



# Oak Grove Community Council

## Regular Council Business Meeting December 4, 2019 Minutes

**What:** Regular Council Business Meeting - Oak Grove Community Council

**When:** Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

**Where:** Performing Arts Center at Rose Villa - 13505 SE River Road, Oak Grove

### **VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 30**

Tom Andrews, Mary Bailey, Bob Bohannon, Carol Bosworth, Patt Callender, Ron Campbell, Susan Cassuto, Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Sue Conachan, Dave Dobak, Jan Dobak, Joseph Edge, Will Farley, Marilyn Gottschall, Thelma Haggemiller, Joan Hamilton, Pam Horan, Mark Knudson, Jan Lindstrom, Jim Meyer, Gwion Miller, Elaine Plaisance, Fred Sawyer, Michael Schmeer, Mike Shawhan, Casey Snoeberger, Baldwin van der Bijl, Greg Wenneson, Robert Zimmer

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 12**

Tina Canham, Jean Clinton, Lynn Fisher, Michael Hoeye, Sue Kellam, Linda Newbloom, Pastor Heather Riggs, Jevon Ruis, Debra Troxell, Sarah Wart, Ron Warnecke, Arisha Wenneson

### **VISITORS / GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: 2**

Sarah Bushore, Tim Treadwell

7:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Officer reports

Chair Joseph Edge invited board members and audience members to introduce themselves.

Secretary Jan Lindstrom asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October meeting minutes (there was no November meeting). The minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Jane Civiletti reported that the previous OGCC checking account balance was \$2397.88.

After donations of \$41.00 in cash at the October meeting, the new balance is \$2438.88.

Board Member-at-Large Greg Wenneson announced that we are trying new ways to publicize our meetings. He asked how many in the audience saw the meeting announcement on Next Door. A few hands went up.

7:10 Program:

- Oak Grove United Methodist Church emergency winter shelter

- *Heather Riggs, Pastor*

Pastor Heather explained that Clackamas County approached Oak Grove United Methodist Church about being part of the emergency cold weather shelter program. On nights when the temperature dips below 33 degrees, sites that are willing to provide temporary shelter are opened and staffed by social workers provided by the county and by the organization Do Good

Multnomah. No drugs or alcohol are allowed and there are no in/out privileges. It doesn't fix the homeless crisis, but it stops people from freezing to death.

Since November 1<sup>st</sup>, the shelter has been activated five times and has served 26 people who needed protection from the cold. It took a while to get the word out, but community regulars are the ones showing up. The shelter is not drawing people from outside the community. Those who take ride-sharing to a shelter also arrange to have a ride back. The shelter can serve 28.5 people at one time (.5 is a baby).

Father's Heart in Oregon City and the Clackamas Service Center have been helping get the word out about the church's facility. An employee coordinates the shelter space. The church shelter is closed on Wednesdays. The church has been collecting blankets, coats, snack foods and serving hot beverages to everyone. They don't serve meals, because there's a lot of food availability and resources in this area. When temperatures drop, the shelter opens at 7 p.m. and people are expected to leave by 7 a.m. They're encouraged not to linger in the area and to move on, so we try to be tolerant about that. It takes some of them a long time to fall asleep, so they're very groggy in the morning. They're generally polite, pack up and move on by 9 or 10. St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Milwaukie also serves as a shelter. Father's Heart in Oregon City really needs supplies right now (jackets, coats, blankets, socks, etc.). If you have any items to donate, please take them there.

- Census Bureau 2020

- *Sarah Bushore, Partnership Specialist*

It's mandated in the U.S. Constitution that we do a census every 10 years. The primary reason is the U.S. House of Representatives (the population count determines the number of representatives each state receives), as well as the Electoral Colleges at the federal level. At the state level, they use the numbers for re-districting boundaries and school districts. Today, over a trillion dollars goes back to the states. Oregon's share is \$13.5 million. The Oregon Health Plan receives \$6.6 million. It's what makes Oregon a place where everyone wants to live. Per capita, the estimate is \$3,200. If we don't count people, we lose that money. If you multiply that by 10 years, that's a lot of money lost. The motto is, "count once and in the right place." The count is due by September 2020.

Interesting facts:

- Oregon is close to going from five to six members in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Oak Grove is a CDP – Census Designated place
- The first time you'll be able to self-respond to the census questionnaire will be March 12, 2020. If you don't respond, they schedule an in-person interview. You can use a laptop or iPhone to complete the census form online. A paper questionnaire will go out as well, with the fourth mailer.
- In total, there will be five letters going out to all residents asking them to complete the Census and potentially three enumerator (question-taker) visits. If you don't complete the census by the

fourth reminder, a federal enumerator is coming to your door. They will send an enumerator out approximately three times. They'll go next door, ask if someone lives in the house, can you give us any information on them? They count you even if on vacation. Also vacant houses. There's a user ID for all housing units because local governments tend to change the numbers and names of streets. If you don't have the 12-digit code, you can still complete it. There are 13 languages available for reporting Census data. You can access a different language online. Enumerators have access to an additional 59 languages. The key information asked for is:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number (optional, but encouraged for follow-up questions)
- How many people live in the property?
- What is their relationship to you?
- Is this where you live most of the time?
- Where did you sleep on April 1 (Census Day)
- Is there another property that is vacant where you live some or most of the time?

