



Oak Grove Community Council

Regular Council Business Meeting October 28, 2020 Minutes

What: Regular Council Business Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Where: Zoom / phone in

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 26

Anatta Blackmarr, Patt Callender, Susan Cassuto, Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Tom Civiletti, Sue Conachan, Jeanine Defyler, Dave Dobak, Jan Dobak, Joseph Edge, Gene Fifield, Tom Hogan, Pam Horan, Eleanore Hunter, Chips Janger, James Troy Kerth, Mark Knudson, Fallon Kraxberger, Jan Lindstrom, Jim Meyer, Gwion Miller, Richard Nepon, Linda Newbloom, Paul Savas, Fred Sawyer, Greg Wenneson

NON-VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

Mark Elliott, Kaytee Evans

VISITORS / GUESTS: 2

Karen Bjorkland, Grover Bornefeld

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Joseph Edge, Jan Lindstrom, Jim Meyer, Greg Wenneson

6:50 - 7:00 Connect to Zoom

7:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Officer reports

- **September 23rd Meeting minutes + membership update**

Secretary Jan Lindstrom announced that because we have been filming and posting meetings on YouTube since May, we have not been creating formal written minutes. Jan said she will create a summary version of past minutes to accompany the YouTube videos, but it will take a little time to re-watch the meetings and create them.

- **Upcoming OGCC Board Elections**

Joseph Edge reminded everyone that Community Council board elections are coming up. Any voting eligible members interested in running for a board position should let the board know by the Jan. 27 meeting and we'll hold the election at our Feb. 24, 2021 regular meeting.

- **Treasurer's update**

Treasurer Jane Civiletti announced that there have been no expenditures since our last meeting and the last contribution in the amount of \$30 was on the date of our last meeting, leaving our balance at \$2,212.38.

Program:

- **Long-Range Planning project requests**

Joseph Edge, OGCC Chair

The long-range planning process is coming up, so the County sent us a request for input into the 2021-23 work program. These are planning projects, such the one that changed zoning to provide for Bakeries and Brewpubs, the Park Avenue Community Project, the Oak Grove-Lake Oswego Bike Ped Bridge and issues related to residential zoning planning.

Other requests that we've submitted that have yet to be accepted include:

- developing a community design plan for McLoughlin Blvd.
- acquiring property and/or developing new parks and open spaces
- identifying strategies to protect and enhance natural habitats
- Instituting a 1% tax for funding public art.

Typically, we look at the McLoughlin Area Plan priorities and decide what types of things should be prioritized over the next two years. Streetscape improvements, enhanced sidewalks, a community design plan, a gateway to the area, sign code enforcement, recreation and wildlife corridors, improving access to the Willamette River, developing recreation facilities, public plazas, job incubator areas, etc.

Things we have heard from the community include:

- Planning a MAC or streetcar line on McLoughlin to Oregon City
- Improved tree protections
- Historic resource protection
- Incompatibility issues with home businesses
- Legalizing maker spaces with retail
- Requesting more opportunities for CPOs to provide comments related to development

Please submit your ideas to contact@oakgrovecpo.org. Look over those ideas and advance them to the County in a formal request (due Dec. 18). If we take to MAP-IT, MAP-IT is meeting again on Jan. 19 to consider what our priorities are.

- **Park Avenue Community Project update**

Valerie Chapman, Vice Chair, OGCC

- There are three parts to the plan
 1. Guiding principles:
 - Increase employment opportunities
 - increase diversity and accessibility in housing
 - safe locations for crossings
 - improved connections for walking, biking, and transit
 - a hub for neighborhood activities
 - treat natural systems as a benefit and an integral part of our community
 - promote resilient sustainable systems and infrastructure
 2. Framework Plan

- Where in the commercial zone within the half-mile around Park Ave. station could we have biking and pedestrian connections?
 - Where in the commercial zones could there be some residential active streets?
 - A greenway developed along Oatfield and walking paths that connects areas
 - Multi-residential transition zones outside of C3 commercial zones
3. Zoning and design standards
- Allow manufacturing – onsite artisan manufacturing model
 - Limit new carwash, gas station, new and used car sales, car repair uses and drive-throughs – there are already many such places in the area with auto-oriented uses; they’ll be grandfathered in; otherwise, they’re not encouraged in this area because they’re incompatible with a walkable, livable space
 - Also limit self-storage and commercial storage businesses and prohibit outdoor storage (like a lumber business with lots of outside storage)
 - Encourage manufacturing and maker spaces
 - Limit businesses that are not as people-oriented or friendly.

Comments? Contact@oakgrovecpo.org.

- **North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District
Community representation update**

Paul Savas, Clackamas County Commissioner

- Paul explained the new concept of geographic representation with five sub-districts, with two representatives from each district chosen by the community. This will ensure fair representation for areas that do not have active CPOs.

The concept of the five sub-areas came about in 1990 when NCPRD was formed. As the only city, Milwaukie created its own two-member advisory board. The unincorporated areas did not have that kind of representation. So this new (old) idea is to change the group from DAB (District Advisory Board) to DAC (District Advisory Committee) made up of two community members within each sub-area. There would be a total of 11 members, because the Milwaukie Center has one representative. It would enhance cooperation and coordination within the district and create a robust public process.

Paul asked the membership to consider demonstrating support for the concept as soon as possible by submitting a letter to the BCC. It would really help to move the process forward.

MOTION: Fred Sawyer moved that the OGCC support the NCPRD proposal as Paul Savas presented it. **Greg Wenneson** seconded.

After a discussion clarifying that the motion is to support the concept of local representation to the Parks District Advisory Committee, a vote was taken and the **MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee updates:

▪ **Concord Site and Library Task Force – Jan Lindstrom**

A special seismic meeting will be held tomorrow re the site. Information on how to attend is on the county's website under Concord Task Force / meetings.

Announcements:

- Joseph announced that there is a new park open at **Boardman Wetlands**.
- Eleanore announced there is a program called **Winter Blitz** that is part of the North Clackamas School District. It benefits struggling families who sign up to receive gifts. Pastor Heather Riggs at Oak Grove United Methodist Church is collecting the items. They're looking for gifts, food, clothing and money. There will be a giving portal on the church website. They are looking for contributions by mid-November.
- Eleanore announced that a group applied for and has been awarded a **\$100,000 grant from Metro for a research study about local governance** in our area. They expect the study to be done by next summer. They're seeking community feedback at OakLodgegovernance@gmail.com. There also will be a form going out that you can use to ask questions.

Schedule review:

- Future OGCC Meetings - 7 pm at Zoom:
Dec 2*, Jan 27
- Future OGCC Board Meetings - 6:45 pm at Zoom:
Nov 2, Jan 4

8:42

Adjourn