

OAK LODGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIR: ELEANORE HUNTER
RECORDER: CATHERINE BLOSSER

DATE: 5/26/2010
LOCATION: ROSE VILLA

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: ROLAND ATKINSON, ANATTA BLACKMARR, CATHIE BLOSSER, SUE CONACHAN, GEORGE DIETZ, LYNN FISHER, GERALD FOY, ANNETTE GUARRIELLO, THELMA HAGGENMILLER, ELEANORE HUNTER, CHIPS JANGER, PAT KENNEDY, JIM KNAPP, JIM MARTIN, SUSAN MILTON, MARGARET PRITCHARD, ED RIDDLE, PAUL SAVAS, HENRY SCHMIDT, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, EUGENE SCHOENHEIT, SUSAN SHAWN, JULIE STANLEY, CHARLIE STEPHENS, BALDWIN VAN DER BIJL, EVERETT WILD, WILLIAM WILD, JO ANN WEAVER.

GUESTS: PSU STUDENT PRESENTERS, RICK DYER, CHAUNDA WILD, FRED SAWYER, FRED NELLIGAN, BARBARA CARTMILL

KEY: LUARC = Land Use Application Review Committee; OLCC = Oak Lodge Community Council; PD = Planning Department; F/U = follow up; Re = regarding; MAP =

McLoughlin Area Project; LU = land use; .McL = McLoughlin Blvd; CCty = Clackamas County; OG = Oak Grove; ped = pedestrian; EIS environmental impact statement;

RFP = request for proposals; NCP & R = North Clackamas Parks and Recreation.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN	DUE DATE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
		Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM		
Treasurer's Report	Previous balance checking: \$450.57 April input: \$25 Output for video projector -\$49.99 Balance checking: \$425.58 Balance savings 5.00 TOTAL: \$430.58			
Old Minutes		Motion to approve minutes of March and April; no objections		
Sheriff's Office report (Jeff Davis)	Jeff Davis: Shift added back, so 1-2 more cars in evidence in McLoughlin corridor. Burglaries: daytime incidences up. Some breaks in case; two people now in custody, and some stolen items have been recovered. Q: do you know about the accident on Oatfield Rd; TRIMET bus involved? A: not familiar with it Q: how does someone see if some of their stolen property has been recovered?			

	<p>A. Contact Paul Wade (503-655-8218); take pictures of your valuables in case something is stolen and can identify it more easily.</p> <p>Q. Any plan to reinstate Sheriff's office at Willamette View?</p> <p>A: Will check into it</p> <p>Jeff Davis: Interagency drug taskforce in place, which has put a dent in street drug trafficking deals. Please call Sheriff's office if you have suspicions of drug activity going on. Majority of crimes still occurring on McLoughlin, which is expected (business districts).</p> <p>Q: what about half-way houses---still on McL?</p> <p>A: not sure; still are to best of knowledge; Jeff will report back next time on these.</p>			
<p>Foothill Planning Group presentation— (PSU students)</p>	<p>Team introduced themselves.</p> <p>WHY DO PROJECT?: Create better place to live, economic vitality, social equity, enhance business district, focus on multi-modal transportation. Area encompasses Trolley Trail route, Park Ave. Station, Oak Grove historic district</p> <p>McLOUGHLIN PLANNING CONTEXT: McL arterial is essentially "Main Street" and a "corridor" in Metro 2040 Plan.</p> <p>CONCURRENT PLANNING: MAP; Park Ave. MAX Station, Trolley Trail construction (starting Summer, 2010); OLSD Surface Water Management; CCty. Sustainability Action Plan.</p> <p>SOME FACTS: 30% increase population since census of 1990; median income of target area below general Clackamas County (therefore transportation and services important); tree canopy degraded; wetlands filled in; 46% impervious surfaces (detrimental to wildlife, water, discourages humans seeking area out)</p> <p>PLANNING PROCESS TO DATE: one-one interviews; walking workshops, business survey; tonight's open house. Final report on June 9th</p> <p>TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS: CCty;</p>			

