



Oak Grove Community Council

Regular Council Business Meeting October 23, 2019 Minutes

What: Regular Council Business Meeting - Oak Grove Community Council
When: October 23, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.
Where: Performing Arts Center at Rose Villa - 13505 SE River Road, Oak Grove

VOTING OGCC MEMBERS PRESENT: 31

Ann Aalund, Mary Bailey, Carol Bosworth, Patt Callender, Susan Cassuto, Valerie Chapman, Diane Chown, Jane Civiletti, Sue Conachan, Dave Dobak, Jan Dobak, Joseph Edge, Evan Griffith, Thelma Haggenmiller, Joan Hamilton, Tom Hogan, Chips Janger, Fallon Kraxberger, Leta Kriens, Ron Kriens, Jan Lindstrom, Jim Meyer, Gwion Miller, Carol Powers, Gary Rifkin, Paul Savas, Fred Sawyer, Linda Seals, Baldwin van der Bijl, Bruce Wixson, Bob Zimmer

NON-VOTING OGCC MEMBERS PRESENT: 9

Martha Banyas, Anatta Blackmarr, Jean Clinton, Michael Hoeye, Pam Horan, Linda Newbloom, Carl Petterson, Ciarra Piontek, Jude Watson

VISITORS & GUESTS: 1

Apryl Herron

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

Joseph invited board members, OGCC members and guests to introduce themselves. The September meeting minutes were approved as distributed. Treasurer Jane Civiletti announced that our previous checking account balance was \$2538.00. She asked if the membership would approve a \$151.13 reimbursement to Baldwin van der Bijl for printing and expenses related to the OGCC booth at the Trolley Trail Fest.

MOTION: Fred Sawyer made the motion to approve the expense. Fallon Kraxberger seconded. Joseph verified that more than 25 members were present. The motion **PASSED** unanimously. We also reimbursed Ed Riddle \$14.99 for expenses related to our website domain and received cash of \$26 at the September meeting, bringing our new checking account balance to \$2397.88. Jane also announced that she contacted Bear Printing, a new business at the corner of Oak Grove Blvd. and River Road, about printing new OGCC meeting yard signs that Jan re-designed. The cost will be approximately \$100, but we will submit a final invoice when we receive it. **MOTION:** Jim Meyer moved that we purchase 12 new yard signs. Valerie Chapman seconded. There was a discussion about design and colors. The motion to purchase the new signs **PASSED** unanimously.

7:10 **Program:**

Turning the Tide on the Opioid Epidemic: The Public Health Response -- *Apryl Herron*, Program Planner, Clackamas County Public Health Division

Apryl explained that the County has a strategic plan to address the growing opioid crisis. They've been studying the data to see how we got to where we are, what they're seeing at the national, state and local levels, and how Health Housing & Human Services is responding to the problem in our county. Apryl provided a number of alarming statistics on the crisis. See <https://www.clackamas.us/publichealth/opioidsafety> for full details).

The U.S. saw a 31% increase in drug overdoses from 2016-2017 – from 64,070 to 72,000. Three-quarters of those deaths can be attributed to opioids. Opioids range from illegal to legal, natural or synthetic, medication for moderate to severe pain; after surgery, injury, cancer; illegal fentanyl. Authorities are seeing powder and black tar heroin in Oregon. In prescription form, opioids are very abundant in our communities. Most come from unused and expired prescriptions that get diverted into communities, falling into the hands of people they're not prescribed for, being sold on the streets. Opioids are cheap to purchase, particular heroin. There are counterfeit pills sold on the streets. It only takes seven days to become dependent on prescription opioids.

Another major problem is the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl is laced into the drug supply. It doesn't take much to cause overdose. Law enforcement is susceptible to exposure when making traffic stops. Another issue is the incarcerated population. They're going in, coming out and using drugs which are stronger than ever. They're 100 times more susceptible to overdose. Overdoses can be prevented when people are reached in time. It can take many attempts for someone to maintain a state of recovery. If you add poverty, inequality, adverse childhood experiences, divorce, physical and emotional abuse, substance abuse in the home, it becomes even more challenging. The U.S. is 4.6% of the world's population and consumes 80% of the world's opioid supply. Four out of five heroin users had previously used painkillers.

