City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Citizen Involvement Committee

April 1, 2019 7:00 PM City Hall, Commission Chambers

1.) Call To Order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Van Haverbeke, Janice Morris, Dennis Anderson, Linda Baysinger, John Kies, Vern Johnson, Denise Beasley

Members Absent: Amy Willhite

Staff Present: Laura Terway, Community Development Director, Rachel Lyles Smith, City Commissioner, Tony Konkol, City Manager

2.) Presentation

2a.) OSU Extension Service and Research Center, Michael C Bondi

The presenter did not show up, so there was no presentation.

3.) Public Comment

Bob La Salle, of Park Place, spoke of how the Park Place Concept Plan had gone through so many phases and committees, and now the developer had decided to eliminate a large portion of it, which was on the April 17th agenda for the City Commission for discussion. He noted that in the agenda attachment, Laura Terway, Community Development Director, had recommended that the changes proposed not be approved. Mr. La Salle wanted to go on public record to express his thanks for her recommendation.

4.) Staff Liaison Update

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

Ms. Terway handed out a packet of information from the last Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) meeting, and had nothing else to add to that.

5.) Minutes

5a.) Minutes of the January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

Ms. Terway handed out the January 7, 2019 minutes for approval.

John Kies moved to accept the January 7th minutes, and Dennis Anderson seconded the motion. Steve Van Haverbeke, aye; Janice Morris, aye; Dennis Anderson, aye; Linda Baysinger, aye; John Kies, aye; Vern Johnson, aye; Denise Beasley, aye. Motion to accept the January 7th minutes was carried unanimously.

6.) General Business

6a.) Citizen Involvement Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Ms. Terway presented a document to the CIC which outlined their roles and responsibilities. It talked about the purpose of the CIC, responsibilities, length of appointment, and a summary of time commitments. City Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith pointed out that the CIC was having an issue with time commitment from members outside of meetings. Mr. Anderson voiced a concern of having sufficient numbers of members throughout neighborhoods to have follow-through on projects, and felt that the CIC needed to do better in getting people to participate. Denise Beasley asked what community events the CIC participated in, and Mr. Van Haverbeke stated National Night Out, farmer's market, and Safety Fair.

Mr Van Haverbeke called for a motion to be made.

John Kiesmoved to accept the CIC report on roles and responsibilities of members. Vern Johnson seconded the motion. Steve Van Haverbeke, aye; Janice Morris, aye; Dennis Anderson, aye; Linda Baysinger, aye; John Kies, aye; Vern Johnson, aye; Denise Beasley, aye. The motion to approve the report passed unanimously.

7.) Roundtable

Mr. Johnson, Tower Vista, found a YouTube video produced by KOMO TV called "Seattle is Dying" and recommended that the CIC members watch it to inform themselves about what other cities were doing to provide solutions to homelessness.

Ms. Baysinger, Canemah, said their Steering Committee had a meeting about the City wanting individual neighborhood associations to have booths at National Night Out, but they could not figure out what was involved with setting a booth up, or what the City expected them to do. She requested that Staff follow up with answers at the next meeting.

Mr. Anderson, Canemah, asked if their booth could have a raffle to generate funds. He also wondered if all neighborhoods would commit to being at National Night Out, and if they could pool their organizational resources and help each other. The next meeting will be April 20th.

Mr. Kies, Caufield, reported that they had a problem with their last meeting, since it was supposed to be held at the school district's bus barn facility, and due to it being spring break, nobody was there to let them in. He said he had wanted to discuss at that meeting the idea of having a shuttle to take people downtown to help alleviate parking issues.

Janice Morris, Barclay Hills, let the CIC know that at their last association meeting, their police liaison suggested having a flashing light at the crosswalk at Barclay School due to the extreme danger of crossing the street there at night.

Mr. Van Haverbeke, Park Place, had a Steering Committee meeting about the Park Place Concept Plan, and they drafted a letter supporting no developer-requested changes to the project.

Ms. Beasley, McLoughlin, shared that Kelly Reid, City Planner, came to their last meeting to talk about the Historic Review Board policy updates and open house. They also set goals for the year, and had a pie auction that raised $1064.

Ms. Terway let the CIC know that the Beavercreek Road Concept Plan meeting was going to be April 9th from 7-8:30 at the high school. She also verified with each association that the dates, times and locations of their meetings on the City website were correct.

Ms. Lyles Smith informed the CIC that the Historic Review Board open house would be at City Hall on Thursday, April 4, from 4-6. She also announced that Denyse McGriff had been appointed as the newest City Commissioner.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said the City was in the process of writing a new two-year budget, and that there would be a Budget Committee meeting on May 6th at the Pioneer Center for public comment. He let the CIC know that the I-205 Widening Project was moving to the construction phase, and to be prepared for a big impact on traffic in Oregon City. He stated the Meyers Road Extension was finalizing its construction plans, and the Molalla Road Project from Beavercreek Road to Highway 213 was in design phase.

7.) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.