



Oak Grove Community Council

OGCC Regular Board Meeting May 4, 2020 – 6:45 pm @ Zoom Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Joseph Edge, Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Jan Lindstrom, Jim Meyer, Greg Wenneson

Apologies: Jason Schreppel

Visitors / Guests: 0

- 6:45 pm Connect to Zoom / introductions
- 6:50 pm Call for discussion items not on the agenda / none added
- 6:51 pm Approval of previous meeting minutes:
Will approve after emailed out:
1. March 5, 2020
 2. April 6, 2020
- 6:52 pm I. Old business:
1. COVID-19 and Meeting facility reservations 2020 – update
All meetings online until further notice.
 2. Annual budget and charitable gift – Jane reported that the check went out for the donation to the Oregon Food Bank. We may be getting the \$150 from the county again this year. We can bring up donations again in the future, but people may have a tough time donating in the current climate.
 3. Board of Directors responsibilities sign-up sheet – Joseph will update it to reflect responsibilities for Zoom meetings, etc. We might have a few extra things for which people can sign up. Will talk about it next month.
 4. County email vault address - update (continue to June)
- 7:00 pm II. New business:
1. Review April 22nd meeting – via Zoom
We had a fairly good turnout. The only problem we had was when we lost Valerie, but she came back on. It was good to have the county commissioners there as well.

2. Committee updates (*see reverse*)

3. Planning for May 27th regular meeting

We're not ready to discuss the next in-person physical meeting. We'll plan on doing Zoom meetings for a while. When we start to see some indication that we can have in-person meetings again, we can add it to the agenda.

a) Intros + Officer reports - 10 mins

b) April 22nd regular meeting minutes + membership

We had 22 voting members in attendance, 14 non-voting members, plus County Commissioners Martha Schrader and Paul Savas and Katie Wilson, the County liaison to CPOs

c) Featured local artist/business/nonprofit - 5-10 mins

d) Follow up to February's inclusive public engagement. Joseph said we will have a light meeting and won't worry about that yet

e) Incorporation effort underway – should we present it as an announcement?

Jane mentioned having it be more of a feature discussion. We could have an announcement from the floor from the group looking into it - somebody who has been working on it could make the announcement. It focuses on the economic impacts of incorporating or being annexed into an existing city. Jane nominated Eleanore Hunter to make the presentation. She's a past OGCC chair, so she's familiar to everyone on the council. We need to be careful that we're not signaling that we're taking a side, especially this early in the process. Jane suggested it would be better to have the presentation if/when they receive the grant.

f) Punt the inclusive public engagement this month.

Jim will send out a document with the feedback from our table breakout session on inclusive public engagement. He said at his table, people wanted to keep the five-meeting rule before you become a voting member. They felt three meetings or two meetings doesn't give you enough information to make an informed decision, especially about land use. People suggested promoting more on Facebook, in the newspaper, on Next Door. Babysitting also was mentioned. People suggested clarifying our mission and having a youth advisory group for input with reps from local schools, PTA, etc. Maybe we can create a list of acronyms – people get lost trying to figure them out.

Zoom meetings seem like a good way to reach more people who might not otherwise attend the meetings.

g) Program / Feature

PGE Smart Grid Part II / Follow-up – Tamara

h) LUART - 10 mins

Z0055-20 15115 SE East Avenue - 3-lot partition

i) Committee Updates - 15 mins

- **CPO summit** – Martin represented the CPOs at the recent summit and apparently it went well.
- **HDOG** – No Trolley Trail Fest this year. They recently elected new board members.
- **Concord Task Force** – having its first zoom meeting this week.
- **MAP-IT** - meeting cancelled.
- **Watershed Council** - continuing to meet
- **OLWSD** has been having its board meetings by conference call.
- **Bike / Ped Committee** has cancelled two meetings in a row – April and May. Hopefully they will schedule a Zoom meeting in June.
- **Park Ave. Project** – Valerie said they did meet on April 8 via Zoom. They got people together to listen and get people familiar with the platform. Will meet again on May 13, a week from Wed. They had a grant management team meeting also. They will be breaking into small groups at the next meeting to discuss guiding principles. They've been working on and will finalize them. A guy who does micro-funding, mostly for minority businesses, gave a very interesting presentation. We will share some of that at the Park Ave. meeting on the 13th. It's really important information. Valerie will send it to the board when she receives it. There are a number of businesses going under. We're been talking about how to try and engage the businesses.

