

City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Citizen Involvement Committee

Monday, March 4, 2019 7:00 pm, City Hall, Commission Chambers

1. Call to order

The Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dennis Anderson. He was sitting in for the Chair, Amy Willhite, who was not present. He called the roll for the neighborhood associations.

Citizen Involvement Committee Neighborhoods present: Canemah, Two Rivers, Hillendale, McLoughlin, Caufield, Barclay Hills and Park Place

Citizen Involvement Committee members present: Steve Van Haverbeke, Dennis Anderson, Denyse McGriff, John Kies, Janice Morris and Roy Harris

Absent: Two Rivers, Gaffney Lane, Tower Vista, Rivercrest

Staff present: John Lewis, Public Works Director; Rachel Lyles Smith, City Commissioner; Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner,

2. Presentations

2a. Help Oregon City Neighborhoods Go Pesticide-Free, Sharon Selvaggio, The Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (15 minutes)

Sharon Selvaggio, with Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides, spoke at the public podium. She shared about the Pesticide-Free Oregon City Project, which is supported by a Metro enhancement grant. The project is trying to reach out to as many Oregon City households as possible, with the purpose of asking people to make a pesticide-free pledge as a way to keep families and pets safe from pesticides, conserve pollinators, and protect streams. The team has a resource packet that they hand out door-to-door. They also are doing outreach at farmers' markets through social media, community groups, and neighborhood associations. The packet contains an overview brochure, a pledge form, information about the organization, a question-and-answer flyer on solving common pest problems, a lawn care guide, and a how-to guide for talking with landscape services. The project goals are to receive 200-plus pesticide-free pledges and to share pesticide-free resources with 600 households. John Lewis, Public Works director, discussed cleaning up stormwater drains, stream quality, and how this project could help. Ms. Selvaggio invited the neighborhood associations to volunteer, take packets, and share the information.

2b. Village at the Falls – Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stay Neighbors, Diane Peterson (15 minutes)

Diane Peterson, the outreach coordinator for Village at the Falls, and Anne Batey, the Village at the Falls Chair, spoke at the public podium. They informed that CIC that they are forming a

group of volunteers to help Oregon City residents remain in their homes as they age. This program will serve Oregon City, Beavercreek and Redland. Membership costs would be around \$25 to \$50 per month and could be on a sliding scale. In addition to volunteers, they would have screened professionals help older members. Ms. Peterson let the committee members know that she was recruiting volunteers and identifying potential members for a planned 2020 launch. She asked the committee members to spread the word about her organization. She said she wants to schedule a meeting with each of the neighborhood associations to get the word out. She encouraged the committee members to volunteer for her organization if they had time. The committee members asked questions and Ms. Peterson answered them.

Rachel Lyles Smith, City Commissioner, informed everyone that there is a community enhancement grant program in Oregon City. The City receives funds for this from Metro. The City contact for the grant is Lori Bell. She encouraged Ms. Peterson and Ms. Batey to apply on behalf of Village at the Falls. The City website has more information about the grant program.

3. Public Comments

Mr. Anderson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

4. Staff Liaison Update on Questions from the Last Meeting

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

Christina Robertson-Gardiner let the CIC know about three attachments that were in their packet from the January 2019 meeting. One was from a presentation from the 99E tunnel work that ODOT presented in January. The second was the Beavercreek concept plan PowerPoint. The third was the 2018-2019 postcard budget. She also mentioned that she would send everyone the PowerPoint from the Pesticide-Free Oregon City presentation and the email for that group.

5. Elections

5a. CIC Vice President

Mr. Anderson asked for any nominations for Vice President. Denyse McGriff nominated Steve Van Haverbeke. Roy Harris seconded the motion. Mr. Anderson asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Denyse McGriff moved that the nominations be closed. Janice Morris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Van Haverbeke, aye; Dennis Anderson, aye; Denyse McGriff, aye; John Kies, aye; Janice Morris, aye; Roy Harris, aye. The motion passed, 6-0.

6. General Business

6a. Work Plan #1 Goal 3: Develop Resources to Help Maintain Active Neighborhood Associations

Roy Harris spoke to the committee regarding setting up a small display with flyers at the Oregon City Farmer's Market and the National Night Out event. He said he was planning to stop by the Farmer's Market one Saturday to get information. He said he had received information from Chris Wadsworth at the Police Station about National Night Out--it will be held at The End of the Oregon Trail this year.

7. Roundtable

7a. Upcoming Neighborhood Association Meetings

Hillendale Neighborhood

Roy Harris said that the Steering Committee meeting scheduled for 3/5/2019 would be pushed back a week to 3/12/2019. The next general meeting is in April 2019.

Caufield Neighborhood

John Kies spoke for the Caufield neighborhood. The association hadn't met since November 2018. At the last meeting, they had a lively conversation about the Beavercreek Concept Plan.

Barclay Hills Neighborhood

Janice Morris informed the group that the Barclay Hills Steering Committee meeting was held in February 2019. The general meeting would be the second week of March 2019. She let the committee know that she looked into whether or not people were getting mailed their cards. She determined that the cards were being sent out.

Park Place Neighborhood

Steve Van Haverbeke informed the committee that Park Place held a Steering Committee meeting on February 18, 2019. They discussed equitable housing in Oregon City. The next meeting is on March 18, 2019.

Canemah Neighborhood

Dennis Anderson announced that the Canemah general meeting was the previous week. They discussed the projects going on in Canemah and had a presentation by Kelly Reid.

McLoughlin Neighborhood

Denyse McGriff informed the committee that the next meeting would be on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at the Fire Station. The Pesticide-Free Oregon City group and Kelly Reid would be presenting at that meeting. The neighborhood group finalized its goals for the year. On March 14, 2019, there would be a Pi Day fundraiser. The next Steering Committee meeting is in April 2019.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner gave updates. There was an open house for the Beavercreek Concept Plan in January 2019. There will be a second open house on April 9, 2019, at the Oregon City High School Library. The hearing schedule is posted on the City's webpage. Kelly Reid and the Historic Resource Board are updating their policies. Ms. Reid was planning to present the updates to Canemah and McLoughlin neighborhoods. If other neighborhoods wanted her to present to them, they should ask. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner shared that there will also be an open house at the next Historic Review Board meeting on April 2, 2019, from 4 – 6 pm.

Rachel Lyles Smith gave updates to the CIC about the Park Place and South End Concept Plan designs and code revisions that were proposed. She recommended that if anyone had any comments, send them in. The City Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 6, would discuss food carts, shelters, and other popular topics. She encouraged everyone to look at the agenda

and send in their comments. Ms. Lyles Smith commented that she looked forward to communications with this group about the CIC in general. She recommended some ideas for future meetings. She let the CIC know about an open house on March 19, sponsored by Metro at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, discussing three different projects. There would be an open house on March 20 regarding the Molalla Avenue streetscape project. Planning was underway for the City's 175th Anniversary Celebration. Work began on the new Police Court/City Commission building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Minutes taken by Tara Morissette

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