



**CITY OF OREGON CITY
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City
Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Linda Baysinger called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dennis Anderson, Linda Baysinger, Dan Berge, Denise Beasley, Tim Powell, Sara Peterson, Josh Kayser, Betty Mumm, Duane Hanson

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Captain David Edwins, and Sergeant Jared Turpin.*

EXCUSED: *Bob La Salle, Karla Laws, Dorothy Dahlsrud, and Commissioner Scott Wilson*

ABSENT: Lisa Guirsch, and Nick Dierckman

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Captain David Edwins and Sergeant Jared Turpin from the Oregon City Police Department presented the department's homelessness response from a patrol perspective. Captain Edwins explained that after the pandemic and experiencing staffing shortages, the homeless liaison officer was moved back to patrol and the police department adapted their response to addressing homelessness within Oregon City. The department adapted by having officers forward information about camps to Captain Edwins, who then compiles a list and coordinates with Sergeant Turpin for camp postings and cleanups.

Captain Edwins discussed the process of posting camps, giving 72 hours' notice before cleanup, and working with CNR reforestation for the actual cleanup. He mentioned the department's efforts to communicate with partners such as Father's Heart and Love One through homeless coordination meetings held every two months. Captain Edwins addressed citizen complaints and how they are handled through the myOC online reporting system. He also discussed recent cleanup efforts in areas such as Beaver Creek, Highway 213, and Peninsula Cove.

Captain Edwins fielded questions from the committee members, addressing concerns about out-of-state homeless individuals, the impact of resource centers on call volume, and the challenges of dealing with mental health issues and addiction among the homeless population.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the compassionate approach of the police department and discussed potential ways to support the department's efforts, such as advocating for more officers and exploring 24/7 resource availability for mental health and addiction services.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Watkins, a resident of the Canemah neighborhood, expressed frustration about a homeless encampment along the railroad tracks between Canemah and the paper mill. He raised concerns about fire hazards and questioned why action had not been taken to remove the encampment. Committee members suggested bringing the issue to the attention of the City Commission.

Donna Larson, chair of the Caulfield Neighborhood Association, spoke about her desire to form a committee to address gaps in job placement and housing for the homeless population. She invited community members to join her in brainstorming solutions and offered to speak at neighborhood association meetings about this initiative.

Ingrid, a resident of Oregon City, introduced herself and her newly opened adult day center in Wilsonville, specializing in respite care. She provided information about the center and its website, joyfulrespite.org, for those interested in their services.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Tim Powell raised the topic of forming a CIC land use committee. He expressed the need for a process to address land use applications that are filed in inactive neighborhood associations or land use applications that affect the City at large. Linda Baysinger shared her negative experiences with land use issues in her neighborhood and expressed concerns about the CIC becoming solely focused on land use matters.

Jarrold Lyman, Oregon City Communications Manager provided clarification on the CIC's role in land use matters. He explained that under the bylaws, the CIC is only empowered to serve as an answering body for neighborhoods without an active association. He also mentioned potential issues with forming a subcommittee, including conflicts of interest for CIC members who are also on land use bodies and limitations in staff capacity to support additional meetings.

The committee decided not to act on forming a land use committee at this time.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Josh Kayser made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 Citizen Involvement Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Sara Peterson.'

The motion passed unanimously.

6. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

- a. Community Engagement Specialist Schmidt presented the March Staff Report included in the Agenda Packet. Schmidt also included information on the following:
 - Nature and Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants: Hannah informed the committee about Metro's idea-generating workshops for improving parks in Oregon City and surrounding communities. She encouraged members to spread the word to their neighborhood associations.
 - Clackamas Fire District Newsletter: The newsletter was emailed out to CIC members.
 - Oregon City Ivy League: An ivy pull event is scheduled for May 17th.
 - Youth Advisory Commission: Recruitment for new members has begun, with three positions opening due to graduating seniors.
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- b. Community Engagement Specialist, Hannah Schmidt recommended that the CIC discuss the budget update after Hazel Grove – Westling Farm provides an update on the status of their reactivation.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Chris Nolte provided an update on the reactivation of the Hazel Grove-Westling Farm Neighborhood Association. He reported on their successful first meeting, which had over 55 attendees. Chris discussed their efforts in updating the neighborhood association website, establishing email communication, and planning future activities such as a National Night Out event on August 5th.

Chris Nolte requested funding for a postcard mailing to announce their next meeting on June 10th and for materials needed for meetings.

Hannah presented an updated budget sheet, reallocating funds to accommodate Hazel Grove – Westling Farm's request for a second mailing. Josh Kayser requested Hillendale/Tower Vista NA to utilize unallocated CIC funds for A-Frame signs. Kayser also emphasized that Buel's Impressions Printing had presented a deal that if there was a bulk order of A-Frame signs, there would be a savings of \$50/ A-Frame sign.

After discussion, the committee made the following decision:

Josh Kayser made a motion to approve the reallocation of funds as presented in Hannah's report, giving Hazel Grove their second mailing, and to allocate funds for a total of 6 A-frame signs (2 for Hazel Grove, 2 for Two Rivers, and 2 for Hillendale/Tower Vista) at a cost of \$200 per sign. The motion was seconded by Betty Mumm.

The motion was passed unanimously.

8. ROUNDTABLE

Chair Linda Baysinger inquired if Katie Rott, Chair of Two Rivers NA had any updates that she wanted to provide. Katie Rott mentioned ongoing discussions about the courthouse and a proposal from Northwest Development for a mixed-use development.

Caulfield: Dan Berge reported on new leadership and efforts to increase membership and activity.

Canemah: Dennis Anderson announced an upcoming historic pioneer cemetery cleanup event on May 10th.

Gaffney Lane: Duane and others discussed an upcoming meeting with the parks department, a street cleanup in June, and an Emergency Preparedness Workshop on May 17th.

Hillendale/Tower Vista: Mentioned plans for the next general NA meeting and a potential annexation discussion.

McLoughlin: Tim Powell discussed recent meetings, upcoming events, and projects such as street cleanup occurring on May 17 and sign restoration.

Commissioners Adam Marl and Scott Wilson provided updates on city business, including budget discussions, the "If I Were Mayor" awards, and the formation of the Destination Management and Marketing Organization (DMMO).

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Linda Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: 6/02/2025