CITY OF OREGON CITY
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)
AGENDA

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Monday, February 07, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

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.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Downtown Oregon City Update-Liz Hannum, Executive Director
2. Floodplain Discussion- Aaron Parker, Engineering Technician
3. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Presentation, Stacia Hernandez

ELECTIONS

4. Election of CIC Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

5. Staff Liaison Report

ROUNDTABLE

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

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.

ADA NOTICE

The location is ADA accessible. Hearing devices may be requested from the City Recorder prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring other assistance must make their request known 48 hours preceding the meeting by contacting the City Recorder's Office at 503-657-0891.

Agenda Posted at City Hall, Pioneer Community Center, Library, City Website.

Video Streaming & Broadcasts: The meeting is streamed live on the Oregon City's website at www.orcity.org and available on demand following the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on Willamette Falls Television channel 28 for Oregon City area residents as a rebroadcast. Please contact WFMC at 503-650-0275 for a programming schedule.

OREGON CITY

Protect Life and Property From Flood Damage

You are receiving this brochure because you have been identified as an interested party or someone who owns property or lives in a residence located within Oregon City's floodplain — this is an educational component required by FEMA in order for property owners to qualify for reduced flood insurance rates

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As a result of our Level 8 rating, flood insurance premiums in the 100 year floodplain as of 2nd quarter 2021 were reduced an average of $1,111/year per policy with a community savings of $24,449.

As for flood insurance payouts, following the floods of February 1996, 206 businesses/households applied for FEMA disaster assistance and received a total of $1,336,500. An additional 12 flood insurance policy holders filed claims and received a combined total payout of $969,000.

Natural & Beneficial Functions of Flooding

Flooding is a natural process that helps restore a river's health, clean its sediments, create critical aquatic and streamside habitat, exchange nutrients between the river and floodplain, and renew its fisheries. Floods can clean out accumulations of large wood and can bring leaves, needles, wood and dissolved nutrients into the river giving aquatic communities access to new habitats and increased food supplies.

Oregon City has a History of Flooding

Although most Oregon City homes/businesses are not located in the 100-year floodplain and do not have high-risk flooding factors, Oregon City receives an average annual precipitation of just over 47 inches, making it subject to flooding. Since 1861, severe riverine flooding on the Willamette River occurred in 1890, 1924, 1943, 1948, 1956, 1964 and 1996. Major floods on the Clackamas River were recorded in 1923, 1931, 1960, 1964, and 1996.

Willamette Falls 2/10/1996—photo courtesy of Lew Scholl

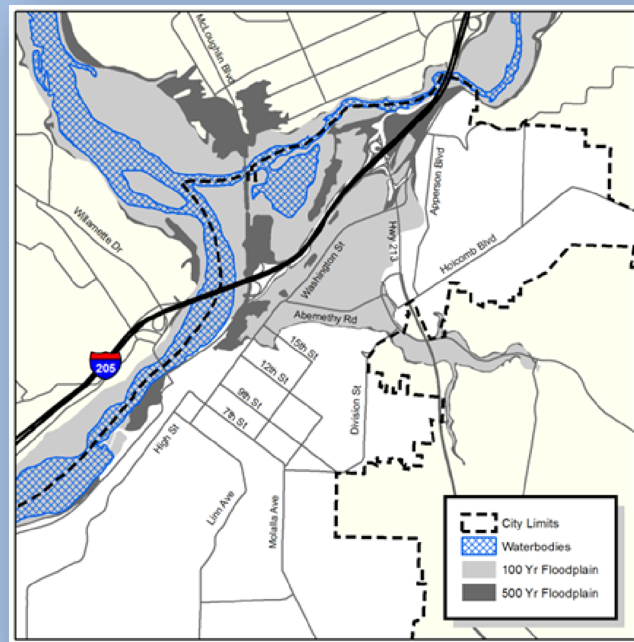
What Can You Do to Protect Yourself?

Below is a partial list of measures that can be implemented to keep lives and property safe. For a complete list, visit **www.ready.gov/floods**.

Know your flood hazard	Know if you are in: • A 100-year floodplain • A 500-year floodplain • An area susceptible to local drainage flooding
Insure your property for flood hazards	• Consider flood insurance; you don't have to live in a floodplain to benefit from flood insurance • Buy flood insurance if your home/business is in a floodplain • Renters in floodplains are encouraged to purchase personal property flood insurance • Oregon City residents/owners receive flood insurance premium discounts
Protect people from the hazard	• TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN! Most flood-related deaths are a result of drivers ignoring warnings and attempting to traverse unsafe roads/bridges • Other life and safety threats from flooding include electrocution, contaminated water, and damage to emergency service and public health facilities • Designate a place where your family can meet after a disaster
Protect your property from the hazard	• Keep debris and trash out of streams and ditches • If your structure is in a flood zone, elevate your furnace, water heater, electric panel, etc. • Consider installing "backwater valves" to prevent drainage systems from backing up into your home/business
Build responsibly	• Before you build, get a permit from the Building Division (503-722-3789 or **www.orcity.org/building**) BUILDING PERMITS SAVE LIVES!
Protect natural floodplain functions	• NO DUMPING in waterways, ditches, or any water quality facilities

Oregon City Floodplain

There are 227 Oregon City tax lots located entirely or partially within the 100-year floodplain. A 100-year floodplain is an area that has a 1% chance of flooding in any given year. Most lenders require flood insurance for structures located within the 100-year floodplain and some property owners, whether they are in the floodplain or not, choose to purchase flood insurance.