	<p>METRO, ODOT; TRIMET; NCP and R; CCTy Urban Green</p> <p>KEY CONCERNS: McL has undesirable aspects; lack of control over change in OG; increased population; fear of increase crime due to MAX and Trolley Trail.</p> <p>DESIRES BY PEOPLE: Walkable streets, safety, shops, restaurants, entertainment, retain neighborhood feel and character.</p> <p>OBSERVATIONS: pedestrian network inconsistent; lots of sidewalks not connecting, hard to cross streets; OG overshadowed by McL.</p> <p>OPPORTUNITIES/IDEAS FOR OG Historic District (Rupert East; River Rd. west). Goal is revitalization to area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business District: establish gateways at either end of district (at Rupert and River Rd. on Oak Grove Blvd.) 2. Design competition for an OG crest/logo 3. Oak Grove Blvd: reallocation of space—wider sidewalks; switch angle parking to see ongoing traffic; street trees and bio-swales; user amenities (bike racks for those using the Trolley Trail), benches, offer services for those using the Trolley Trail (food, public restrooms, place to blow up tires) 4. Parking lot next to Oak Grove Bar and Grill: turn into public space as community plaza that will link Trolley Trail and playing field; water feature, trees. 5. Turn apartments now for sale to west of this lot into mixed use building (apartments on top) 6. Intersection Rupert/OG Blvd.—redefine via curb extensions, stop sign going east 7. OG Blvd. east of Rupert: decrease speed limit to made it more pedestrian friendly <p>MCLOUGHLIN CORRIDOR CHANGES:</p>			
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus development at commercial “nodes” (Courtney, Park Ave., OG Blvd—1/2 miles between these.) 2. Improve east-west connectivity: treacherous crossing McL anyplace other than these major intersections now; no sidewalks in many places. Provide crossing opportunities, add new crosswalks via ZEBRA markings and lengthen time to cross; pedestrian island at major crossings: New crossings would have mid-strip islands to minimize restrictions on cars turning 3. Improve ped connectivity; informal pathways now present to connect businesses—recommends making these formal connections (often in back of businesses) 4. Signage and directions to historic OG District 5. Courtney and McL: strip mall not now attractive or utilized. Redevelop to move building closer to McL and put parking in back & open up present green space. 6. Improve ped walkways to protect from heat, pollution, noise, improve safety (e.g., by Fred Meyers--via street trees, formalize sidewalks, swale, and small green space on SW corner) 7. Bring future development along McL up closer to street with street trees, green spaces 8. McL Way area: underutilized space owned by ODOT: turn into green space with trees and swale 9. Oak Grove Sq/McL Way: redevelop businesses on McL with pathways, trees, open spaces <p>POLICY TOOLS & PROGRAMMING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for existing plans 			
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	<p>(Sustainability, etc.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Special designations for McL (e.g., special transportation area, urban business area) 3. Small business support 4. Capitol improvement projects list—what do you want to see happen, where to put investments in future, MAP ideas 5. Oak Grove design guidelines 6. Zoning overlay to help guide development <p>WHAT TO DO TODAY?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community: Farmers markets; community history nights; block parties; community gardens; business coordination 2. Business: get business together to brainstorm/round tables, standardize hours; market historic business district through community events <p>QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/COMMENTS</p> <p>Q: How many merchants use address as Oak Grove?</p> <p>A. Mixed—some use Portland, Milwaukie, OG</p> <p>Q: We are the Oak Lodge Comm. Council, though</p> <p>A. We wanted to focus on smaller area because of limited time</p> <p>C. Hard to visualize what is possible when participating in MAP.</p> <p>C. Govt. gave state money to put in sidewalks or curbs for buses---state didn't complete sidewalks; cars for sale are out on the McL side; McL Way was supposed to be a little park.</p> <p>C: Sheriff used to ticket used cars (and balloons) on McL to advertise cars for sale.</p> <p>Q: Vary utility lines in plan?</p> <p>A. Not at present—only if major street renovations going on</p> <p>Q: Did you incorporate idea if a New City gets incorporated?</p>			
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	<p>A: No</p> <p>C. OG area has hard time advocating for itself</p> <p>Q: Competition between McL and OG district: discrepancies in numbers of cars going by those areas: better to try and not compete with McL.</p> <p>A: idea is not to compete but to provide for community services.</p> <p>Q: What did you hear from the businesses that were surveyed?</p> <p>A: McL and OG surveys separated. All interested in ped, but OG more concerned with present parking spaces. Other types of businesses they wanted near them ---i.e., small, local businesses that would be visited at same time.</p> <p>Q: how would you prioritize ideas---most feasible, and most impact right away?</p> <p>A: look at zoning on McL---i.e., design overlay, reduce storage businesses</p> <p>Q: what would be more visible?</p> <p>A: marketing OG---get businesses behind marketing themselves; open up New Urban HS field; take advantage of Trolley Trail</p> <p>C: be careful with high densities---e.g., Milwaukie South Village---changed livability. OG right now has a balance and wants to maintain it.</p> <p>C: landscaping would be easy way to impact area (e.g., McL Way triangle)</p> <p>A: co-partner (e.g., Fred Meyer) to get a jump-start on that corner. Information kiosk there.</p> <p>C: Elks Lodge building now up for sale due to lack of membership.</p> <p>Q: What is a node?</p> <p>A: focus area of activities where restaurants, entertainment could be located---opportunity to create exciting, walkable place</p> <p>Q: Are you going to talk about Lightrail?</p>			
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	<p>A: No, but OLCC will talk more about that</p> <p>Q: Regarding 46% impervious surfaces: you did identify areas where these surfaces could be mitigated. Any other areas identified to change these surfaces beyond, say, 1-2%?</p> <p>A: best way via focusing on street trees to create canopy-- can make a huge dent and biggest impact. Design guidelines, x% of impervious surfaces allowed, require swales, etc. ----goes back to zoning changes.</p> <p>A: large buildings take up a lot of space (machine shop, bar/grill, school). Focus on plaza area and apartment buildings. Improvements to existing businesses can make a difference. Focus on southside of street. Vista Grocery has interest in re-developing but not sure what to do there with that lot. Need to be slightly more dense. Trolley Trail will funnel people into the area, though---improves businesses without needing density.</p>			
<p>Land Use Application Review Committee (LUARC) (Jim Martin)</p>	<p>Approved by County that OLCC also approved: Z0186-10HDB: OLSD temporary road in River Villa Park Z0195-10-R: two story addition to house in Greenway</p>			
<p>Z0242-10-TE:</p>	<p>Time extension for 3 lot partition at 2009 SE Courtney. Two years ago OLCC recommended approval but 7 people abstained at that time. Anybody remember why they abstained? Two houses will be kept. Committee recommends approval?</p>	<p>Motion to approve extension: 1st. George Schneider 2nd Margaret Pritchard Vote: 18 -1 (William Wild)- 2 (Cathie Blosser, Paul Savas). Roland Atkinson, Jo Ann Weaver, Henry Schmidt, Anatta Blackmarr left prior to vote</p> <p>Motion passed</p>		

