

Citizen Involvement Council Minutes for 07 February 2011

Call to Order by Chair Geil: 19:00

Roll call by Chris Taylor – City Liaison:

Amanda Lemarr– Barclay Hills
Howard Post – Canemah
Paul Edgar – Canemah
Larry Hanlon – CIC Vice Chair, Caufield
Kathy Hogan – Hazel Grove - Westling Farms
Tom O'Brien – Hazel Grove - Westling Farms
Rae Gordon – Hillendale (arrived at 20:30)
William Gifford – CIC Secretary, Hillendale
Damon Mabee – McLoughlin (only to introduce)
Alice Watts – McLoughlin
Bill Daniels – McLoughlin
Tom Geil – CIC Chair, Park Place
Stephen VanHaverbeke – Park Place
Patty Brown – Rivercrest
Ingra Rickenbach – South End
David Rickenbach – South End

Excused:

Lynda Orzen – MSOC
Rachel Gunderson – Chamber of Commerce

Guests:

Norm Stewart – South End
Aaron Olson – Caufield
Jo Becker – Fair Housing Council of Oregon
John Runyon – GOCWC
(Greater Oregon City Watershed Council)
Rita Baker – GOCWC
Anne Rooney – GOCWC
Rebecca Miller GOCWC
Doug Neeley – OC Mayor & GOCWC

Staff:

Nancy Kraushaar – City Engineer, OCPW Director
Christina Robertson-Gardiner – Associate Planner
Melody Ashford – WPMC

It being only the second CIC meeting at City Hall using the Granicus recording system, Chair Geil again began the meeting with an overview of the CIC, including some of its history and organization.

Prior to regular business, Chair Geil, acknowledged some awards and appointments of some CIC members:

- Secretary Gifford, HNA, as Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
- Paul Edgar, CNA, appointed to the Urban Renewal Commission
- Damon Mabee, MNA, appointed to the Planning Commission
- Denyse McGriff, MNA, also appointed to the Planning Commission

Chair Geil also reported on the special CIC meeting held at the Oregon City Shopping Center on 17 January 2011 regarding their proposed project design. He also reported that a proposed meeting to discuss a proposed amendment to the Oregon City Charter regarding Urban Renewal funding was not held.

Guest Speakers:

- Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Associate Planner, gave a presentation of the 2011 City-Wide Historic Survey and its planned two-phase implementation. More information can be found at: <http://www.orcity.org/planning/request-proposal-historic-survey-0>
- Jo Becker of the Fair Housing Council gave a presentation of that program. More information can be found at: <http://www.fhco.org/>
- Rita Baker Coordinator of the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council and John Runyon, Senior Ecologist at ICF Jones & Stokes (now ICF International), gave a presentation of the GOCWC's newly completed Watershed Assessment and Action Plan. More information can be found at: <http://www.gocwc.org/>

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- Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer and OCPW Director, spoke on the following topics:
 - New mapping by the Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). Kraushaar suggested that the CIC could be a “co-sponsor” to present this information City-wide. Chair Geil appointed a task force to coordinate this; members to include Gifford, Edgar, VanHaverbeke and Geil.
 - Leland Road nearing completion in the next couple of months. Norm Stewart commented on his appreciation of the work being done for the safety of pedestrians.
 - ODOT grant of nearly \$2 million for Main Street improvements, including the reversion of Main Street to two-way traffic. Also pedestrian improvements to intersection at 10th and Main Streets.
 - “Creeping” landslides at Forest Edge (formerly Mill Creek Village) apartments.
 - Opt In: Metro's online opinion panel. More information can be found at: <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id/35824>
 - Verizon asking to place additional microwave antennae or a separate tower near the Boynton reservoir. Presentations are forthcoming. Tom O’Brien noted Verizon’s planned presentation is planned for the February 8th City Work Session.

Approval of Minutes:

Hogan moved, Edgar seconded, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed with three abstentions.

Old Business:

- **CIC use of Willamette Falls Media Center**
Chair Geil and Secretary Gifford
- **Bylaws Review Committee**
Chair Geil reported no progress on this project as well.

