



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Community Development Community Room
695 Warner Parrott Rd., Oregon City
Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Linda Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRESENT:

Linda Baysinger, Rita Batchley, Donna Renee Larsen, John Kies, Dorothy Dahlsrud, Betty Mumm, Duane Hanson, Christopher Nolte, Mark Beatty, Sara Peterson, Josh Kayser, Amy Wilson, Tim Powell, Ryan Richards, Bill Carton, Kathy Robertson, Commissioner Adam Marl and Scott Wilson.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist and Jarrod Lyman, Communications Manager*

EXCUSED: *Joy Allen*

ABSENT: *None*

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Scott Burns was introduced as the first speaker of the year, discussing the Missoula floods' impact on Oregon City and the Pacific Northwest. He explained how Jean Harlem Bratz theorized these floods in the 1890s, despite skepticism. Glacial Lake Missoula, formed by blocked glaciers in Canada, released catastrophic floods when ice dams broke. These floods, occurring about 15,000-18,000 years ago, had around 90 events, 40 reaching Portland. Key points included geological evidence of these floods, their vast scale, their influence on Portland and Oregon City's topography, the fertile Willamette Valley soils, and wine-growing impacts. Similar floods occurred throughout the Quaternary period, about 2 million years ago. Burns also answered questions about building on landslide areas, flood flow duration, and landscape effects.
- b. Jarrod Lyman presented a significant update on Trail News, the city's information publication. He explained that Trail News, which began in 2000 primarily to promote parks and recreation programming, has grown considerably in size and scope but faces challenges with production timelines and providing timely information.

Lyman presented a redesigned Trail News as a monthly 11x17 tabloid newspaper format rather than the current quarterly magazine. The key points of his presentation included:

- Trail News remains residents' preferred method of receiving information
- The new monthly format will cost approximately the same as the current quarterly publication
- It will be mailed to every resident and business within the Oregon City limits
- The publication will include a dedicated section for neighborhood association meeting information, eliminating the need for separate postcards
- This change will allow for more timely and relevant content

A significant discussion followed regarding the budget implications. Lyman explained that the CIC budget would be reduced from \$45,000 to \$20,000 next fiscal year, as approximately 95-96% of the current budget goes toward postcards. The remaining funds could be used for other neighborhood communication purposes like A-frame signs or neighborhood events such as ice cream socials.

Committee members expressed concerns about the transition and ensuring residents would recognize the new format. After discussion, Josh Kayser made a motion to create a one-time citywide postcard notifying residents about the change in format. Betty Mumm seconded the motion. The motion passed, with 13 members voting in favor and two members voting in opposition.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided at this time.

4. ELECTIONS

The Citizen Involvement Committee held elections for the next 2-year term leadership positions, beginning on January 5, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2027.

- a. Linda Baysinger nominated Josh Kayser for Chair. No other nominations were made. Josh Kayser accepted the nomination. Betty Mumm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. John Keis volunteered for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. The nomination was seconded by Betty Mumm. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Josh Kayser nominated Donna Renee Larsen to serve as Secretary. No other nominations were made. Donna Renee Larsen accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Betty Mumm. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Tim Powell moved to approve the December 1, 2025, Citizen Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes. Chris Nolte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The Social Media Working Group has concluded their efforts and had no updates for the committee.
- b. Hannah Schmidt provided updates from the staff report, highlighting:
 - The residential mailing list for postcard mailers has been updated quarterly by the GIS team
 - Park Place neighborhood association had 100 addresses removed due to the Clackamas Heights redevelopment
 - The "If I Were Mayor" contest is ongoing for students in grades 4-12 who either live in Oregon City or attend a school within the city, with entries due by March 15, 2026

Schmidt also mentioned that she would be following up with neighborhood associations regarding the transition to the new Trail News format.

- c. The committee was presented with an updated budget sheet. Members did not have any questions. Further discussion on the CIC budget will take place at the next meeting on February 2, 2026, to determine how the remaining funds should be allocated to reach neighborhood association for the remaining fiscal year.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Hannah discussed the upcoming Spring Forward Community Resource Fair scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2026. Vendor applications are due by Friday, February 6. There are no vendor fees, but all vendors must complete an application.

The committee discussed their participation in last year's event, noting they had a table set up by staff with information about neighborhoods. McLoughlin neighborhood also had its own booth nearby. Committee members suggested having something to distribute to attract more visitors to their table this year. Several members expressed interest in applying and volunteering to staff the CIC table at the fair.

The new Chair, Josh Kayser, volunteered to submit a vendor application on behalf of the Citizen Involvement Committee.

8. ROUNDTABLE

Canemah NA: Planning a steering meeting to prepare for their February meeting.

Caulfield NA: Meeting January 27 with guests including Commissioner Scott Wilson, Mayor Denyse McGriff, and developer Seth Henderson discussing the courthouse redevelopment. Planning a candidates' forum in March for Oregon State Representative House District 40. All five candidates have declared they will be able to attend.

Elyville NA: Steering meeting in February with regular meeting in March. Working on contacting the county about the Clayton Moore building and trying to reinvigorate a hedgerow planting project with Oregon City Parks Foundation.

Gaffney Lane NA: Upcoming general meeting on January 20. At the Steering Committee meeting, leadership of Gaffney Lane NA determined the Lutheran Church would be a great neighborhood meeting location in the case of a Natural Disaster. Gaffney Lane NA is also interested in having discussions with the City's Parks and Recreation Director related to adding a park within their neighborhood since they are an underserved community without a nearby park.

Hazel Grove/Westling Farm NA: Meeting January 8 with presentations on scam awareness and prevention by the Oregon City Police Department and information about development at McLoughlin Elementary School including modular buildings.

Hillendale/Tower Vista NA: Meeting January 6 with updates on Ziplly Fiber and police and fire updates.

McLoughlin NA: Meeting January 8 with Seth Anderson discussing the courthouse redevelopment and meeting with the director of the County Community Development Organization about housing issues. Will be voting for neighborhood leadership.

Park Place NA: Steering Committee meeting on January 19. Shared updates on the Clackamas Heights demolition and redevelopment.

South End NA: Meeting January 22, planning a roadside cleanup for May 2.

Commissioners Adam Marl and Scott Wilson provided an update on the new civil exclusion zone recently approved for Main Street, explaining it's a tool of last resort for repeat offenders that applies equally to everyone regardless of housing status. They also addressed questions about The Caring Place project.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by new Chair Josh Kayser at 8:46 p.m. The next Citizen Involvement Committee meeting will be held on February 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

Date Approved: February 2, 2026