



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City
Monday, June 2, 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, Betty Mumm, Duane Hanson, Chris Nolte, Sara Peterson, Josh Kayser, Denise Beasley, Tim Powell, Bob LaSalle, and Commissioner Adam Marl.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Thomas Kissinger, Scott Archer.*

EXCUSED: *Dorothy Dahlsrud, and Commissioner Scott Wilson*

ABSENT: *Lisa Guirsch and Karla Laws*

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Rob Schellert presented on the Second Home program, which connects unaccompanied high school students in Clackamas County with home providers to help them finish their education and prevent adult homelessness. Key points included:
- The program works with local school districts to identify eligible students and with volunteers to provide housing.
 - Students must be drug and alcohol free with no violent history.
 - The program has a 90% graduation rate, compared to 63% for unaccompanied students without stable housing.
 - There are about 132 unaccompanied youth in Clackamas County, with 79 in Oregon City.
 - The program uses a mediation process to create housing agreements between students and providers.
 - Students who participate for at least 6 months are eligible for tuition waivers at Oregon colleges and universities.
- In response to the questions, Rob Schellert clarified that the program serves students from freshman year through college, and funding comes from the state and local organizations. Committee members expressed interest in the program and its potential impact.

- b. Scott Archer, Director of Parks and Recreation and Thomas Kissinger, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, presented on the Parks Master Plan, which is in the process of being adopted into the City's comprehensive plan. Key points included:
- The plan was developed based on extensive community input over a 2-year period.
 - High priorities identified include multi-use trails, water access, and an outdoor amphitheater.
 - The plan analyzes current park acreage and identifies needs for additional neighborhood parks and indoor facilities.
 - The total cost to implement all projects in the plan is estimated at \$111-163 million over 10-30 years.
 - Funding sources include SDCs (System Development Charges) for new development and grants, but maintenance relies on the general fund.

Committee members raised questions and concerns about:

- Maintenance of existing parks vs. building new ones
- Tracking park usage and comparing to local rather than national standards
- Accessibility for people with disabilities
- Parking adequacy
- Potential for a regional parks district or partnerships

Director Archer and Deputy Director Kissinger acknowledged these concerns and noted that the plan provides a framework for future decision-making, but implementation details will require ongoing community discussion.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Tim Powell made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2025, Citizen Involvement Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Josh Kayser.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

- a. Hannah Schmidt presented the June Staff Report included in the Agenda Packet. administrative matters. Additional details included
- The budget committee has approved \$90,000 for the biennial CIC budget, pending final approval by the City Commission.
 - The next CIC meeting will focus on budget management for the upcoming fiscal year.

- b. Hannah Schmidt reported that the CIC budget for the next fiscal year is projected to be \$45,000, pending City Commission approval. Hannah also discussed strategies for managing printing and mailing costs, including combining mailings for smaller neighborhoods and exploring alternative outreach methods like email lists and QR codes.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. The CIC discussed participation in the National Night Out event on August 5th from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the End of the Oregon Trail. Key points included:
 - The CIC will have a booth, as will some individual neighborhood associations.
 - In the past, the CIC has used a large map with dots for residents to mark their locations.
 - There was a discussion about coordinating booth locations and sharing resources.
 - Hannah Schmidt noted that the City cannot provide pop-up tents this year but can provide tables and signage for the CIC booth.
 - The committee discussed the need for updated maps and engaging materials.
 - A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be provided at the next meeting.

7. ROUNDTABLE

Canemah: Provided updates on various neighborhood issues and announced an Ice Cream Social on June 23.

Caulfield: Discussed concerns about the Holcomb Road bridge, walkway improvements, and homeless population issues.

Gaffney Lane: Held a successful emergency preparedness workshop and has an upcoming street cleanup on June 21.

Hazel Grove – Westling Farm: Planning their second meeting on June 10th and will participate in National Night Out.

Hillendale/Tower Vista: Discussed upcoming steering committee meeting and general meeting scheduled for July 1.

McLoughlin: Reported on the City inflow and infiltration project that was presented at their last meeting and a successful negotiation with a new rehab facility in the neighborhood

Park Place: Held elections for new officers and discussed concerns about conditions in county housing projects.

South End: Held first meeting in some time with about 20 participants, working on reactivating the association.

Commissioners Adam Marl provided an update on the City budget process, noting a proposed 8-cent property tax increase per \$1000 assessed value, the first increase in 10 years.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Linda Baysinger at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: 7/07/2025