



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL INTERVIEW MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Facility, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Mayor McGriff convened the meeting at 6:06 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - Commissioner Adam Marl, Commissioner Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Scott Wilson, Mayor Denyse McGriff

STAFFERS: 3 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Recorder Evan Lee, Economic Development Manager James Graham

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Interview candidates for the Board of Directors of the Destination Management/Marketing Organization (“DMMO”)

The candidates were interviewed in the following order:

1. Holly Pfortmiller
2. Bryce Morrow
3. Lowell Gillespie
4. Corrinne Lowenthal
5. Don Ramsey
6. Lee Belowski
7. Carol Dumond

Dan Lawrence and Michael Galvin were scheduled to be interviewed but did not attend the meeting.

The candidates were asked the following questions:

1. *Why do you want to be involved with Destination Oregon City, and how do you see your role in its development and success?*
2. *Can you describe your experience in tourism, hospitality, and other aspects of the travel industry?*
3. *Please describe your experience with marketing or other aspects of destination management?*
4. *What skills or experience do you have in financial oversight or budget development, particularly for marketing or non-profit organizations?*
5. *What experience do you have as a board member for a non-profit organization?*
6. *What long-term goals do you think the DMO should set for itself over the next 3-5 years?*
7. *What approaches would you recommend to ensure collaboration between the Destination Oregon City and the City of Oregon City's Economic Development Department, the Downtown Oregon City Association, The Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, and other business-focused organizations?*
8. *How would you handle conflicts of interest or differing opinions among Board members, an executive director, stakeholders, or the community?*
9. *Outside of Board meetings, what would you think of as your responsibility as a Destination Oregon City Board member?*
10. *How should Board members work with the Executive Director?*

The Commission took a recess from 7:12 P.M. to 7:18 P.M.

b. Selection of Board Members for DMMO

Commissioner Smith said he thought the candidates represented a wide variety of perspectives, and he would like the board of the DMMO to have a wide variety of opinions.

Commissioner Wilson said he supported Bryce Morrow and Holly Pfortmiller.

Commissioner Mitchell thought Holly, Bryce, Corrinne, and Lee were the best candidates. He was surprised that none of the candidates were from the museums and historic homes. He noted that many of the tourism struggles in Oregon City involved coordinating with these entities. He was worried about these groups being left out. Commissioner Smith said he felt those groups were wary of the time commitment involved in the DMMO.

Commissioner Marl said he wished there was someone with more retail experience, as well. He was uncertain if the Commission should invite another round of applications.

Mayor McGriff believed that the board should have someone from the culture and arts sector. She thought that the Commission should not appoint members just for the sake of getting the DMMO started. She felt that Holly, Bryce, Lee, Corrinne, and Carol were the best five candidates.

Commissioner Marl agreed that the board should have a representative with experience in the performing arts community. He said he appreciated that Don no longer had a financial stake in tourism. Commissioner Smith agreed that Lee, Bryce, Corrinne, and Holly were the best four.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the board could get started with only five members. Mr. Graham confirmed that was correct. He noted that all five commissioners approved of Lee, Bryce, Corrinne, and Holly. He asked if each commissioner would be willing to say one additional candidate.

Commissioners Smith, Wilson, and Marl all believed that Don was the next best candidate. Mayor McGriff felt that Don's experience was limited. She believed that Carol's legal experience and time on a non-profit board would be better for the DMMO. She noted that Carol also brings a link to the arts community. Commissioner Marl said he would be open to appointing both.

Commissioner Mitchell thought that Don was a good appointment. He thought that the Commission would be better served advertising an opening in the arts, retail, and agritourism communities.

Commissioner Wilson said he thought the Commission should only appoint the four unanimous choices now and advertise three openings. He said the Commission could still appoint either Don or Carol later, but they needed to get these first DMMO appointments right.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Mayor McGriff, to appoint Holly Pfortmiller, Bryce Morrow, Lee Belowski, and Corrine Lowenthal to the DMMO. The motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Marl, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Mitchell, Mayor McGriff

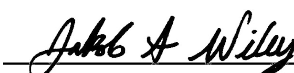
NO: None

There was consensus to readvertise for applications from retail, agritourism, and arts/culture for the three remaining seats.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGriff adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jakob S. Wiley, City Recorder

Date Approved: November 19, 2025