

City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Citizen Involvement Committee

Monday, February 3, 2020 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 Chair Amy Willhite. Secretary Dennis Anderson called the roll for the neighborhood associations.

Citizen Involvement Committee Neighborhoods present: Barclay Hills, Canemah, Caufield, Gaffney Lane, McLoughlin, and Park Place

Absent: River Crest and Tower Vista

Citizen Involvement Committee members present: Bob La Salle, John Kies, Linda Baysinger, Janice Morris, Steve Van Haverbeke, Amy Willhite, Dennis Anderson, Rita Mills

Staff present: Rachel Lyles Smith, City Commissioner; Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner; Tony Konkol, City Manager

2. Presentations

2a. Preserve our Past, Art and Poetry Context—Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Aquatic and Recreation Manager (5 minutes)

Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch presented information about an art and poetry contest that the Parks and Recreation department put together in honor of Historic Preservation Month (May). She asked that the Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) members get the word out to their communities. Her goal was to have youth make a piece of art or write a poem about Oregon City's history as a way to learn about Oregon City's history.

2b. Canemah Wetland Delineation – Pete Walter, Senior Planner (10 minutes)

Pete Walter presented information about a legislative application to add a previously unmapped wetland to the City's natural resources overlay district. He said that if the application is approved, future development within the vegetative corridor would be subject to the provisions of Oregon City municipal code chapter 17:49. The first public hearing would be held Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm in City Hall at the Planning Commission meeting. He reported that a notice was sent to all properties within 300 feet of this wetland. This would affect five properties. Mr. Walter opened up for questions from the CIC and answered those questions.

2c. Comprehensive Plan Update – Laura Terway, Community Development Director (30 minutes)

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, provided information regarding the Comprehensive Plan update. She explained that the Plan is a unified vision of the future that reflects the needs and interests of the community, identifies priorities and informs the decision-making process. The Comprehensive Plan allows the City to put its own lens on Federal, State

and Metro requirements. She showed an example of a statewide planning goal and how it was interpreted via the Comprehensive Plan. She explained that the Comprehensive Plan is also a broad planning tool for the City as a larger community vision, and this plan influences almost all other plans, policies and codes for the City. She showed chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. The City now wants to update the plan. One of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan updates is to make sure that the City talks to as many community members as possible to understand what the community would like for the future. She asked that the CIC be a champion for the planning team and get the word out. She said she will give the CIC a toolkit of ways to engage with their neighbors and family members, and she plan to collect community information until the end of Summer 2020. At that time, they will put together a short document that would explain the community's vision. The next step will be to update the Comprehensive Plan with four chapters. The final step is to get the plan adopted. Ms. Terway opened up to questions from the CIC. They asked various questions and she answered them. There were several comments about ensuring that the public could comment for a longer period of time than the timeline indicated.

3. Public Comments

Oregon City resident Marjorie Hughes, secretary for the Two Rivers Neighborhood association, spoke at the public podium. She said that she hoped that by April 2020 the Two Rivers Neighborhood association could elect a member to the CIC. She reported that the neighborhood association had voted to support and encourage the City Commission and the Urban Renewal Commission to look at things they could do around the Cove prior to another developer coming in. She said she was interested in using "banked" mitigation money for the Cove site. Ms. Willhite informed Ms. Hughes that if her neighborhood wants the CIC's support, Ms. Hughes can submit a neighborhood proposal to the CIC for a vote.

Jerry Miller, Oregon City resident, spoke at the public podium. He announced that on Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., there would be a Restore Clackamette Park event. Participants would plant summer blooms, prune and shape shrubs and add mulch. He invited everyone to come support them and the community. Pizza lunch included.

Patti Webb, resident of Canemah Neighborhood, spoke at the public podium regarding the wetland issues. She said she wanted to make sure that the CIC representatives honestly represented the safety and well-being of the neighborhood regarding this issue.

Paul Edgar, resident of Canemah Neighborhood, spoke at the public podium. He passed around an excerpt from a nomination document that was sent to the Department of Interior that talked about water use in Canemah, which was an historic document that showed that there was a wetland in Canemah. He said he was concerned that wetlands in his neighborhood were not surveyed or documented in a way that would protect those wetlands.

Diane Wagner, resident of the McLoughlin neighborhood, spoke at the public podium. She shared that she is working for the 2020 Census as a recruiter. She let the CIC know that she was still looking for many people to fill jobs. She gave each representative a folder with information regarding Census job needs. She asked that if the CIC had any ideas for recruiting, to let her know, because the deadline was approaching. The requirements for obtaining a Census job are:

over 18, have a social security number and an email address. The job is part-time and temporary.

4. Elections

3a. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Dennis Anderson nominated Bob La Salle for Chairmanship. An unknown male seconded the nomination. Chair Amy Willhite asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Ms. Willhite asked Mr. La Salle if he would accept the nomination. He said yes. John Kies-aye; Janice Morris-aye; Steve Van Haverbeke-aye; Amy Willhite-aye; Dennis Anderson-aye; Rita Mills-aye.

Vote was all in favor, no nays and no abstentions. The nomination passed, voting in Bob La Salle as Chair.

Mr. La Salle thanked Ms. Willhite for her service and dedication to the CIC as the Chair.