New Business:

- **Cottonwood trees**
O’Brien requested that Scott Archer present to the CIC a strategy in regard to the issue of the safety of cottonwood trees.
- **Charter Amendment Process**
Chair Geil reported that City Commissioner Jim Nicita requested time at the next CIC meeting to address the issue of the process of amending the City Charter.
- **Solar Powered Speed Indicators**
Bill Daniels requested that John Lewis of Public Works address the CIC regarding the process of installation of solar powered speed indicators.

Roundtable

- Norm Stewart, Chair of South End NA, noted his appreciation of the Rickenbach serving as the SENA CIC reps. He also reported on Trinity Lutheran Church’s survey to retain a new pastor and the church’s relationship to the community.
- VanHaverbeke reported on the lack of participation in the PPNA.
- Rae Gordon reported on the success of the HNA January meeting.
- Alice Watts appreciated the information received at this, her first, CIC meeting. She also reported on the MNA officer nominations (to be ratified at the next General Meeting): Co-Chairs Tim Powell and Gordon Wilson; Secretary Damon Mabee; and Treasurer Alice Watts.

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- Bill Daniels invited everyone to visit the McLaughlin Promenade and see the recent improvements. He also referred to the recently restored McLaughlin Historic District sign.
- Patty Brown reported on Rivercrest's beginning planning of the 15th (or 16th) City-wide Egg Hunt and requested donations.
- Amanda Lamarr reported on the success of their last meeting with 7-8 new neighbors as well as the success of the BHNA Facebook page. She also thanked Kraushaar for Public Works repair of a neighborhood sewer line issue.
- Aaron Olson reported more than 30 neighbors at the last Caufield meeting. He also promoted the practice of buying local.
- Secretary William Gifford expressed the plan to re-activate both Gaffney Lane and Tower Vista NA's next month. He was unable to report on the status of the new Safeway. He also presented a banner created by the OC Shopping Center for the CIC.
- Vice Chair Larry Hanlon reported that Caufield's intention to begin meeting every other month due to the interest expressed by the neighbors. They have also changed their meeting location to the City Police Department. Also, the NA is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Tom O'Brien thanked Mayor Neeley for attending and asked Patty Brown if cash donations were welcome for the Egg Hunt. She indicated that they would be appreciated. He also reported on the elevated level of conversation regarding the uplifting of sidewalks in the neighborhood. At the March meeting, SENA is expecting Officer Smith to come speak about starting a Neighborhood Watch Program as well.
- Paul Edgar reported that the Canemah Park plan was the focus of their last meeting. Guests were City Manager David Frasher, Chris Taylor and another officer, as well as Public Works manager John Lewis. The major issue for the NA remains to be excessive speeds on Hwy 99. He also suggested the CIC sponsor a "Town Hall" forum to educate all neighbors regarding Urban Renewal, perhaps with the assistance of Clackamas Community College.
- Kathy Hogan reported the HGWF NA meeting March 17th. She also reported that Mike Larsen would not be serving as Co-Chair as she had hoped. She also gave a status report of Fill-a-Stocking/Fill-a-Heart.
- Ingra Rickenbach embellished Norm Stewart's concern for the safety of the neighborhood children and expressed appreciation to Public Works for recent road improvements.

Chair Geil expressed interest in the CIC taking a leading role in offering educational forums on a variety of subjects for the benefit of the general public.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Geil: 21:46

Abbreviations used in these minutes:

CIC – Citizen Involvement Council
GOCWC – Greater Oregon City Watershed Council
HGWF – Hazel Grove - Westling Farms
HNA – Hillendale Neighborhood Association
HRB – Historic Review Board
MNA – McLoughlin Neighborhood Association
MSOC – Main Street Oregon City

NA – Neighborhood Association
OC – Oregon City
OCPW – Oregon City Public Works
PPNA – Park Place Neighborhood Association
SENA – South End Neighborhood Association
WPMC – Willamette Falls Media Center