

Final - OGCC Board Minutes - Final

6:45 p.m. April 4, 2019 Oak Lodge Fire Station

Board Members attending: Joseph Edge, Valerie Chapman, Jan Lindstrom, Jason Schreppel, Jim Meyer

Absent: Jane Civiletti, Greg Wenneson

Visitors: Lynn Fisher, Thelma Haggemiller

6:50 Call to order

6:55 Introductions

6:48 Call for discussion items not on the agenda (none added)

6:50 Old Business:

- **Approve March 7 board meeting minutes** – there were no requested changes to the board minutes, so they were adopted as distributed
- **Reserve Fire Station for board meetings and Rose Villa for general meetings**
 - Fire Station has been reserved through June 2019
 - Rose Villa has been reserved through December 2019
- **Transition from existing to new officers**
 - The OGCC website has been updated with the new board members.
 - Joseph will set up individual email addresses for board members with each person's name followed by cpo.org. Emails can be forwarded to another email account, if that's more convenient to avoid having to check multiple locations. Can put email addresses on business cards.
 - Katie Wilson at the County hasn't yet responded to Joseph regarding posting our information on the County's website.
 - The bank account still needs a change of signatories, which Joseph will coordinate with Valerie and Baldwin

7:05 New Business

- **Review March 27th OGCC meeting:**
 - Joseph asked for input about the prior OGCC meeting.
 - Jim said the meeting topics were great and the LUART presentation went very smoothly.
 - Jan suggested including one less item in the program so the meeting didn't feel so crowded.
 - Valerie agreed and said there wasn't time for general introductions to do the full agenda.
 - Jason said he did not realize the OGCC's main focus was land use when he got involved, as he's interested in community events, but is finding it interesting. He asked if the OGCC planned to have a booth at the Trolley Trail Fest, which Joseph confirmed, possibly a booth combined with Historic Downtown Oak Grove (HDOG).

- Joseph suggested we try to hold some OGCC events of our own, also partnering with Metro on a recycling event.
- Jason said he would reach out to his Metro Recycling contact again to see if it would be possible for someone to come and share tips at the April meeting.
- Valerie asked why we stopped doing the member introductions at the start of the OGCC meeting? Joseph said it's only skipped when we are pressed for time.
- Joseph said he appreciated the dialogue over email regarding land use and wondered what everyone thought.
- Jason appreciated having a discussion and then passing a motion at the meeting.
- Joseph noted that it's not always possible to have a motion on a land use application before the deadline because of tight turnaround time
- Jason said LUART discussions are helpful for people at the meeting to see what's at issue and learn more about the community
- Thelma Haggemiller mentioned that there used to be a provision in the CPO bylaws allowing for special meetings to be called for land use decisions that fell between regular meetings.
- Joseph said if the protocol was to review all land-use decisions with the full membership, it might be a little intimidating with 45 people or more. How do we satisfy the need for input from the membership without being in the weeds?
- Lynn Fisher offered that when he was involved in land use at the meetings, they would present the land use applications and a long discussion would ensue. People would express opinions that they didn't like something, but that doesn't matter. Applications are denied based on code, but a letter from a CPO can be phrased in a nice way to essentially say, "we don't like it." If you bring it to 41 people for a decision, you're not going to have another meeting. People with strong opinions will repeat, repeat, repeat themselves ad nauseum and nothing gets done. He mentioned Briggs Church and the Rusk Road storage unit as examples of prior contentious applications.
- Valerie suggested talking more about the role of the CPO and what processes we have to make positive changes.
- Joseph agreed and said he would like to see more mentions at the meetings of upcoming meetings, ways to participate.
- Jan liked the emphasis at the meeting on upcoming activities like the CERT emergency water practice exercise.
- Thelma said the reason you have to attend five OGCC meetings before voting was because after those five meetings, you would have seen presentations by representatives from all the special service districts and would thus be well-informed on the issues. It was changed back when they were going to turn the Broetche House into a mobile home park. They changed the OGCC bylaws to require five meetings before voting and stopped them in the middle of the process.
- Joseph said he would like to see more community updates, like on the Ped Bikeway Advisory Committee, Fallon and HDOG.
- Jason asked who formed the Ped Bikeway Advisory Committee and Joseph responded that it was the County. He suggested leaving more room at the end of the agenda for people on committees to report on what's coming up.
- Joseph said he would like to see the land use voting issue on a future agenda for discussion.
- Jason said general membership votes on land use could be limited to situations where there's a contentious issue.

- Jim mentioned the issue of reaching out to a greater variety of citizens, also. He had visited the Cully neighborhood meetings in Portland because he believed they had really reached out to the entire community to improve diversity, but even with those efforts it's hard to get families to show up due to family demands, lack of child care. He said we are doing the community a disservice if we don't engage a broader spectrum of people. He would be happy to reach out to churches, schools, PTAs to speak about the OGCC and community involvement.
- Thelma suggested bringing in a speaker from PCLA (Parent Community Leadership Alliance), the group that is lobbying in Salem on behalf of the schools.
- Valerie agreed with Jim and said that Rose Villa is not a place where you get people of different economic backgrounds. Not everyone would feel comfortable attending the meetings there.
- Joseph agreed that inclusivity is an important focus for us.
- Jim pointed out that busy family schedules and lack of transportation makes it harder for many people to attend meetings at night. Despite lots of outreach, an OLCLA event had mostly people from one small segment of the population.
- Thelma said adding a "hot button" topic is one way to attract more people to meetings.
- Lynn said on the Oak Lodge Water Board, all members have the responsibility to be a liaison to other organizations. If we went to each church in our community and asked them to have one of their members attend as a liaison to the OGCC, they could go back and tell their members what's going on. The Concord Library Task Force is having the same issue attracting diversity. How do we attract Hispanic people to participate, which is our largest minority population.
- Joseph mentioned the Cully Neighborhood group in Portland that has done a lot of outreach, especially with trailer park residents.
- Jim investigated what Cully residents were doing to attract more diversity.
- Thelma pointed out that neighborhood associations in cities were formed at the same time as the CPOs in unincorporated areas.
- Valerie added that the neighborhood associations have had a lot of issues to deal with and some, like Cully, have encouraged each person on the board to be a liaison to a certain segment of the area, including businesses. It's our job to stay connected to schools, churches, etc. Maybe we should divide up these areas to make those links.
- Jim asked if there was any reason why he shouldn't go to the PTA and speak.
- Joseph asked if anyone had an issue with Jim speaking to the PTA. The consensus was that no one had an issue.
- Jim said rather than specific speaking points, it might be better to start off just listening and getting their input.
- Joseph agreed and suggested we could formalize the process so everyone feels more comfortable doing outreach.
- Lynn said we could always do outreach as individual citizens rather than as board members.
- Joseph noted that he would like to see this discussion on a future agenda.
- Jason suggested we could have a situation where people come just to vote on one contentious issue, but are unable to, because they haven't attended five meetings.
- Jim suggested that given how hard it is to get young families to attend, maybe we should look into providing child care for meetings, though Rose Villa might not be amenable or have an appropriate nearby space.

- Thelma mentioned that the County has a Citizen Involvement Committee and the OGCC does not send a rep.
- **Committee Updates:**
 - LUART
 - Z0561-18 – solar panel house
There has been an extension and the new deadline for appeal is April 11. They usually make a decision in about three weeks, so we may have the decision by April 24.
 - MAP-IT
 - Joseph would like to send a letter from the OGCC to the BCC stating our support for Phase II of the McLoughlin Area Plan.
 - Jason asked about the structure of the Planning Commission.
 - Thelma stated the members are appointed by the BCC. Audience members are allowed to testify. You need to sign up to speak.
- **Planning for April 24 regular meeting:**
 - **Local artist / business: Comics Adventure** is confirmed as the local business presenting. We might need to move this up a little later because the business closes at 7 p.m. Joseph will discuss with Bruce, the owner, who attending the March OGCC meeting.
 - Joseph has also confirmed a presentation by **Noah Hurd, Principal at New Urban High School**. They are planning a lot of upgrades to the school and also the community park in conjunction with NCPRD and HDOG.
 - Joseph said we still need one more feature item for the meeting, with 20-30 minutes to fill. We could revisit **Metro Recycling**.
 - Jim said he needs to talk to his neighbor about it. It's possible to have a Master Recycler attend, but you have to commit to having a training and paying for it. It's a more complex issue now, so it would be good to simplify it for people. There's a bigger policy picture, also.
 - Valerie asked where recycling is going now that China is no longer accepted materials.
 - Lynn said 90% is going in landfills.
 - Jason suggested we could encourage self-sustaining house building where you re-use energy. He mentioned there's a guy in Portland who created a machine that turns packaging from Amazon, which can't be recycled the normal way because it's of mixed materials. It's turned it into pellets that can be used to make products or even power generators.
 - Joseph asked Jim if he could reach out to his Metro contact about presenting at our April meeting. We could also announce upcoming recycling events.
 - Jan mentioned **SOLVE** as another group that could present.
 - Jason said SOLVE is organized on a chapter basis, so we'd need to contact ours.
 - Valerie liked the idea of a recycling event because our meeting falls on Earth Day week. She also mentioned community bulk buying as a potential topic. She has done that in other areas, but isn't sure where to buy in bulk locally.
 - Lynn said an equally important conversation is about how to eliminate single-use plastics.

- Jason also said we could focus on one specific item, like reducing daily use of paper coffee cups, which apparently equals three times the height of the space needle.
 - Thelma also mentioned that Shawn Price who runs **Gladstone Robotics** has two teams of kids who have been up for national championship awards making robots out of old electronics, cell phones, etc., so he could come talk and people could donate old items to his team.
 - Jason said recycled plastics could be used to benefit schools, the same way that Fallon Kraxberger held the plastic film drive and got a Trex bench for a local day care center.
 - Valerie said having a presentation from a team of robotics kids from our neighborhood who are competing nationally would be very fun.
 - Thelma suggested inviting **Eben Polk** from **Clackamas County's Recycling Dept.** to speak.
 - Joseph said LUART should take about 30 minutes and committee updates 20 minutes, so we should have plenty of time for introductions.
- **Work Session**
 - **Delegation of Chair responsibilities:**
 - Joseph discussed MailChimp duties with Jan, who will take on that assignment.
 - We missed a CPO summit meeting a few weeks ago. We need to put meetings on the calendar and determine who can attend.
 - Jason will attend Monday's long-range planning meeting at the County. Also the Tuesday Park. Ave. Community Project at the Elks Lodge.
 - Regarding attending community meetings and doing outreach on behalf of OGCC, Joseph said we want to be appropriate as to who is representing us, but he trusts that any of us on the board could represent all of us, especially after we have the CPO training prior to the May board meeting (reminder to come early!).
 - Thelma said if we want to send someone to the CIC (Citizen Involvement Committee), they usually meet on one of the months with five weeks.
- **Discussion Items**
 - **Board meeting schedule July and beyond:**
Joseph reported that our July meeting falls on July 4th. We don't want to meet then, so we need to choose an alternate date. We need to publicize that, so we'll need to decide in adequate time to give public notice.
He also mentioned that Valerie and possibly other board members would prefer a different night for board meetings.
 - Valerie suggested holding the meeting on Monday night of the same week (the Monday following the OGCC general meeting).
 - Joseph said we should hold off deciding until all members are present.
 - Jan asked if we might need a brochure or handout for churches and other organizations for when we're doing community outreach.
 - Joseph added business cards to that suggestion.
 - Jan suggested our OGCC business cards could lead people to the website rather than spending money printing a brochure.

8:24 Adjourn

(Please email any changes to Jan - lindstromvalerio@gmail.com)