<p><i>FILOs</i> (Jerry Foy)</p>	<p>LUARC is talking about what to do with FILO issue---need to know what the County is going to charge for FILO. On going discussion with CCty. County thinks FILO a good approach. FILO was defined for those in audience unfamiliar with concept.</p> <p>Q: Charlie Stephens: what happens to the money in the meantime and who decides how the money is spent?</p> <p>A: Money doesn't have to be applied to area from which that money was obtained; not clearly defined.</p> <p>Barb Cartmill: money held in Cty. trust fund and prioritized by Ped/Bike Committee. I think about \$24,000 in there now.</p> <p>Paul Savas: my understanding that Ped/Bike Committee dominated by bike people—how are the sidewalks getting fair representation?</p> <p>A: One opening on Committee</p> <p>Barb Cartmill: FILO concept is new</p> <p>Jim Martin: money one pays into FILO is being discussed---isn't close to what it would cost to actually build a sidewalk.</p> <p>Eleanore Hunter: is this something the LUARC would follow-up on? Asked for show of hands requested to show interest.</p> <p>Jerry Foy: recommends we give County time to get back to us, before we respond with any remarks from OLCC.</p> <p>Lynn Fisher: Courtney Ave. time extension we just approved will come up with this situation---FILO vs. put in sidewalks.</p> <p>Annette Guarriello: mediate with professional mediator, property owner, Cty.---no consistency happening now with safety, continuity in mind. ---design standards. Wants some resolution where residents can speak directly to a developer.</p>	<p>LUARC to report back after further input from CCty. about FILO issue</p>		<p>LUARC</p>
<p>Elect TRIMET</p>	<p>Position was held previously by Henry Schmidt.</p>	<p>Motion to nominate Fred: Lynn</p>		

