

Citizen Involvement Council Minutes - 02 February 2015

Call to Order by Chair Amy Willhite: 7:00PM

1. Roll call by Kattie Riggs

In Attendance:

Mike Mitchell – CFNA
Linda Baysinger – CNA
Dennis Anderson – CNA
Tom O'Brien - HGWF
Kathy Hogan – HGWF
Amy Willhite – GLNA, CIC Chair
Joyce Gifford – HNA
Faith Leith – HNA
Rita Mills – MNA
Jesse Buss - MNA
Bob La Salle – PPNA
Barbara Renken– PPNA, Secretary
Harris Gwinn - RNA
Karin Morey – RNA, CIC Vice Chair

Gary Fergus – SENA
Bill McConnel - SENA
Todd Last – TVNA
Bryon Boyce – TRNA

Staff:

Kattie Riggs – City Recorder
Tony Konkol – Community Development Director
Laura Terway – City Planner
Brian Shaw – City Commissioner

Guests:

Tony Uzuegbunam – BHNA
Denyse McGriff – MNA

2. Guest Speaker:

- **2a:** Tony Konkol presented the new concept for the CIC as directed by the City Commission. The presentation was an explanation of a letter sent to the members of the CIC by Tony, three days previously on January 30, 2015 on file.

His talking points included:

- Investing and expanding NA's
- Setting the direction of the CIC tighter
- Distinguishing the cans and cannots of the CIC
- Offering tools for the CIC to work with
- Reviewing land use applications
- Standardize and codify bylaws of all commissions/boards and committees
- Avoid costly accusations against staff
- The CIC is the appropriate avenue to communicate educational programs, CERT, Police, Fire, Neighborhood Watch and encourage NA's to get involved.

Amy: Suggested we engage in a 'nuts and bolts' conversation regarding the presentation.

Karin: Questioned the wisdom of fewer numbers of representatives suggested with half the monthly meetings, if we are to expand the NA's and their goals and mission.

Tony: Explained that Brian Shaw is a liaison; not a representative. Tony has appointed City Planners to each of the Neighborhood Associations as a liaison and they will attend at least twice NA meetings they are a liaison for to review concerns over applications, in an effort to strengthen the link between NAs, Planning Department, CIC, and City Commission. Planners will be contacting the NA's to advise them who their representative will be.

Jesse: Questioned State LCDC regarding codifying. What is the benefit of codifying vs. continuing as a resolution?

Tony: State Land Use is set up in a specific way which we follow.

Kathy: Was under the understanding the roll of CIC was to strengthen neighborhoods by

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empowering citizens to talk to their reps. How will that improve if meetings are less often?

Bryon: How did we get to this point? Was it a decision made at the CC Retreat? Are we to operate on our own, or as in the past?

Amy: Explained the three meetings in detail pointing out the concept was Mr. Frasher's, not Tony's.

Rita: Commented that going back to a system 35 years ago, is counterproductive to expanding and improving communication between neighborhoods.

Tom: Pointed out the validity of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, particularly the LCDC issues.

Faith: Her impression was that we had no authority, we are an advisory group and she has no problem with the new concept.

Todd: Appreciates the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. Communication will decrease if less people are involved and fewer meetings are held.

Linda: Asked about cost of the potential law suit brought against the City.

Gary: Concern over reducing number of meetings seems counterproductive.

Joyce: Has no problem. NA's can meet more frequently on alternate months. One delegate with an alternate is fine.

Bob: Values the importance of the CIC as an open, honest communication between neighborhoods. He questioned the City changing the format without consulting the CIC.

Harris: He's fine with one rep and bimonthly meetings. People need to be more involved themselves if they have concerns or opinions.

Mike: Agrees with Joyce that an alternate is important. He believes monthly meetings are important. He questioned the CIC's authority as a Council.

Tom: Concerns over Manager's meetings, why the CIC loses staffing over a law suit against the City, brought by an individual. Requests Mr. Frasher come to the next CIC meeting and explain his reasoning and position.

Kathy: Questioned whether the alternate can vote. (Yes) Suggest the CIC meet privately monthly at another location.

Dennis: Questions taking actions against the CIC because of one person's actions who is no longer on the CIC. His NA is getting along very well now.

Faith: Feels the change is coming from the law suit. Thinks it's an 'audit' of all CIC activities.

Rita: Thinks we should shelf this discussion until next meeting, after some NA's can discuss it among themselves.

Tom: Sees the need to be codified. In eyes of LCDC, citizens of a city have a right to participate. Issue is not what the City wants; but what the citizens want. Has experience in other cities where citizens are listened to and city grows well.

Jesse: Regarding page two of Tony's letter – The Commission can appoint a representative from a NA to CIC. Is it possible that a delegate could be denied representation by the Commission?

Tony: Yes, that could be a possibility.

Karin: When we meet in April, will we have one delegate? Does that delegate need to be approved by the Commission? How and when will this plan be implemented?

Kathy: Had a question regarding Faith's meeting agendas, and the conversation ended, with them speaking privately at another time on meeting agendas.

Bob: 1977 is a long time ago. We are living in the present day; using modern technology. Planning is totally different than it was then. Let's move on to the present day. Is the CIC going to be consulted as changes are being made or is this already decided?

Brian: Looking forward to working through this together and helping where he can.

Tony: 'Thanks for listening. This isn't a power grab. Just understand that there will be no

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staffing if the CIC continues as is; if the new concept is adopted staff will be present.'