Steve Van Haverbeke of the CIC nominated Dennis Anderson for Vice Chair. Mr. Anderson declined. Bob LaSalle nominated John Kies for the Vice Chair. Lynda seconded the nomination. The Chair asked Mr. Kies if he would accept the nomination. He said yes. John Kies-aye; Janice Morris-aye; Steve Van Haverbeke-aye; Amy Willhite-aye; Dennis Anderson-aye; Rita Mills-aye.

Vote was all in favor, no nays and no abstentions. The nomination passed, voting in John Kies as Vice Chair.

Steve Van Haverbeke of the CIC nominated Dennis Anderson for Secretary. John Kies seconded the motion. Mr. Anderson accepted the nomination. John Kies-aye; Janice Morris-aye; Steve Van Haverbeke-aye; Amy Willhite-aye; Dennis Anderson-aye; Rita Mills-aye.

Vote was all in favor, no nays and no abstentions. The nomination passed, voting in Dennis Anderson as Secretary.

5. Liaison Report

4a. Staff Liaison Update

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, reviewed her liaison report. She let the CIC know there was a sign variance presentation in their packet from the January 2020 meeting. The packet also included a couple of neighborhoods that had not turned in their applications to Kattie Riggs, City Recorder. She also included information regarding how to do postcards and the link for how to get to the development applications. She informed the CIC that she would get the letter from Marjorie Hughes, the document from Paul Edgar, the poster for the event in April, and the Census information to CIC members. She said she had sent an email out that day about the postcard budgets to the neighborhoods. She recommended that postcard budget be added to the March 2020 agenda. Ms. Willhite asked the CIC to go back to their neighborhoods

to see how much money they have spent and see if they need more or could donate any money to other neighborhoods in need. The CIC discussed how to get extra postcard money.

6. General Business

5a. Amendments to OCMC 12:30 -- Citizen Involvement Committee and Creation of Bylaws

Bob La Salle gave a presentation regarding the CIC bylaws and code. He said that a small group got together a couple of times to go over the City Code Chapter 2.30 and changes they wanted to make to that code. Mr. La Salle gave the group a document and said that the red words were existing wordage and the bolded words were items to be added to the code. They proceeded to go over the added wordage and reviewed the changes. Mr. La Salle said he hoped to present to the CIC the new bylaws at the next meeting. He said he wanted to present the City Commission with both the new bylaws and the new code at the same time sometime in the near future.

7. Roundtable

6a. Upcoming Neighborhood Association Meetings

Canemah- Linda Baysinger

- Encouraged everyone to have a neighborhood representative attend the Police Chief's meetings.
- John Lewis, Public Works Director, attended the Canemah Steering Committee meeting and discussed the 89 violations in Canemah. He would attend the general meeting in February to discuss this issue.
- When speaking about Pete Walter's report on Wetlands, Ms. Baysinger was representing 20 people from the Canemah neighborhood that voted to not accept the wetlands overlay.
- Right-of-way and the encroachments was a big issue for Canemah.
- Natural Resources Overlay District plan: it is affecting the harmony of the community.

Caufield-John Kies

- Mr. Kies' first meeting as chair was successful. There was one speaker that night. There was a great turnout.

Barclay Hills-Janice Morris

- Village at the Falls was going to attend their last meeting, but had to reschedule due to the flu.
- Three privately-owned properties have Heritage Trees that would be nominated to the city commission.
- They were able get information about the CIC to new residents.
- There would be a Steering Committee meeting the following week.
- At 421 Molalla Ave., there was a fire inside the house due to someone getting in and starting a fire inside. Please keep an eye out.

Park Place-Steve Van Haverbeke

- There was a Steering Committee meeting on January 27, 2020. Jonathan Waverly from the Parks Department gave a presentation at that meeting.
- There was also a presentation by the police liaison about speeds on Holcomb Blvd.
- There will be a general meeting on February 24, 2020 at the community building.
- April 25th there will be a park clean-up at Park Place Park.

Gaffney Lane-Amy Willhite

- They met on January 9, 2020. There was a presentation by Clackamas Water River Providers. Gaffney Lane wanted to put together a tour of their facility.
- They were looking at speed in their neighborhood.
- They sent an email to their neighborhood that NW Natural would be doing work on Meyers Road.

McLoughlin-Rita Mills

- Rocky Smith's grandma passed away.
- They planned to have a special meeting on Thursday at the Library regarding construction on Madison and Monroe.
- There was a new liaison present from the homeless services and the police department. They were thankful for the previous person who held the post.
- Oregon City was clamping down more on speeders. Ms. Mills wanted everyone to keep that in mind.
- St. Paul's Church on 9th and Washington provides a free dinner every Thursday night (except the first Thursday of the month).

Christina Robertson-Gardiner gave an update on the Beavercreek Road Concept Plan. There would be a preliminary package in front of the Planning Commission in the second or third week of February 2020, which would make a formal recommendation on zone changes and new map amendments. There was a survey presented to the community about the bike lanes on the collector roads.

Rachel Lyles Smith informed the CIC that there would be a State of the City address given by Mayor Dan Holladay on February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum of the Oregon Territory, 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City. An RSVP through the Chamber of Commerce is required.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Minutes taken by Tara Morissette