Other questions are about gender, age, date of birth, race, whether or not you are of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin, whether someone lives somewhere else (and should therefore be counted elsewhere). This time, they're asking respondents to tell a little more about their history. For white people, coming up with what race they are can be difficult. If you don't know, you can just say you're an American. You can say you're a human being, an Irish-American, Italian-American, etc. It's based on self-determination.

- Regarding security of data – in this age of identity theft, the Census Bureau is very concerned about protecting your information. They do not ask for bank, credit card or Social Security info. Congress approves the questions, which is why there are questions about race and Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin.
- Enumerators carry a black briefcase with a U.S. Census emblem on it and wear an I.D. badge on a strap with a blue "foot-wide" U.S. Census logo on it.
- Counting the homeless -- Clackamas County takes care of the homeless point-and-time count. Group enumeration is used when a group of people live together but are not related, such as a jail, hospital, foster care, etc. Service enumeration reaches the homeless where they are and only five questions are asked -- name, birth date, ethnicity, sex, do you normally live elsewhere? They can also go into any public library in Oregon and librarians will assist them in completing the form. They just use city and state for an address.
- Everything is private and confidential. The Census does not give any info to ICE. During WWII, the government asked for Census data on Japanese-Americans, then used that to intern them in camps. It was legal, but it's not now. After 9/11, law enforcement came to the Census Bureau asking for details about Arab-Americans living in the New York area. The Census won. They did not give out the info.

- It's hard to count the elderly population. In our area, 27% are 62 years or older. The main issues are physical isolation, mental health, feeling they don't matter.
  - The Census Bureau will not report breaches of rules to HUD, etc., like if grandparents are raising grandchildren where they're not supposed to live, etc.
  - Migrant workers are not a big issue here. There are 58,000 in the state of Oregon. It's hard to know where they are. The Census has reached out to community-based organizations for help. Foreign-born residents make up 6% of the population in our area.
  - The 2020 Census marks the first time people may use the internet and phone to respond.
  - They're recruiting enumerators for the census. Go to [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) for information. It pays well and is a seasonal, part-time job.
  - In reference to a question about the long forms of Censuses in the past, she noted they are no longer being used – questions related to how much you're paying for utilities, etc. That survey is called the American Community Survey and it goes out every five years now. Congress approves the questions.
- PGE Smart Grid Test Bed
    - *Tim Treadwell, Program Manager and Tamara Falls, Outreach Specialist*
    - Smart Grid Test Bed – trying to understand how to work with customers to manage their power load and understand their needs. In the quest to reduce greenhouse gases, we need to change the way we generate electricity. They're trying to get load under management, because variability in load is hard for them. They're trying to level out the peaks and valleys.
    - Test Bed substations – will be in the Delaware neighborhood in N. Portland, in Roseway (Southern Hillsboro) and in the Island substation, which is downtown Milwaukie and Oak Grove.
      - They're working closely with the Milwaukie city government even though the area is 60% unincorporated. There's lots of diversity in homes in the test areas.
      - The goals are: customer awareness to increase the adoption of new technologies or programs; increase the understanding that electricity is not storable -- it comes from cranking up a generation source. Customers have a critical role in grid operations. They're seeking to move customers along a journey. Ultimately, provide peak-time rebates for actively saving and implement technologies that reduce load.
      - PGE will compensate you for changing your household "set points" with a smart thermostat. You can pre-heat your water when electricity is cheaper. A 50-gallon tank is not using the water all at once. They're rolling out EV (electric vehicle) charging in order to control it when there's an event. Letting people know instead of charging full rate, charge at 50%. They're working on energy storage systems, such as the Tesla power wall, solar wind and energy storage together. They're shutting down coal. Implementing storage at substation level. Cheap to do at wholesale level, value greater as you move down the system; more localized restriction, having storage at your home helps us.
    - You can donate your PGE rebate and give it to a non-profit. They will match it. They want to see if that has value.

