



CITY OF OREGON CITY CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Mt. Hood Room, 625 Center St., Oregon City
Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

Vice Chair John Kies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Linda Baysinger, Rita Batchley, John Kies, Donna Renee Larson, Joy Allen, Betty Mumm, Christopher Nolte, Mark Beatty, Amy Wilson, Tim Powell, Ryan Richards, Bill Carton, Kathy Robertson, and Commissioner Adam Marl

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

EXCUSED: *Dorothy Dahlsrud, Duane Hanson, Josh Kayser, Sara Peterson*

ABSENT: *None*

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Kenneth Cannady-Shultz, Project Engineer with Oregon City Public Works, presented an update on the I&I Rehabilitation Program, accompanied by Jim Montgomery of Wells Engineering and City Engineer, Kurt Krueger.

The I&I program targets approximately one-third of the City, primarily the oldest areas, to reduce excess stormwater infiltrating the sanitary sewer system. The primary driver is a Water Environmental Services (WES) mandate requiring a 65% reduction in I&I flows by 2040.

Since 2022, the City has completed approximately \$29 million in I&I work, with \$20 million funded by ratepayers and \$9 million through a WES matching grant (33 cents per City dollar). Annual spending is allocated roughly 6% to manhole rehabilitation, 49% to mainline rehabilitation, and 45% to lateral rehabilitation on private property. Private lateral work delivers the highest return on investment, removing nearly twice as much I&I per dollar compared to mainline work, and has been the backbone of the program's gains. To date, approximately 500 property owners have participated, contributing to an observed 30% I&I reduction in the Lynn Basin.

Flow monitoring results are exceeding initial projections. Early estimates suggested a 60% removal ceiling per basin; current data indicates up to 90% may be achievable, meaning the city's 65% overall reduction target is now considered attainable by 2040 by rehabilitating approximately half of the identified basins. This would relieve Oregon City of any obligation toward treatment plant expansion costs in the future.

Rehabilitation methods employed include CIPP lining, pipe bursting, and open-trench replacement as a last resort, with horizontal directional drilling used only when no other method is feasible. Manhole rehabilitation is conducted as a separate, specialized annual contract of approximately 100 manholes per year. The construction schedule progresses through several named basins—Rivercrest (complete), Lynn 1–3 (underway/upcoming), Newell 1, McLoughlin 1–2, and South End basins—with McLoughlin Basin work expected to continue through approximately 2040. I&I project completion in each area is also a prerequisite for the Pavement Management Utility Program (PMUP) street paving, meaning McLoughlin neighborhood residents can expect significant street improvements beginning around 2030.

Rain garden programs and homeowner outreach materials are under development as a complementary stormwater management strategy, particularly for the McLoughlin neighborhood where the storm system is severely undersized. Cannady-Shultz noted that he is departing to serve as Assistant City Engineer for the City of Lebanon. Kurt Krueger will assume oversight of the program, and a search for a dedicated replacement is underway. The committee offered thanks for Cannady-Shultz's professionalism and leadership throughout the program.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Betty Mumm moved to approve the May 4, 2026, Citizen Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes. Tim Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

5. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

- a. Staff Liaison Hannah Schmidt provided the following updates:
 - The June issue of *Trail News* was delivered to the post office and expected in mailboxes imminently. The deadline for July *Trail News* content is June 18. Neighborhood Associations (NA) are reminded that deadlines vary and should reference the published schedule in each agenda packet.

- The Gaffney Lane garage sale was featured in the *e-Trail News* due to space constraints in the print edition.
- The NA certificate display in the Community Development Room is still in progress; an email notification will be sent upon completion.
- The Metro Nature and Neighborhoods Community Choice Grant vote closes June 15. Oregon City is currently trailing West Linn and Gladstone, and NAs are encouraged to promote community voting.
- Residents who were unable to attend the Clackamas Park Redevelopment Open House may still submit feedback via the City website's story map.
- An Aquatic and Recreation Center future planning open house will be held Tuesday, June 23, 6:00–8:00 PM, at the Robert Libke Public Safety Building.
- An End of the Oregon Trail improvement project open house will be held Tuesday, June 30, 6:00–8:00 PM, at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.
- National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30–8:00 PM, at the End of the Oregon Trail. The CIC and NAs are encouraged to host booths.
- Library Director Greg Williams is retiring. A public open house to meet the two finalists for his replacement will be held Thursday, June 4th, 5:00–6:15 PM, at City Hall.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Jarrod Lyman, Communications Manager, provided a fiscal year-end budget update. As the City's fiscal year closes June 30, any unspent funds from the current \$1,000 NA allotments will not carry over into the next fiscal year.

For the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, each NA will again receive a \$1,000 allotment from an overall CIC budget of \$20,000, a reduction from the prior \$45,000 annual budget, which had been predominantly consumed by postcard mailings. An additional \$8,000 overhead account covers shared CIC costs such as the Zoom account. Funds from inactive neighborhoods remain in the general pool and may be reallocated by the CIC if a demonstrated need arises.

