



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)

MINUTES

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

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact planning@orccity.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 happening 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. There 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.

For more information on upcoming neighborhood association meetings and contacts please visit:

<https://www.orcity.org/community/neighborhood-associations>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:13 PM.