- They're offering free Ecobee thermostats for small- and medium-size businesses.
  - Community relations managers are assigned to each test bed neighborhood. It's critical to attend community meetings, special events, and provide feedback and shared learnings.
  - For the EV pilot, they'll pay owners for charging during low-use times.
  - With these new services, they hope to learn new things and scale them to the whole service area.
- Land Use Application Review Team (LUART):
    - **Z0174-19 5501 SE Thiessen Rd. – King of Kings Safe Shelter Temporary Permit** (Valerie) Approved with conditions. After a four-hour hearing and the judge putting fairly hefty restrictions on the site, it's probably become prohibitive to do. They were asked to install a surveillance system to run the entire time, erect a six-foot fence around three sides of the property; the applicants said the restrictions would make it impossible. The church asked the County to intervene. The commissioners were frustrated because they know the shelter program is important, but the restrictions make it too restrictive for participants. They are going to talk about the possibility of overturning that decision or starting a new process at the BCC meeting on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have an opinion you want to share, email or write to the BCC before Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. If people have questions, Valerie said she would be happy to answer them afterward. The decision was approved on 11/8. The judge was acting in place of the County Commissioners. It can't be overturned. They'll have to start all over. We need safe shelters, but have to have some way to do that safely for the neighbors and the community. Commissioner Savas emphasized their needs to be a way to do it to give assurances to neighbors.
    - **Z90388-19 15015 SE MCLOUGHLIN BLVD. – Clackamas Federal Credit Union** – Approved, with conditions
    - **Z0428-19 14419 SE MCLOUGHLIN BLVD - Alteration of Nonconforming Use** (indoor marijuana production). Approved with conditions. If greater production, need greater odor controls.
    - **Z0440-19 13505 SE RIVER RD - Design Review/Rose Villa Phase III.** Nothing new to report.
    - **Z0441-19 2342 SE KORA LN - Design Review/Historic Landmark.** New owner wants to put in free-standing garage at back of lot and end of driveway. Approved with conditions.
    - **Z0443-19 13515 SE RUSK RD** – Time Extension for funding to build a church. Approved.
    - **Z0454-19 4000 SE ALDERCREST RD** – Massage / Spa Home Occupation. Approved with conditions.
    - Z0448-19 15803 SE RUBY DR – Waiting for a decision.
    - **Z0483-19 14675 SE LEE AVE** - Alteration of Nonconforming Use (New Urban High School) major remodel; new courtyard, main entrance. Not adding floor space. Not expected to increase enrollment. Cannot place conditions. New parking going in. No recommendations for approval. Can't require sidewalks because grandfathered in. Demolition at end of school year. 2-year project. Footprint similar, building demolished. One plan, if not enough money, will keep

existing gymnasium. If enough funding, will build new gym. Current gym doesn't have bathrooms.

- **Z0505-19 4828 SE VIEW ACRES RD** – View Acres Elementary -- Alteration of Nonconforming Use.
- **Long-Range Planning 2019-21 Bakeries & Brewpubs** – The County is very open to this. There will be a Planning Commission meeting about this Dec 9 at the Development Services Building Auditorium, 150 S Beavercreek Rd. It would apply to all C2 districts, not just ours -- only four areas will be affected in the County.

#### 8:20 Committee updates

- **Map Implementation Team - T2020 update - Fred Sawyer**

At the Nov. general election, Metro will ask for \$3 billion in funding. The main reason is light rail to Tualatin; of the other 12 corridors; one is McLoughlin with \$200 million budgeted. We learned this in October. For McLoughlin, there are a couple of different projects. They appointed a task force with government officials, non-profits and others to create a plan to spend the money fairly; focused in on transit, bus service and light rail. We need a network of sidewalks on major streets. The only place with finished sidewalks in our area is McLoughlin. They're talking also about adding two floors to the Park Ave. parking lot. Also I-205 and 99E, studying how to decongest the intersection. There was a motion to delete that project. They want to study light rail down the middle of McLoughlin. We recommended they delete that project and use the funds for the Trolley Trail bridge across the Clackamas River. The main point is, we could have money go toward sidewalks if the community supports it. We could get many millions for it.

- **Upcoming T2020 Meeting** on Jan. 21 from 6-8 p.m. at OLWSD Technical Services Building.

**MOTION:** Fred moved that the OGCC support sidewalks, the Trolley Trail bridge and sidewalks on key safe-routes-to-school streets and for transit access.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Fred moved that the OGCC send a letter of support to the T2020 committee for the sidewalk plan; it **PASSED** with one objection.

- Park Ave Project update - *Valerie Chapman*

Next meeting scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> in the training room at Rose Villa

- North Clackamas Watersheds Council Christmas Tree Sale has been cancelled.
- Concord Project update - *Jan Lindstrom*

There will be a Dec. 18 meeting at 6:30 pm at the Gladstone Senior Center. All are welcome to attend.

#### 8:40 Announcements:

- Clackamas County Advisory Boards and Commissions (ABCs) - Open Recruitments
- Thelma Haggemiller announced she had flyers available for the very first ever Christmas caroling on the Trolley Trail. The flyers have the dates and places and all the info you'll need; also Thelma's contact info. The Friends of the Trolley Trail is sponsoring and will bring maps of the historic homes along the trail and a fold-out map, as well as hot cocoa, cider and goodies.

- Next Tuesday is the Jennings Lodge CPO potluck holiday party. All OGCC members are invited.

8:45 Schedule review:

- Future OGCC Meetings - 7 pm at Rose Villa - Performing Arts Center:

**Jan 22**, Feb 26, Mar 27

- Future OGCC Board Meetings - 6:45 pm at Oak Lodge Fire Station:

**Jan 9**, Feb 6, Mar 7

8:50 Adjourn