Discussion arose regarding allowable uses of funds, including requests related to website development, social media advertising, a neighborhood garage sale, and a cemetery sign. Staff indicated that most questions require further review before a definitive determination can be made, noting that the primary approved uses are neighborhood meeting promotion and community-building events (e.g., ice cream socials, community gathering events, picnics). Staff emphasized that NAs should contact the staff liaison before making purchases to confirm eligibility, and that the City's OC Web Maps tool and other staff resources are available at no cost.

Commissioner Marl noted that the community event funding category should be viewed as an opportunity rather than a restriction, referencing Youth Advisory Commission feedback that identified social media and community events as the two most effective tools for attracting younger residents to NA meetings.

A broader discussion was held regarding the possibility of the CIC establishing its own internal process for evaluating budget requests. Commissioner Marl clarified that the CIC's budget committee is, by structure, the City of Oregon City Budget Committee, and that staff oversight exists to ensure public funds are defensibly spent. Staff committed to continuing to develop a clearer list of allowable and disallowable expenditures as questions arise organically.

Staff emphasized the reimbursement process where NAs should email an itemized receipt and physical mailing address to Staff Liaison, Hannah Schmidt. A reimbursement check will be mailed to the individual who made the purchase.

7. ROUNDTABLE

Canemah NA: Hosted a successful headstone cleaning event at the Historic Pioneer Canemah Cemetery. An ice cream social is scheduled for June 28.

Caufield NA: Last month the NA had Adam Marl as a guest speaker, and encouraged the other NAs to take him up on his offer attend meetings to provide City updates. Melissa Sebastian from the Oregon City Pool also presented on Water Safety Month for May. The NA has also started to invite some of the downtown businesses to promote their services. In July, the NA has Scott Archer from Parks and Recreation, Dayna Webb from Public Works, and President Tim Cook from Clackamas Community College lined up to present for their meeting.

Elyville NA: Their May 12 meeting featured a Newell Creek wildlife biologist, along with the regular Clackamas Fire and Police updates. Attendance from the general public was lower than prior meetings. An ice cream social is planned for August 22, 1:00–3:00 PM, at Barclay Hills Park, with an expanded format to include business and informational booths.

Gaffney Lane NA: The NA is currently focused on the upcoming neighborhood garage sale on June 13.

Hazel Grove/Westling Farm NA: Recent meeting also featured Commissioner Adam Marl, Hazle Grove Westling Farm also recommended having Commissioner Marl attend other NA meetings if they have not invited him to speak yet. A neighborhood picnic is scheduled for the coming Sunday, on June 7 from 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Hillendale/Tower Vista NA: Sara Peterson reported their most recent meeting had normal attendance. Seth Henderson presented plans for the courthouse building. Additionally, a representative from Chick-fil-A attended to inform the neighborhood that

the company intends to proceed with its building independently, separate from the larger mixed-use development plan that had included apartments.

McLoughlin NA: Their most recent meeting featured a presentation from Xerces, and the meeting was well attended. Reported near-completion of the Singer Hill sign repainting project, though structural issues were identified that may require grant funding for repairs. Registration opened for the August neighborhood sale, with strong initial interest. Tim Powell also reported that I&I construction activity in the neighborhood was noted as exceptionally well-organized and professionally managed. Amy Wilson emphasized that having a point-person in the neighborhood for the I&I program was extremely beneficial.

Park Place NA: The May 18 meeting had approximately 25 attendees and featured the fire department, Clackamas Housing Authority (presenting on the cottage cluster project near Holcomb Market), and a Street of Dreams presentation. A neighborhood park event with music and raffle prizes is planned for Sunday, June 7 from 1 – 3 p.m. - same time as Hazel Groves but in Park Place Park.

South End NA: Planning a meeting in approximately three weeks featuring a presentation on Candy Lane Elementary's transition to King Elementary, and a raffle of accumulated emergency preparedness supplies. Kathy Robertson attended the emerald ash borer workshop at Hillendale Park and will provide an informational presentation at the upcoming meeting as well.

Staff Liaison Schmidt noted that the individual interested in reactivating the Rivercrest Neighborhood Association remains interested but has been occupied with other volunteer commitments; reactivation is expected on the horizon. Tower Vista remains inactive but participates in Hillendale.

John Kies brought up cancelling the July meeting as a topic of conversation since it was scheduled for July 6th (two days after Independence Day). Members discussed low anticipated attendance and the absence of a confirmed speaker.

Tim Powell moved to cancel the July meeting and reconvene in August, unless a pressing matter arises. Donna Renee Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous approval.

Commissioner Adam Marl provided an updated, stating that the Chick-fil-A development appeal was approved by the City Commission and will move forward. Draft designs for an updated city flag are available in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Commission meeting on June 3 and will proceed to a public feedback process before returning to the commission.

The letter of agreement with ODOT regarding use of John Storm Park for Abernethy Bridge construction has been approved, with commitments to expedite certain City projects in exchange. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the former Blue Heron paper mill site for tumwata village, a development by the Confederated Tribes of Grand

Ronde. The city is also advancing a \$12.5 million state-funded agreement with the Tribe for the first phase of the River Block development.

8. ADJOURNMENT

John Kies adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Coordinator

Date Approved: 8/3/2026