A motion was made by Gary Fergus, seconded by Bob La Salle, to hold the regularly schedule CIC meeting on March 2, 2015. The motion passed:

Aye: 18 – Baysinger, Anderson, Willhite, O'Brien, Gifford, Leith, Mills, Hogan
La Salle, Renken, Morey, Gwinn, McConnel, Fergus, Mitchell, Buss, Boyce and Last.

Tony: He will arrange for staffing for the meeting.

Kattie: Our new rep will be Laura Terway and the neighborhood association contact will be Katie Durfee.

Amy : If anyone has further comments please address them to her at awillhite@yahoo.com

3. Approval of the Minutes:

- **3a:** Faith Leith corrected the fact that one of the votes at the December meeting was reflected as passing, but didn't end up having two thirds of the votes for the item that is needed to pass. This was the vote on the proposed ByLaws on page 5 regarding Item 6, Article IX, Section 3. Kattie Riggs clarified that this would not be a correction to the December meeting minutes, as they should reflect what actually took place at the meeting and it was thought to be a passing vote at the meeting. Faith was stating this correction for the record.

A motion was made by Joyce Gifford, seconded by Kathy Hogan, to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2014 meeting. The motion passed:

Aye: 16 – Baysinger, Anderson, Willhite, O'Brien, Gifford, Leith, Mills, Hogan
La Salle, Renken, Morey, Gwinn, McConnel, Fergus, Boyce and Last.

Abstain: 2 – Mitchell and Buss

4. Roundtable:

Bryon- TRNA met in late January. Sparsely attended. No new land use apps; several pending.

Rita- MNA shares concerns regarding traffic, speeding. Urging Police to help. Also noise issues and concerns over plans for the Mill.

Joyce-HNA met in January. Officer Spencer Rhode spoke. Praised OC – Go Request. Take a photo and send to them for any problem in the city, broken lights, glass, potholes.

Faith-Steering committee of HNA will meet a week from Tuesday postponed due to Planning Training Session being held tomorrow.

Linda- CAN will meet Feb. 19 at Fire Sta. #17. Looking for new location due to large turnout at meetings.

Kathy- Reported on 'Fill a Stocking' -3,668 people served. Clackamas County agencies helped. Grateful for contributions.

Todd- Meeting February 18 has been called in response to Icon proposing two more developments in **TVNA**.

Tom- HGWF met 3rd Thurs of Jan. Chris Wadsworth, Police gave an excellent presentation as well as Officer Geiger of Clackamas Fire Dept. Crime is up, break ins, thefts, mischief.

Karin- Reports that County Museum will open new exhibit 2/7, 10:30 am on History of the Woolen Mill. Museum is open Wed. – Sat. Steven Crawford House is also reopening with focus on historical toys and thermoses.

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Amy- GNA meeting was held in January. Brandon Paxton and Chris Wadsworth were guests and made for a lively meeting. Recommends better signage for NA's using meeting rooms at neighborhood facilities for ease of finding the meeting. Also praised OC Requests. Amy requested an update on the budget for future planning.

Bob- PPNA has seven active steering committee members who meet monthly.

General meeting Feb. 23, at Park Place School, (Alliance Academy). Speakers are Fire and Police Dept. Reps, as well as Pete Walters, City Rep.

Harris – RNA will have a steering meeting on Feb. 19

Bill- SENA met in January. CERT Team and Parks & Rec, including a discussion on Chapin Park.

Mike- CFNA having discussions regarding development on Beaver Creek Rd/Hwy 213. Concerns over parking around the High School, construction of a new Bus Barn, traffic and development presented by Dan Fowler and partner near this location. CFNA moved to write a formal objection to the 180 apartments with plans for parallel parking along Beaver Creek Rd. Also concerns re: sewer, water issues.

Gary- SENA had a meeting with Parks and Rec. re: Volunteers have taken on cleanup along South End Rd., previously maintained by John and Joan Williams. Amazed at how much debris occurs daily.

Guest Comments:

Tony U -BHNA will meet Monday evening, Feb. 9, 7:00 pm at St. John's Cemetery. Elections are on the agenda.

Denyse McGriff - Expressed her support for the CIC. Requests opportunities for NA's to learn more about City Planning through her educational program.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Willhite: 8:45 pm

Abbreviations that may be used in these minutes:

BHNA – Barclay Hills Neighborhood Association
CFNA – Caufield Neighborhood Association
CNA – Canemah Neighborhood Association
CAG – Chief's Advisory Group
CC—City Commission
CERT – Community Emergency Response Team
CIC – Citizen Involvement Council
OCCoC – Oregon City Chamber of Commerce
FASFAH – Fill a Stocking Fill a Heart
GLNA – Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association
HGWF – Hazel Grove - Westling Farms NA
HNA – Hillendale Neighborhood Association
LOA – Leave of Absence
MNA – McLoughlin Neighborhood Association
NA – Neighborhood Association/s
OC – Oregon City
OCCE – Oregon City Community Education
OCFM – Oregon City Farmer's Market

OCPD: Oregon City Police Department
OCPW – Oregon City Public Works
P&R – Parks and Recreation
PAC – Political Action Committee
PC—Planning Commission
PPNA – Park Place Neighborhood Association
PRAC – Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
PSU - Portland State University
RAMS – Road Audit for Maintainability & Safety
RNA – Rivercrest Neighborhood Association
SECP – South End Concept Plan
SENA – South End Neighborhood Association
TAC – Transportation Advisory Committee
TSP – Transportation System Plan
TVNA – Tower Vista Neighborhood Association
TRNA – Two Rivers Neighborhood Association
UGB – Urban Growth Boundary
WFLP- Willamette Falls Legacy Project