caufield, announced that their next meeting will be in September.

Vern Johnson, representing Hillendale, announced their meeting tomorrow night which will be a picnic under the shelter at Hillendale Park at 6:30pm.

Linda Baysinger representing Canemah, announced they are hosting a booth for National Night Out.

Resident Jerry Herrmann from Two Rivers Neighborhood came to discuss cultivating and reseeded the bluff in cooperation with the Oregon City Parks Foundation (OCPF). He also talked about the issue of plastics, informing the Committee that the OCPF collected 150,000 plastic beverage containers at Concerts in the Park. He also shared that the oxen and Plymouth Rock replica at End of the Oregon Trail are made of recycled plastic. He mentioned that one of Two Rivers' community improvement projects involves keeping The Cove healthy. One such project involved moving seven yards of gravel to help the tides come back in to improve the health of The Cove.

Bob LaSalle, from the Park Place Neighborhood Association, brought up the issue that the CIC recently voted to remove Bryon Boyce from the CIC due to lack of participation. He pointed out that the code states that the CIC cannot remove a person—removal has to be done by the City Commission. He asked that Staff take care of that technicality. Ms. Terway explained that the request of the CIC is tentatively scheduled on the CIC agenda and that Mr. Boyce is aware of it. She stated they are looking for a new CIC member to replace him.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM