



Oak Grove Community Council

Regular Council Business Meeting June 23, 2021 Minutes

What: Regular Council Business Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
Social time - After conclusion of business meeting

Where: Zoom / phone in

Attendance:

Board Members: 6

Joseph Edge, Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Mark Elliott, Jan Lindstrom, Richard Nepon

Voting Members: 20

Anatta Blackmarr, Sue Conachan, Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Dave Dobak, Jan Dobak, Mark Elliott, Gene Fifield, Thelma Haggemiller, Thomas Hogan, Eleanore Hunter, James Troy Kerth, Mark Knudson, Jan Lindstrom, Gwion Miller, Rich Nepon, Carol Powers, Paul Savas, Linda Seals, Baldwin van der Bijl

Non-Voting Members: 7

Nereyda Bottoms, Nathan Breitenfeldt, Ben Henzel, Danielle Lohman, Cole Merkel, Craig Van Valkenburg, Suzanne Wolf

Visitors / Guests: Cole Merkel, Here Together; Kayla Whitehurst, Harmony Road Music

6:50 - 7:00 Connect to Zoom

7:00 **Welcome, Introductions, and Officer reports**

- May 26th Meeting minutes + membership update
We are still getting attendance records from last month's meeting uploaded to the website. Please go to the website at www.oakgrovecpo.org, check the attendance for last month and let us know if there are any corrections.
- Treasurer's update
We had one check for \$264 go out in May for website hosting reimbursement and received annual reimbursement from Clackamas County, \$150 for expenses. Current balance is \$1,598.39.

Program:

- **Local Business: Harmony Music – Kayla Whitehurst**
Kayla announced that the company had operated in the Clackamas area for over 20 years and relocated to the Oak Grove area recently at 16703 SE McLoughlin Blvd. at Naef. They teach music to students of all ages, beginning at 18 mos. They teach the Harmony Road music curriculum, developed locally by Jan Kaiser and taught

internationally. Judy Stanley, business owner and director of classes, took over operations in 2009.

- **Here Together Coalition - Cole Merkel**
Cole gave a presentation on what it will take to end our homeless crisis. It's been a year since the ballot measure passed to fund services to help the problem. There are multiple factors affecting their ability to ramp up quickly. To learn more, visit <https://heretogetheroregon.org/>

LUART:

- **Z0167-21-C:P/Z0168-21-ZAP River Road / south of Oak Grove Blvd.**
Applicant Ben Hensel introduced himself. He is looking to re-zone a vacant piece of land between some row houses and McQueen's Bar & Grill. Ben is a member of the community who lives near Riverside Elementary School. The plan is to build up to 12 apartments on this vacant piece of property, which is a half-acre lot. Joseph said the project is a two-story modest development that appears to meet all the criteria.
- **Z0239-21-HO 3411 SE Naef Road – Home Occupation (Salon)**
The proposal is compliant and there don't appear to be any issues.
- **Z0257-21-HO – 14885 SE Laurie Ave – Home Occupation (Salon)**
This proposal also appears to be compliant and there don't appear to be any issues with it.

Committee updates:

- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Rich Nepon**
They met in person and talked about CPR certification coming up shortly. They are preparing for upcoming fire season. And they're just about done with staffing vaccination sites.
- **Concord Property & Library Task Force - Mark Elliott**
The next task force meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Two committees are being put together tomorrow night -- the Arts Committee and the History Committee. There will be another public meeting in July or August. We will let everyone know when we have that date.
- **Clackamas County Parks District - Mark Elliott**
Mark has been serving on the Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board the last couple of years. He will provide updates about that at coming meetings.
- **Economic Development Commission - Valerie Chapman**
Unemployment is going down in our area. At a presentation by OSU's Dept. of Agriculture, Valerie learned that we have the most farms of any county in Oregon.
- **NCPRD District Advisory Committee Update - Anatta Blackmarr**
Our first meeting was focused on orientation. She's very interested in the park proposed for New Urban High School.
- **Oak Lodge Governance Project - Eleanore Hunter**
All 10 members of the steering committee have statements about why they're involved with the project in the Clackamas Review. They expect to have their website up and running in July. They are switching to Mailchimp, so if you want to

be on the mailing list, make sure you click on the email they're sending out to approve adding yourself to the list.

- **Park Avenue Community Project** - *Valerie Chapman, CAC Chair*
Yesterday at the Policy Session, the board voted 4-1, with Commissioner Fisher in the minority, not to move the Park Avenue Project forward to the Planning Commission. After a year-and-a-half of hard work, Valerie is very disappointed.

Commissioner Savas said the vote was to not move it forward today, but to come back with consensus from the community because of all the mixed messages. The four commissioners who voted don't see it as dead. MABA and the Jennings Lodge CPO are interested in coming back to the table.

Announcements:

- **CPO Summit** – *Rich Nepon*
CPO Summit members met with people from the county to report what happened during the last fire and ice storms. Communications could have been better, and they are working on that. We are in danger of a bad fire season again. It's important to clear areas around your house of dry brush and other fuel.
- **Friends of the Trolley Trail** – *Thelma Haggemiller*
Friends of the Trolley Trail is taking on a project to stripe the sides of the trail. They are going to be selling original logo t-shirts on July 24th and 25th in the Elks Lodge parking lot at a craft sale they are hosting. Profits will go toward matching funds for striping the trail so people can see the difference between the dirt and the asphalt, especially in darker areas.

Schedule review:

- Future OGCC Meetings - 7 pm at Zoom:
Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 22
- Future OGCC Board Meetings - 6:45 pm at Zoom:
Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4

8:22 **Adjourn**