



# Oak Grove Community Council

## OGCC Board Meeting Minutes October 3, 2019

**What:** Oak Grove Community Council Board Meeting  
**Where:** Oak Lodge Fire Station, 2930 SE Oak Grove Blvd.  
**When:** October 3, 2019 - 6:45 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** 5

**Board Members:** Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Joseph Edge, Jan Lindstrom, Greg Wenneson

**Apologies:** Jason Schreppel

**Visitors and Guests in Attendance:** 3

**Visitors:** Anatta Blackmarr, Michael Hoeye, Lisa Nowak

- 6:47 p.m.      **Call to order / Introductions / Call for discussion items not on the agenda**  
Joseph called the meeting to order and, there being three visitors in attendance, asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- 6:50 p.m.      **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** August 1 and September 5, 2019  
Joseph asked if there were any changes or additions besides those noted via email to the August 1st and September 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes. Greg mentioned his name was spelled incorrectly and Joseph said Jason Schreppel was listed in attendance at the last meeting but was actual absent. Jan said she would make the corrections, re-distribute the minutes via email and then post them to the website.
- 6:55 p.m.      **Old business:**
1. **Delegation of Chair responsibilities sign-up sheet** – review / send around. Jane has agreed to email a monthly reminder to the people who have OGCC meeting yard signs. Jan will re-design the sign based on feedback from board members about adding "Community" before meeting and the address for Rose Villa.
  2. **County email vault address** – Jan contacted Stephen Madkour, who contacted Katie Wilson regarding the email vault address. Katie said they are still figuring that out, so for now, we should cc her. We agreed to cc her on all communication where we cc all board members.
  3. **OGCC Meeting Yard Signs order** – Jane said Bear Printing can make 15 signs for \$25 ea. Fallon used a different company for the HDOG signs, GIS Marketing Group in Tigard. They charge only \$18 a piece. Jane will contact Bear Printing to see if they might be able to do a little bit better on the price for us. Joseph said we will need to get the membership's approval to pay for the signs. They can approve the \$ limit or just the invoice amount. Bear Printing has an online ordering system we'll need to use to place the sign order.
  4. **Stormwater letter re: Z0344-19/Z0345-19:** 17025 SE Oatfield Rd. – Variance. The variance has been approved, but the partition is not yet approved. Joseph is in the process of writing the letter to OLWSD. Joseph said we don't have our contact at Bridge Housing for the October meeting, so our main slot is open. He is thinking about asking Jason Rice from Oak Lodge Water to talk about stormwater. It's the impetus behind our letter. Neighbors of the

property have concerns about the site being enveloped again. We can find out more information on the site's history, where are we now, and where are we going. Rather than being opposed to the project, one of the neighbors of this site spoke to Joseph after the meeting and expressed just wanting the stormwater controlled. They didn't want to stop the partition or stop the house from going in, just no more water flooding their basement. If they need to bring this property up to standards, it should be managed rather than unmanaged. It would help to have one of the stormwater subject experts come out and talk about this.

5. **Facilities reservations through June 2020** – we're in good shape, thanks to Jim. We have Rose Villa and the Fire Station booked through June, 2020.

7:15 p.m.

**New business:**

1. **Review September 25th meeting** – Greg asked visitors at the meeting for feedback. They found the technical part about land use interesting. Some good suggestions came out of the brainstorm session about how to get more people to come to the meeting. We had some technical problems trying to get the slides to come up for Anna Hoesly's presentation. We may need a technical review.
2. **Committee updates: HDOG's Third Annual Knock-Or-Treat** -- Jan asked the board if the OGCC could participate in HDOG's Knock-or-Treat event. It would mean decorating a door at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church and handing out candy, so we would just need to pay for the candy. Jan is already attending the event, so would be happy to decorate the door, purchase candy and pass it out. Valerie said she had an issue with the OGCC participating in a church event (due to separation of church and state). Jan said our participation is limited to handing out Halloween candy, so we're not participating in a religious event, and HDOG is really the sponsor.

**MOTION:** Jane moved that we spend no more than \$100 on Halloween candy for the Knock or Treat event. **The motion PASSED** 3-1, with Joseph abstaining.

3. **Planning for October 23 regular meeting:**

- Jane had suggested **Cascade Record Pressing** as the local business for the October meeting. She will reach out to them to see if they can confirm.
- Valerie said the **PGE Test Bed** people could come to talk about the first-in-the-nation test beds for electricity. One will be in Milwaukie, with 2/3rds of the area in Oak Grove. The idea is to share energy between people's electric appliances. Valerie attended a two-hour presentation given to the Milwaukie City Council. It's available online and fascinating to learn about, she said. It's called the Smart Grid Test Bed.
- **Proposed bylaws amendments.** We discussed changing the general meeting voting requirements from five meetings to two. Visitor Lisa Nowak said she's not a voting member yet and that she didn't know what she was doing at the beginning, so not voting was OK. She said three seems fair. You sit out for two meetings and vote the third time. Five seems a little much. Greg said someone came up to him at the meeting who was on a neighborhood planning organization in Portland. He cautioned against going to less than five meetings. Greg suggested three would be better. At the last meeting when people broke into small groups to talk about how to encourage more attendance at meetings, people suggested having more interesting meetings. Also having someone to keep the meeting on track. Jane noted that when people commented at the meeting when we broke into groups about what would get people to attend, no one but Valerie mentioned fewer meetings to become a voting member.