There are other costs to helping people. Deaths are just the tip of the iceberg. For every prescription opioid overdose death in 2010, there were 15 abuse treatment admissions and 26 ER visits. Statewide, Oregon has one of the highest rates of prescription opioid abuse in the U.S. Clackamas County, for the last several years, has had high prescribing rates. There are a lot of measures underway to bring the rates down, but there still isn't a good system for referrals for people who need continuing care to stay sober.

The County is looking at health equity zones and data based on that; it helps to drive interventions. They can scale up efforts in communities where more support is needed.

They look at diagnosed opioid use disorder as a percent by zip code; clinics providing medication assistance treatment for addiction are bunched into urban areas. In rural areas, there are few options for treatments. The east side of north Clackamas is a health equity zone. It includes Oregon City, Molalla, Beavercreek and Gladstone.

The County's approach to decreasing opioid overdose includes:

- Safe storage and disposal of opioids
- Alternative pain management
- Public awareness and education
- Links to treatment and recovery options
- Safer prescribing of opioids
- Monitoring of data and trends
- Data-driven interventions
- Use of Naloxone
- Disposal places for people to get rid of expired medicine safely
- Making sure all doctors are operating on the same prescribing guidelines and ensuring patients are not doctor-shopping to get multiple prescriptions
- Linking people to treatment and recovery
- Clinician and patient education
- Partnering with community organizations such as NW Family Services
- Receiving grant funding to purchase Naloxone
- Collaborating with stakeholders for monthly meetings; stakeholders include community leaders and members of partner organizations
- Participating in a regional task force to collaborate between behavioral health, first responders, public health, peers sharing lived experience, medical and dental health professionals, criminal justice, children, youth, adults & family services; behavioral health, public and government affairs and others.
- Creation of Project Hope, a project with American Medical Response (the County's ambulance service provider) and Clackamas Fire. They work with high utilizers of the 911 system and follow up with people after overdose

We can each make a difference by safely disposing of medications so they don't get into the wrong hands. On National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which is April 25th annually, you can drive up to designated sites, including all pharmacies and law enforcement agencies, and safely dispose of them. For information, visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.

Questions from the audience included:

- Q.** Doesn't a pharmacist notice if a certain doctor is way over-prescribing?
- A.** Yes, but there's really not great oversight. There is a system where it's logged, but the DEA is the one with oversight; some Oregon doctors have been pegged for over-prescribing, but not like what's been seen further east.
- Q.** There used to be a program where addicts were given Vivitrol/Naltrexone for long-term maintenance. Does Clackamas County have a program like that?
- A.** Yes, County health centers are prescribing that, also in County jail; it's a monthly injection and very expensive. You have to fail first before you get approved for Vivitrol. In the CCAP program, there's an option to receive it because you're in a program for 12 months.

Community Studio Process: Milwaukie-Oak Grove-Lake Oswego (MOGLO) ferry concept -- *Michael Hoeye, Ed Riddle*, Good Neighbors Association

Ed Riddle and Michael Hoeye are part of the Good Neighbors Association, which started in 2004 as a neighborhood discussion group led by Blair Stevens who lived on Fair Oaks

with Charlie Stevens. They invited 12 neighbors to get together under the name "NW Earth Institute." The area was dominated by flag lots, so many people didn't know their neighbors. The community studio process involves hosting a neighborhood event, like a potluck or a sewing bee. Someone gets an idea and announces it and people join in or they don't.

In the process of hosting the first block party, they created a huge hand-drawn map so they could figure out where streets went and who lived where; 150 people showed up and put a sticker where their house was so we could associate names with houses. The first party was held in 2006. This year was the 13th party. It's another generation. The neighborhood has changed. There are more young families. The original crew included Ed "Edrid" Riddle, Jane Civiletti, Chips Janger, Eleanore Hunter, Lynn and Louise Fisher, Michael Hoeye and Charlie Stevens.

Out of that, Chips and Edrid started Urban Green, which addressed the diminishing tree canopy and encouraged people not to cut down trees. Now they're moving into another generation, a map of the whole Oak Grove neighborhood, to see how it all fits together in one piece; the new map debuting tonight shows Historic Downtown Oak Grove as the core area, the river to McLoughlin, Rose Villa to below Oak Grove Blvd., and the Park Ave. station. They were able to have a big impact on the Park Ave. station; Eleanore helped start the first Trolley Trail Festival. Fallon got involved in the Trolley Trail Fest and helped start Historic Downtown Oak Grove (HDOG). Also out of the group came The Rich Gritty Band, started by Edrid 10 years ago, and the open mic night they host monthly at Rose Villa, where performers from all over participate in a wonderful variety show.

Currently, the group is working on a new project --

- **MOGLO** - in response to plans for an Oak Grove Lake Oswego (OGLO) Bridge with pilons going through Rivervilla Park and disturbing the views of homeowners, the group considered what might be an alternative idea and landed on the idea of the MOGLO (Milwaukie-Oak Grove-Lake Oswego) ferry. It's a different way of creating a crossing. It would link business areas and neighbors and be accessible for everyone. If boats ferried people back and forth, there would be no need to deal with the elevation gain from the landings. A ferry could be small, sustainable, environmentally friendly, even electric or solar-powered. It would allow bike/ped access across the river and would be fairly inexpensive compared to large bridges, which require a lot for maintenance after they're built. It would be less than 10% of the bridge expenditure, if you initially imagined just three docks -- Milwaukie Riverfront area, one at the park right across from Oak Grove called Foothill Park in Lake Oswego; and at the bottom of Oak Grove Blvd. A ferry there would travel 2/10ths of a mile to get across; from Milwaukie, 1.8 miles or a 15-minute ferry boat ride.
- They envision the ferry like a shuttle that would go to Oak Grove, connecting the Orange Line station down to the ferry through downtown Oak Grove. Due to the hill there, it might require additional infrastructure to transport people that extra mile. That could be very low-cost electric vehicles going from Foothill Park to downtown. It would be a very flexible system.

- If a big earthquake comes, the bridge might fall down, but ferry boats would be resilient and not a huge loss to replace. They talked to people at the Milwaukie Farmer's Market and they were almost 100% enthusiastic about the ferry idea.

- **Land Use Application Review Team (LUART)**

- *Old Business:*

- Z0344-19 / Z0345-19 -- 17025 SE Oatfield Rd. – 2-lot partition and variance
Partition approved. Variance approved
- Z0392-19 -- 15515 SE Wallace Rd - 2-lot partition
Approved, with conditions to study hazardous soil conditions, preserve trees and minimize removal or adverse impact
- Z0403-19 -- 3811 SE Concord Rd.
Temp permit - Netflix filming
Approved with conditions regarding parking and access to the parking spaces for visitors to the building.
- Z0400-19 -- 2519 SE Vineyard Way
Dock in Willamette River Greenway
Application withdrawn
- Z0174-19 -- 5501 SE Thiessen Rd. / King of Kings Overnight Safe Shelter
Pending
OGCC will send out an email update
- Z0388-19 -- 15015 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Design Review for Clackamas Federal Credit Union, going into the old Safeway building on McLoughlin. They proposed taking out all of the trees. They're very close to the building and threatening the structure. The OGCC asked for an ADA accessible walkway; to have the sidewalk paved around the utility poles, and to comply with the standards about not having long blank walls facing a street after removing the trees, and the required minimum number of offloading spaces.
Pending.

- *New Business:*

- Z0448-19 – 15803 SE Ruby Dr. -- 3-lot partition
The lot has been cut into three parcels and they're putting in a flagpole. We recommended that they need to apply for a water resource development permit because it's near a waterway and the site is located in an area of high shrinking/swelling soils. Basements are a bad idea, so they need to take protective measures about that. And technically, one of the three lots doesn't meet the minimum lot size standard. We asked that they try to preserve the trees just south of the house where the new private drive is proposed.
- **Question:** What does OGCC recommend to the County?
MOTION: Chips Janger moved that we recommend approval with the noted conditions. Valerie seconded. It PASSED unanimously.
- Z0448-19 -- 15603 SE Ruby Dr. – 3-lot partition
Response due to County by 11/10. The board will discuss at the 11/7 board meeting.

8:20 **Committee updates**

Upcoming meetings:

- MAP Implementation Team
11/19, 6-8 p.m., OLWSD Technical Services Building
14611 SE River Road, Oak Grove
- OG-LO Policy Committee
10/25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Development Services Building, Room 115
150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City
- Park Avenue Community Advisory Committee
11/13, 6-8 p.m., Rose Villa, Training Room
13505 SE River Road, Oak Grove
- North Clackamas Watersheds Council
10/27: No Ivy Day at Elk Rock Island (NCPRD, City of Milwaukie, & Others event)
11/2: Trail Work at Mt. Talbert: (NCPRD event)
12/7: Tentative date for Christmas Tree Sale on McLoughlin

8:40 **Announcements**

• **Metro Bond Measure -- Fred Sawyer**

Fred announced that Metro is looking to put a \$3.1 million transportation bond measure (T2020) on the 2020 Nov. ballot. They're in the process of selecting proposed projects, which for Clackamas County includes four tier-one corridor projects: Clackamas-Columbia; Sunrise Corridor extension; 82nd Ave. improvements, and adding two floors to the Park Ave. park and ride station. There's also been discussion about the Kellogg Creek bridge, a bunch of minor safety improvements and safe crossings. On Friday, the Metro staff report on what they recommend is coming out. The policy committee will start to proceed in November. If you're interested in McLoughlin, you may want to start watching this. There's a T2020 website that shows future meetings. We may want to get some discussion going on this. The policy committee is made up of leaders throughout the region. Jim Bernard's on the committee. Paul Savas is following this closely. The County Commissioners' first priority is the Sunrise Corridor. Due to a suburban/urban split, people in Portland don't believe we should build any more roads, so there's some pushback there.

Questions from the audience included:

- **Q.:** Is funding for the proposed OGLO bed/bike bridge going to be collapsed into the new Metro bond?
- **A.:** Fred said that has not been mentioned, but given that it's a tier-2 corridor project, in order for the bridge to get funded as part of T2020, another tier 1 project would likely need to be moved to tier 2. Some people wanted to demote McLoughlin to tier 2. If determined feasible, it would still be another year and a half of studies before that money would become available. Another project is Hwy 43 in West Linn. On Friday, more info will come and Metro staff will report on next steps.

Clackamas County Advisory Boards and Commissions (ABCs) -- Open Recruitments

- **Committee for Community Involvement.** Deadline is Oct. 31. One opening. If interested, contact Katie Wilson at kwilson2@clackamas.us or 503-655-8552.
- **Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District Citizen Advisory Committee** Deadline is Nov. 7. Interested individuals must live in the district. For info, contact Sarah Comstock at scomstock@clackamas.us
- **NCPRD Budget Committee.** Deadline is Oct. 25. For info, contact Elizabeth Gomez at Egomez@clackamas.us or 503-742-4352.
- **Water Environment Services Advisory Committee.** One business owner or manager and one ratepayer from unincorporated Clackamas County welcome to apply. Deadline is Nov. 12. For info, contact Lauren Haney at lhane@clackamas.us or 503-742-4591.
- **Historic Downtown Oak Grove (HDOG) -- Fallon Kraxberger**

Fallon reminded everyone that the third-annual Historic Downtown Oak Grove Knock or Treat community event will take place this Saturday, Oct. 26. It's non-denominational and sponsored by local residents and organizations. Michael's donated the pumpkins that the Boys & Girls Club is going to decorate this year. The first 60 kids who come to the event get to decorate a pumpkin at the event.

Also, HDOG has been in contract with the North Clackamas School District regarding construction of the new-and-improved New Urban High School. NCS D will hold a community input session at 5 p.m. on Nov. 5th inside the Oak Grove United Methodist Church. The architect will show the new design and renovations, discuss how it will impact the community and the kids and introduce the new principal.
- **Town Hall – Paul Savas**

Paul invited everyone to attend his town hall on Tuesday night, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge. This second town hall of the year will focus on issues affecting Oak Grove and Jennings Lodge and solutions for local control, including becoming a hamlet, village or an incorporated city. Since the June town hall, Paul said people have been asking him when the conversation will continue. If you're interested in being part of the discussion on how we move forward, come to the Elks Lodge on Tuesday night, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
- **Oak Lodge History Detectives – Thelma Haggemiller**

Tomorrow night at 7 pm at the Water District Services building on Maple and River Roads, the Oak Lodge History Detectives will present a program on the Risley family. The census needs people to help with the 2020 census count. The information on how to apply is in the Citizens Informed & Aware newsletter under general interest. If you're not getting the newsletter, talk to Thelma and she'll add you to her mailing list.

8:45 **Schedule review:**

- Future OGCC Meetings - 7 pm at Rose Villa - Performing Arts Center:
Dec. 4 (combined Nov/Dec meeting), Jan. 22, 2020, Feb. 26
- Future OGCC Board Meetings - 6:45 pm at Oak Lodge Fire Station:
Nov. 7, Jan. 2, 2020, Feb. 6

8:50 Adjourn