<p>representative—CAC (Eleanore Hunter)</p>	<p>Two volunteers for position: Fred Nelligan—not a voting member. By-laws don't say you have to be a voting member to be on a committee. Commitment is two years. Fred Nelligan: would like to get more involved in area. Makes commitment to become voting member Chips Janger: what is your attitude towards public transportation. Fred Nelligan: Background in geology and has worked with EIS pertaining to transportation. When moved back to OG, choose area since accessible to Portland---glad light rail coming to area---sees it as great catalyst. Julie Stanley: will you be presenting our viewpoint about development of Light rail over your own opinions? Fred/Eleanore: that is what the position is about--role is to represent OLCC not the individual. Thelma Haggemiller: group needs to decide what our stand is, otherwise he would only be reporting back to us. Eleanore Hunter: exactly. Lynn Fisher did so on the Rural/Urban Reserves Margaret: MAP brought up east-west connections for TRIMET Lynn Fisher: this Committee is Light Rail pertinent only----east-west was TRIMET. William Wild: this would be a two way dialogue now with the TRIMET committee and OLCC. Crucial Fred attend all the meetings. Fred: the more input I can get from OLCC, the better I can discuss things at the Committee.</p>	<p>Fisher 2nd: Susan Shawn Vote: 20 - 0 - 1 (Everett Wild)</p> <p>Motion passed Fred Nelligan agrees to become a voting member of OLCC</p> <p>Develop OLCC position next meeting for CAC</p>		<p>Eleanore Hunter to put on agenda</p>
<p>Report on Light Rail Committee-CAC (Fred Nelligan)</p>	<p>Impression, well-oiled committee, functioning for a long time (> 2 years). Dave Unsworth gave update on final EIS. Scheduled to be out end of June now. Once it comes out, it will be fully</p>			

	<p>published on TRIMET website. Biggest driver for Light Rail is getting bridge over Willamette River finalized. 3 design firms (narrowed down from 7) to build this bridge. Sept-Oct. final bidding; actual award won't occur until funding is in place. TRIMET management back in Wash. D.C. to meet with Dept. of Trans. which needed to be addressed in order to firm up federal funding sources. TRIMET requested \$150 M per year for construction (not confirmed). Critical path July 2011 for TRIMET to get construction started and coffer dams into river to work on bridge abutments, otherwise a year delay. Rest of meeting on noise/vibration studies done—impacts bridge over McL over to Park Ave. Primary mitigation for noise will probably be sound walls (design not done). Vibration: will use a biodegradable oil on tracks to eliminate any metal on metal noise by wheels—automatically applied to track.</p> <p>Fred Sawyer: requests sidewalks be finished to Park Ave. Station as a position of OLCC.</p> <p>Eleanore Hunter: some will be part of the TGM Foothill Group: ODOT is agency to follow up with on sidewalk issue</p> <p>Ed Riddle: Set agenda item for this committee next OLCC meeting.</p>	See prior action step above		
<p>Tree Ordinance (Cathie Blosser, Urban Green)</p>	<p>Public Hearing before BCC June 8, 2010, 6:30 PM, Public Services Building in Oregon City. Let me know if anybody needs transportation. Written and oral testimony will be taken.</p>			
<p>MAP update (Paul Savas)</p>	<p>1000 people have been engaged. He summarized input to date for Phase I. Phase II commencing. He recognized those OLCC folks involved on the committee.</p> <p>FINDINGS: Neighborhoods and communities are cherished—protect them, improve them. In contrast, everybody felt McL should be the focus—lots of negative criticisms (especially adult-oriented businesses).</p>			

	<p>Other activities: BCC and urban renewal idea; ODOT has initiated Transportation Growth Management (TGM) process around Park Ave. Station (within ¼ mile); Foothill Group project on OG/McL. We will most likely incorporate some of these ideas.</p> <p>Q: What about New City?</p> <p>A: Larger body response was somewhat neutral. Phase II will utilize a consultant via RFP (same consultant for Phase I could apply). July RFPs will be considered. Six themes: economic, social, environmental, administrative, project types, transportation</p>			
OLSD (William Wild)	<p>William Wild: OLSD accepted price of renovation for sewer project; contract signed and issued; sub-contracts issued; project underway. Agreement with NCP&R: ensure plantings to mitigate storm water are maintained. River Villa Park plantings affected by road. Risley Park will have stream bank work done.</p>			
Announcements:	<p>Annette Guarriello: BCC: 10 AM lighting on Kellogg Ave. to be considered tomorrow at Development Services Bldg.</p>			
	<p>Chips Janger: called for recognition of Foothill Group of PSU students on their work.</p>			
		<p>Next OLCC meeting: speaker: Commercial real estate broker regarding development on McLoughlin (Jerry Foy arranging)</p>		
		<p>Meeting adjourned at 9: 12 PM</p>		