We discussed other ways to achieve inclusive public engagement, including recording meetings, live streaming, letting someone else cast your vote if you can't attend, hosting meetings somewhere besides Rose Villa on occasion or at a different time because not everyone can get there at night. Could also do focus groups, add a place for comments on our website, more communication on the Facebook page, Next Door. We could divide the community up into outreach neighborhoods and everybody takes one. You would be the person to hand out flyer, visit, speak with people, etc. Greg is collecting

neighborhood groups for CERT as part of their neighborhood mapping efforts. Greg offered to research Next Door. We will discuss the Facebook page and notices with Jason.

**MOTION:** Greg moved that we recommend to the general membership a bylaws amendment to require only three meetings in order to vote. Jane seconded. **It passed unanimously.** We will announce the proposed change in October and vote in December.

- **Meeting input from visitors:**

Michael Hoeye, Anatta Blackmarr and Lisa Nowak asked to give input about a possible presentation about the proposed Oak Grove-Lake Oswego (OGLO) bridge at the October meeting. They want an opportunity to present a different point of view than that presented by Steve Williams from the County. Joseph responded that we have a discussion item to decide how we want to handle procedurally Metro's request to add transit to the study. He explained that the project has a timeline, including specific opportunities for participation. We try to provide opportunities for that feedback when it's timely, rather than when we won't have as much of an impact on the process. Mr. Williams came in July, because the project has its own engagement process and trajectory and it's basically wrapping up now. There may be a next phase, which would involve more opportunities to engage the public. If it moves forward into the next phase, there will be more opportunities for meaningful engagement.

Valerie said there's not going to be a critical vote on the bridge on October 25<sup>th</sup>. There's a policy committee meeting, but not a vote. Joseph said with respect to that meeting, we will discuss how we handle whatever our response is going to be, but our next opportunity to be meaningfully involved with the project team will be sometime next year. Valerie added that when there are big projects and a consultant is involved, they're paid to do the outreach. We can have our own meeting, but none of that feedback will be gathered in the same way. At the town hall meeting held by a commissioner, different questions were used than what the County asked, so that info doesn't get included in the regular project feedback. We could talk about it, air feelings and allow people to talk, but it wouldn't be the information-gathering session we would want it to be.

Michael said they all live at the site where the bridge is going to be and the impact will be unfathomable. He couldn't get answers about the bridge design and said neighbors are anxious and freaked out about it. Jane clarified that they don't have a design yet, just possible locations. Joseph added that the feasibility study is the first thing that gets paid for as part of any project. The bridge has been on the books and plans for years and keeps getting prioritized differently. Metro provided funding to do the feasibility study to see if anything even works theoretically. If yes, more money has to be found to pay for the next phase of design and engineering studies. At that point, there are still a lot of opportunities to say this is or isn't the right location. The OGCC will be a vehicle for communicating updates about the project through the phases. The next phase will be way more in-depth and get into the real impacts. We will want to engage with the public more at that point -- reaching out to property owners, other stakeholders. The policy committee may even walk away from the Oct. 25 meeting saying no agency wants to take responsibility for maintaining it. That could be a deal-breaker.

Anatta said it could be that they want the CPO to take a stand or just present a different viewpoint from what Steve Williams presented at the last meeting. She added that the County-led meetings were not intended for general feedback, only to review the alignments. And for the online survey, you had to go through 14 pages and put comments on each page rather than allowing general comments at the end. That may have discouraged lots of people from wanting to complete it.

Valerie said she lives by the Max Orange line station and parking structure. Life has changed, but it's not all bad.

Joseph said we will communicate where and when the opportunities are to provide feedback. It might be making sure everybody knows about the meetings and are equipped with all the info they need to advocate for their interests. If the project moves forward into the next phase, we'll be communicating with everybody about that and bringing in the project team to give us a presentation and provide our members with an opportunity to discuss it.

Lisa said at the Milwaukie City Hall meeting, they only allotted 10 minutes for 30 people to speak. When they had the third CRC meeting three weeks later, instead of providing more time, they cut the meeting by an hour. It was quite distressing to those who have been through the process and tried to give input but had been turned away. Steve Williams is not answering their emails.