Establishment of the NFIP

In 1968, Congress created the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**, a federal program operated by FEMA, because most homeowners' insurance policies did not cover floods. As a result, property owners who experienced a flood often found themselves financially devastated and unable to rebuild. The NFIP was formed to fill that gap and was designed to incorporate community adoption of minimum standards for new construction and development to minimize future risk of flood damage. Pre-existing homes and businesses, however, could remain as they were. Owners of many of these older properties were eligible to obtain insurance at lower, subsidized rates that did not reflect the property's true flood risk.

In addition, as the initial flood risk identified by the NFIP has been updated, many homes and businesses that were built in compliance with standards at the time of their construction have received discounted rates in areas where the risk of flooding has since been revised. This "Grandfathering" approach prevented rate increases for existing properties when the flood risk in their area increased.

NFIP 2016 Reinsurance Initiative

Due to large-scale flood disasters, the cost of flood insurance policy claims has far exceeded the amount of premiums and fees received. As a result, the NFIP has incurred debt of $23 billion to the U.S. Treasury. In the wake of these large flood events, FEMA launched a Reinsurance Initiative to more actively manage its financial risk.

Through the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014, FEMA received the authority to secure reinsurance from the private reinsurance and capital markets. The NFIP Reinsurance Initiative has the primary objective of enabling the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration to diversify the tools it uses to manage the financial consequences of its catastrophic flood risk. The NFIP Reinsurance Initiative was implemented at the federal level starting in January 2017. More information is available at https://www.fema.gov/nfip-reinsurance-program.

Reduced Flood Insurance Premiu

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In 1990, the NFIP introduced its Community Rating System (CRS) assigning municipalities grades of 1 to 10 (1 being the best). The idea is that if a community has taken steps to reduce the risk of flood damage that goes beyond the NFIP's minimum requirements, the community's residents should pay less for flood insurance because of the reduced risk. Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies and agents and has been backed by the federal government.

Oregon City is the only city in Clackamas County that participates in the NFIP and has met minimum NFIP standards. The City's current rating in CRS is a Level 8 making property owners eligible for a 10% reduction in flood insurance premiums.

Types of Flooding

In the Pacific Northwest, flooding is most common from October through April. Oregon City is generally subject to two types of flooding:

Riverine flooding (relating to rivers) occurs along our three major waterways: the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers and Abernethy Creek. Riverine flooding is a threat to life and safety. It can endanger people when a flash flood hits an area with no warning or when floodwaters slowly rise and people ignore basic safety precautions.

Local drainage flooding occurs along smaller creeks and drainageways. Local drainage flooding is more likely to create smaller-scale inundations of roads or properties. There are three general types of problems:

- High water after local storms can mean wet crawlspaces, yards, and basements.
- In some areas, the lay of the land means surface water doesn't drain quickly to a receiving stream or storm sewer.
- Storm sewers and culverts may be too small to convey heavier flows.

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Staff Report

625 Center Street
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To: Citizen Involvement Committee **Agenda Date:** February 7, 2022

From: Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner

SUBJECT: STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

1. **Visit the OC2040 Forum and Weigh In on Goals for Oregon City's Future.**

   How should the City balance future housing opportunities, safe transportation, access to jobs, historic preservation, natural resource preservation, and infrastructure needs? What aspirations and priorities do you share with your family, friends, and neighbors?

   The virtual **Comprehensive Plan Forum** is your space to review draft goals and policies for OC2040! The Forum will be live from 1/10 - 3/14. Click and provide input on whether the goals and policies are on track.

   Goals and policy ideas have a key role in a formal "Comprehensive Plan" process approved by the State of Oregon. They not only highlight residents' desires but provide a documented roadmap to guide the decision-making and workplans of current and future City Commissions. The CIC will receive a staff presentation of project status and draft goals and policies at the March 2022 meeting. Provide your individual comments through the Forum link above in preparation for the March discussion.

2. **Postcard and Neighborhood Association Page Updates.** Please send any changes in positions, meeting dates or minutes to upload/revise or postcard requests directly to me at crobertson@orcity.org . If I am on vacation and it is time-sensitive, feel free to email the Planner on Duty at planning@orcity.org and ask them to update the page or get the postcard OK to Buels. If you would like to just link to your own Neighborhood Association webpage- that works too!- just make sure to send new contact information to me as I keep the master contact list.

3. **How to Prepare and Mail Neighborhood Association Postcards.** Please review the link at https://www.orcity.org/bc-cic/how-prepare-and-mail-neighborhood-association-postcards to refresh yourself with how the city currently contracts and routes neighborhood association postcards.

4. **Trail News Monthly E-newsletter** Please encourage neighborhood association members to sign up for the *Trail News Monthly E-newsletter* https://www.orcity.org/subscribe. The E-newsletter provides up-to-date information on city resources and programs.

5. **How Do I Learn About Development Applications in the City?**
   For those interested in keeping up with the latest development applications in the city, there are two great ways to get the information. Please pass this information on to your contact list as

appropriate for your organization.

a. Click on the development tab at the bottom of www.orcity.org. This action will take you to a page that lists all noticed land use applications and city capital improvement projects. They are sorted by year.

b. Subscribe to a weekly land use notice list at <https://www.orcity.org/subscribe>. (Under Community/Public Information on Main Page) Enter your email, and you will receive a weekly roundup of all land use applications noticed or with updated information on the project page that week. The neighborhood box at the bottom is for city projects and land use applications that are located within a specific neighborhood association boundary.

6. Public Records Request

Are you scheduling a neighborhood meeting with a developer and want to review the pre-application materials before you meet? You can request a copy of the application materials and staff notes through the online public records request process on the city's website. https://www.orcity.org/cityrecorder/public-records-request-policy-and-form.