



Oak Grove Community Council

Draft Minutes for OGCC General Meeting

Wednesday 12/6/2023 @ 7PM

OGCC regular meeting Attendance

Board: Valerie Chapman, Mark Elliott, Rich Nepon, Joseph Edge, Jane Civiletti

Voting members: Anatta Blackmarr, Bob Bohannon, Cindy Brown, Jean Coberly, Sue Conachan, Dave Dobak, Marilyn Gottschall, Thelma Haggemiller, Jolene Hammond, Tom Hammond, Tom Hogan, Pam Horan, Eleanore Hunter, Gwion Miller, Linda Seals, Casey Snoeberger, Baldwin Van der Bijil, Robert Zimmer

Members: Janet Blakeman, Tom Civiletti, Daniel Dyre-Greenside, Joyce Johnson, Linda Newbloom, Arlo (Weinglien??), Mary Pleier, Jan Wainscott, Amanda Trujillo
Representative Mark Gamba, presenter.

7:05 PM Officer Reports: Treasurer; Secretary; Board/Chair.
Treasurers Report: Donation of \$500.00 from Friends of Oak Lodge Library, \$10 refund, \$38 payment for storage rental, total in checking acct \$ 1, 799.64.
Rich: Meeting Minutes for October 2023, approved as posted.

7:15 PM Report by the Friends of Oak Grove Community Council
Valerie: 501c3 filing started with the State and the IRS, bank account to be opened soon with Embold CCU and folks will be able to make tax-deductible donations.
Purpose: supports activities of the OGCC

membership, community gatherings, event signage, etc (see info from Valerie). The Board will be predominately members of the OGCC Board.

Questions: Eleanore, congratulations for making this happen.

7:20 PM Representative Mark Gamba

Issues coming up in the next Legislative Session: 5-weeks in duration, typical session is 6 months.

Concentration on housing funding, 2,000 families evicted every month in the State.

Measure 110 changes, some things that can be done to make it work better, considering measures to confiscate of drugs if done in public. Consider a safe place for folks to use drugs under supervision as a part of their transition. Oregon has similar overdoses to those in other states that have not decriminalized drugs.

Mental Health Care funding, scoring lowest in the country for mental health care. Wages are too low for staffing at mental health facilities. Three sites currently located in Milwaukie and functioning well and cited as good neighbors.

Land Use Bill of 3414, likely to pass with some tweaks

Climate Bills: refers to the voters fixing the quorum issue, currently requires a 2/3 majority to be a quorum. Wanting to change that to a simple majority. Can only be changed by a vote of the people. Can be referred by the legislature otherwise it requires a signature campaign.

Timber Tax wildfire funding measure. Currently comes out of the general fund.

PFASS: chemicals that don't break down in nature, many of them are carcinogenic, limiting their use. Affects effluent from landfills.

Funding for Oregon Heritage program protecting farm lands from overdevelopment.

Energy storage siting bill that will create a process for designating location for energy storage (battery storage).

Questions:

Help for police to intervene in mental health calls, are people adept to deal with drug addicts, is this done by police or trained people? Gamba: in Eugene, mental health

professionals respond to non-violent or illegal activity. If staffed correctly, then outcomes are the most successful than when handled by a uniform officer.

State still invests in coal and fossil fuels, are there groups trying to change that? Answer: Divestiture is being asked by Milwaukie, but no action being taken yet. The State is also invested in weapons industries. Investments are mostly in PERS retirement funds. A group called Divest Oregon is working on this issue to apply pressure on the State to divest in these kinds of investments.

How is the quorum question fixed? Answer: Can be fixed by a vote of the people. The Legislature can put this on the ballot, the other choice is to gather signatures to get it on the ballot. Hopefully, will come to fruition in the next year.

Gas powered leaf blower ban, been discussed in past sessions, no action being taken currently. Pushback is that this will make it harder for low-wage workers.

Are transmission lines privately owned? Answer: quasi=private. Bonneville Power Admin owns 75% of transmission lines, public utilities own the rest.

Social housing vs. public housing? Answer: social housing the government is building it, but its not done at a fund loss. Issues with government funding vs. private investment through tax credits.

Gamba newsletter is available through the State website, attend coffees in the area periodically.

8:00 PM LUART

Have had several items come through which have been approved by the County. Concord Library appeal, the appeal was not successful, the project will move as originally approved. Subdivision on Thiessen was approved. Middle housing proposal at Linden Lane, floor plane reviews in the River Forest area don't require comments from the community. Quite a few items under construction that were on hold during the pandemic. Some were reviewed as many as 6 years ago.

8:15 PM Committee Reports

NCPRD DAC and Board of Directors meeting together in January. Systems development plan funding was approved by the BCC in

November. Work will begin in January that will include a robust community engagement process for citizen input.

HDOG: A fundraiser is in process to help Awakening Coffee to offset some of the cost overruns they are having. HDOG is helping to pay for a shared storage unit for HDOG and the OGCC.

8: 35 PM Comments/ Public Input: Dreams/Hopes for the Community

Ideas:

- Have an Oak Grove newsletter that talks about things going on in the community.
- Set up some way for new people coming into the area to know more about OGCC and other things going in in the community.
- Nicole Perry, Joyce Johnson and others, embarking on safe paths at the high school on Naef Road.
- Oak Grove signs
- conversations about community resilience, like the rose Villa resilience action plan. How can the community understand their position on helping each other if things begin to shift due to climate change.
- a business directory for local businesses
- local governance and local representation
- Oak Grove Jazz Band
- be involved in the development of the new Community Center
- neighborhood outreach to get more people involved in local issues and influence

8: 40 PM Announcements

-None

8: 45 PM Adjourn

Next Meetings: Board : February 5 at 6:45 PM

General: January 24 at 7:00 PM –