What's funding this project is a Metro grant. That's the kind of thing they do that is helpful for our area. What we do know is that everybody needs to buy in if you're going to change zoning codes. It's particularly frustrating that businesses are having a hard time engaging anyone, because they're fighting just to survive. If we push this through without them, it will be useless. The work of the Park Ave. Citizen Advisory Committee will go through Nov. They will present their findings in Dec. or Jan. to County planning.

The second piece of the grant funds has to do with community engagement – engaging with community members traditionally left out of the process. They're going to try to do something old-fashioned, which will be phone calling. They can't count on people to have internet access or the time to get online and do meetings right now.

4. Announcements - 5 mins

5. Work Session

Inclusive public engagement (to be continued)

6. Land Use Application Review

Z0515-19 13340 SE RUSK RD - 3-lot partition – request to make one of the parcels a duplex. Habitat conservation area.

Z0128-20 15631 SE Roethe Lane - 3-lot partition

We received a letter from a neighbor regarding the partition of Roethe Lane. The deadline to respond was technically the date of the last Zoom regular community council meeting. We didn't have time for a presentation or to ask the membership to comment. We didn't know the issues and missed the deadline.

Joseph got a phone call and an email from a next-door neighbor, who had a lot to say. They spoke for about an hour yesterday. He shared a lot of details about the surrounding area, the back story, etc. There's a lot there to unpack, but from our perspective, it's a land use application and there are rules that need to be followed. Anything outside of the scope of those rules is not our business to get involved in.

The application is a 3-lot partition of an existing site; much of the original site had already been developed over the years, resulting in a private street connection from the site to the public street network. The private street connection is way below standards. Fully one-half is a former driveway that was never brought up to standards. Even though it wasn't enforced, here we are now with a substandard private street and nothing anyone can do about it.

After discussing the situation with the neighbor, Joseph's understanding is that any new development must have a current, up-to-standard connection, even if using an easement across someone else's private property. The private street needs to be up to standards all the way to where it connects to the public street system; our comments are limited in scope to the applicable approval criteria, so our only opportunity to comment is on this one section. The neighbor has also been in touch with

the planner who's reviewing the application; it seems like the neighbor is doing the right things. Joseph recommended that we make no recommendation of approval or denial, just recommend that based on the comments from neighbors who are members, we want to make sure the application is reviewed against the approval criteria with respect to access to the public street network being up to standards – so narrowly constrained to this issue. The neighbor came to us and asked us to review the application and submit comments that would require the developer to eventually bring the private street connection up to current standards. The neighbor was understanding and said he completely understood what our constraints are and our comments would be appreciated.

MOTION: Valerie moved that we issue comments to the county regarding this land use application, provided those comments are narrowly constrained as discussed. Jane seconded. **The motion PASSED unanimously.**

7. Discussion items

a. 2021 OGCC Officer Elections - timeline, nomination committee
Joseph asked the board members if they are considering not running again for the board, please consider joining the nominating committee and spending some time helping to come up with a potential slate.

b. Clackamas County Housing Strategies (HB2001, etc.)

It's still under way, but delayed slightly due to working conditions at the county. We should expect to see more news over time. It's one of the things we're really going to want to track and keeping members informed about. There's nothing new to report, content-wise. They're in the rule-making process and creating the deadlines for municipalities to implement things on their part.

8:15 pm Schedule forecast (*see reverse*)

- Regular meetings -- via Zoom until further notice:
May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, Sep 23, Oct 28, Dec 2(?)
- Board meetings: Oak Lodge Fire Station(?)
Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 1

8:20 pm Adjourn