Greg suggested we track it for several months before the public input is coming so we can get the word out and really say something with our input. Joseph added that especially if we have a special meeting, we'll announce it as far in advance as we can. At the very least, we'll have an announcement at the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We can consider what our response is to the policy committee.

Lisa suggested most people don't know that the community council even exists. We talked about doing a meeting announcement insert into the water bill. We made a good start getting the word out at the Trolley Trail Fest, but we can do much more.

#### **4. Work Session**

Inclusive public engagement. We discussed this earlier under planning for the Oct. 23 meeting.

#### **5. Land Use Application Review**

- a. \*Z0400-19 2519 SE VINEYARD WAY Greenway - Docks
- b. \*Z0428-19 14419 SE MCLOUGHLIN BLVD Nonconforming Use - Alteration/Verification (marijuana production facility. No criteria yet.)
- c. Regarding the Willamette View construction parking at 21<sup>st</sup> and Evergreen. Valerie knows someone who lives near Willamette View who said they sent a letter to neighbors asking if they would have any problem if it became a permanent surface parking lot. Another notice mentioned taking down an evergreen tree on Evergreen Street. It's large, significant and not in the middle of the lot. She got upset, felt she didn't have a voice. Joseph noted we haven't received anything from Willamette View stating the lots are going from temporary to permanent or that they're taking a tree down. Valerie added they sent out another notice saying they would have security at their parking lots.

Is there anything we can do to check on the temporary to permanent parking lot situation? Joseph said it's a tricky situation. What came to us were the temporary permits. They started Sept 1<sup>st</sup> or whatever the end of the appeal period was and their permits are good until Sept. 2020. They would have to come back and get another temporary permit because you can't have a parking lot in a residential zone. That's why it's a temporary permit for use otherwise prohibited. Joseph is trying to find the postcard or flyer they sent out. Greg needs to talk to the operations manager anyway for the emergency operations stuff, so maybe he can ask what their plans are for The Evergreen parking lot. Do they plan to pull down a tree? Make the lot permanent?

Anatta said for the OGLO bridge, they're considering buying land at the river and Courtney for parking lots. She suggested getting contact info from Danielle to share with Greg and Joseph. If there's no progress, we can reach out to the planning division staff to find out if something's coming that we haven't caught wind of yet. They must go through land-use procedures to get land re-classified as permanent. It would be really annoying if they're doing outreach now as proof that no one minds, when obviously very few people know anything.

## **6. Discussion items**

### **a. Oak Grove-Lake Oswego Ped/Bike Bridge next steps**

Joseph explained that at the very last minute, Metro said, "Oh by the way, give us numbers for what it would cost to build the bridge with a bus lane." He said he does not believe there was or will be a real intention to put transit through the residential neighborhood.

Jane said the next OGLO meeting is at Red Soils and if lots of people show up, even though only a few can speak, it will be impactful. In our announcement when we send out the agenda, we can send it out earlier and include an announcement about the policy meeting. We can say, the transit piece is not really a serious threat, but if you want to voice your opinion, you can attend the meeting. In a separate email, we can invite concerned people to reach out to the policy committee staff or consultant and provide email addresses, BCC email addresses, Metro Council and staff.

### **d. HB2001 Implementation in Clackamas County**

### **e. Z0097-19 decision review**

### **f. Motions, procedures, etc.**

8:38 Public comments (see Oct. 23 meeting planning)

8:40 Schedule review

- Regular meetings: Rose Villa Performing Arts Center
  - **Oct 23**, Dec 4, Jan 22, Feb 26
- Board meetings: Oak Lodge Fire Station
  - **Nov 7**, Jan 2, Feb 6

8:46 Adjourn

Standing advisory boards, committees, councils included in Committee Updates

Committee	Previous meeting	Next meeting	Contact
HDOG	9/26 11am @OGUMC	11/21 11am @OGUMC	Fallon Kraxberger Annette Guarriello
LUART			Bob Bohannon Joseph Edge Greg Winneson Gary Rifkin
MAP-IT	9/17 6pm @OLWSD	11/19 6pm @OLWSD	Valerie Chapman Joseph Edge Fred Sawyer Jan Lindstrom*
NCWC	9/18 6pm @OLWSD	11/20 6pm @OLWSD	Bob Bohannon Joseph Edge
NCPRD DAB	9/11 5pm @Concord		
OLWSD BoD			
PBAC	10/1 6:30pm @CCDSB	11/5 6:30pm @CCDSB	Joseph Edge

Temporary advisory boards, committees, councils included in Committee Updates

Committee	Previous meeting	Next meeting	Contact
Concord School/Library	10/2 6:30 pm @ Clackamas County DSB	11/6 6:30 pm @ Concord property	Jan Lindstrom
Oak Grove-Lake Oswego Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Study	9/19 6pm @WL Robinwood Station Community Center	N/A	Joseph Edge
Park Avenue Community Project	10/2 6pm @Rose Villa Training Room		Valerie Chapman