



CITY OF OREGON CITY

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)

MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
Monday, January 04, 2021 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob LaSalle called this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 9- Karla Laws, John Kies, Bob La Salle, Steve Van Haverbeke, Dennis Anderson, Linda Baysinger, Karin Morey, Amy Wilhite, Dorothy Dalhsrud

Absent: 1 - Denise Beasley

Staffers: 5 - Senior Planner, Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Assistant Public Works Director Vance Walker, Planner Kelly Reid, City Manager Tony Konkol and City Commissioner Denyse McGriff.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Works Update-Public Works Staff

Vance Walker, Assistant Public Works Director provided an update on the winter weather operations for transportation and project updates, including the Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project Traffic Impacts. There was discussion on what city streets are usually closed during a snow event and driving conditions on Molalla Avenue during weather events.

Utilities updates including the Master Plan Amendment Land Use approval was recommended from the December 14th Planning Commission Meeting and will go to the City Commission on January 20th. Water System Development Charges (SDC's) are being modified to support updated capital improvements. The inflow/infiltration program of the Rivercrest Basin is underway.

Facilities updates include the construction on the Fir Street Operations Complex continues. Due to lack of space at the Fir Street Complex, some operations will continue at the Mt. View Reservoir and the Public Works Center Street Operations. A feasibility study will be completed in 2021 for a potential bike/pedestrian crossing between Oregon City and West Linn.

2. Historic District Review Process (www.orcity.org/planning/compatible-change) - Kelly Reid, Planner

Planner Kelly Reid presented on Compatible Change, ensuring compatibility in the McLoughlin Conservation District and the Canemah National Register District. The City regulates both public and private development in both of these districts. While public right-of-way improvements are regulated consistently between both, the historic review process for changes to non-contributing structures are handled differently in each district. The goals of these regulations are to preserve existing historic resources and to ensure that major public improvements, new construction, and large alterations are compatible with each district's distinct physical character. This ensures that all structures and historic

resources are regulated in the same way. Ms. Reid outlined what the current city code allows for substantial remodels without review from the Historic Review Board and that the current threshold for "new construction" is considered vague. Definitions regarding public improvements and whether they are subject to HRB review is also vague and requires some balance. A community engagement process is currently underway, including stakeholder interviews, neighborhood presentations, mailers to property owners and a virtual open house. Ms. Reid reviewed the draft evaluation criteria with the committee and received input on additional stakeholders for outreach and feedback on the evaluation criteria. The City Commission will review all recommendations at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, commented that the Hillendale and Tower Vista neighborhoods are attempting to become active and will have a meeting via Zoom on January 5th. He advocates activation of neighborhoods before involvement in the CIC.

3. City Committee Appointments - Mike Mitchell

Mike Mitchell, resident of Oregon City, advocates appointments to boards and committees are made by the City Commission and not solely by the Mayor.

4. Commission Position Numbers - Mike Mitchell

Mike Mitchell, resident of Oregon City, advocates doing away with position numbers so the best two candidates with the most votes are elected every two years. This change would require a change to the city charter and would like to see the CIC write a letter to the City Commission supporting this concept. The committee discussed and was supportive. This topic will be discussed at the February CIC meeting.

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5. March 4, 2019 CIC Draft Minutes

6. April 1, 2019 CIC Draft Minutes

Motion made by Amy Willhite and seconded by Dennis Anderson to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 4th and April 1st 2019

Aye: 9 - Dorothy Dalhsrud, Linda Baysinger, John Kies, Bob La Salle, Amy Willhite, Steve Van Haverbeke, Dennis Anderson, Karin Morey and Karla Laws

Absent: 1 - Denise Beasley

STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

7. Staff Liaison Report

Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner commented on how to sign up for the City E-newsletter. All city board and commission meetings will be viewable via the city website starting in January. Also, the development application process, how to see new land use notices, how to place a public records request and how to provide input to the City Commission in advance of the Commissioner retreat at the end of January.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Neighborhood Solicitation Letter - Request for Approval

The committee reviewed edits to the draft solicitation letter by Commissioner McGriff and Amy Willhite and were supportive of the edits.

Motion made by Amy Willhite and seconded by Linda Baysinger to prepare and send the revised solicitation mailing to the inactive neighborhoods using the funds from the inactive neighborhoods.

Aye: 9 - Dorothy Dalhsrud, Linda Baysinger, John Kies, Bob La Salle, Amy Willhite, Steve Van Haverbeke, Dennis Anderson, Karla Laws, Karin Morey

Absent: 1 - Denise Beasley

ROUNDTABLE

Steve Van Haverbeke- A steering committee meeting to be held on January 18th and general meeting will also be on January 18th via Zoom discussing Park Place Urbanization Plan. Mayoral candidates will be presented at the same meeting.

John Kies – Caufield will try to have a meeting in January. Mr. Kies also provided some updates on some land use concerns.

Linda Baysinger - nothing to add.

Dennis Anderson - no update.

Dorothy Dalhsrud - Neighborhood concern over tree removal at a marijuana dispensary at the intersection of Molalla Avenue and Warner Milne Road.

Bob La Salle - no update.

Karla Laws - Mayoral candidates will be at the next meeting on January 12th.

Amy Willhite - receiving Molalla Avenue project updates from Public Works prior to various construction changes, but there are issues with street sign postings related to the construction. Requested information on costs for outreach to the neighborhood.

Karin Morey - The members of Rivercrest are trying to stay in touch as much as possible, but have not met since last March.

Commissioner Denyse McGriff - provided an update on the McLoughlin District sent remotely by Denise Beasley, which included the sign topper program. The City Commission is looking for additional input for the Commission retreat at the end of January via the goal input form available on the city webpage.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, commented regarding the new Finance Director Matt Zook and the Commission retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bob LaSalle adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.