

## Minutes for the OAK GROVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL General Meeting on August 23, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM

Board Members Attending: Valerie Chapman, Jane Civiletti, Mark Elliott, Rich Nepon

Voting members: Anatta Blackmarr, Bob Bohannon, Cindy Brown, Heidi Bullock, Sue Conachan, Dave Dobak, Jolene Hammond, Tom Hammond, Tom Hogan, Pam Horan, Gwion Miller, Wayne Potter, Baldwin Van der Bijl.

Members: Ben Chaney, Brianna Fuller(?), Jacob Fuller, Joyce Kruger, Rikki Schoenthal,

Attending: Gladstone Mayor Michael Milch, Sara M?

Presenting: Bernadette Le (TriMet), Jim Austin (Clackamas County Tourism), Lt. Damian Peters (Clack. County Fire)

Bernadette Le from TriMet updated us on the 2 floors being added to the parking garage on Park Ave. Design, planning & permitting will continue through the spring of '24. Estimated time for construction is approx. 11 months.

Jim Austin of Destination Marketing & Management, an agency that works with Clackamas County, gave a detailed outline of what he does to support and advocate for Tourism in Clackamas County. He gave an overview of the importance of Tourism for the county's economy, alluded to the negative impact of the pandemic, and reported on the ways that the tourism industry has come back from those hard years. The industry is still short of workers for service jobs that are connected to tourism, hotels, restaurants, etc. Check out: [Mthoodterritory.com](http://Mthoodterritory.com)

It was moved by Rich Nepon and seconded by Jane Civiletti that the OGCC pay for a new free-standing banner for the OGCC and contribute funds toward paying for ice cream for an estimated 350 persons at the upcoming ground-breaking ceremony for the new Oak Lodge Library on Concord Rd. Voting members passed the resolution 15 yea to 1 nay (Bob Bohannon). (see attendance record for members voting)

Heidi Bullock from the Water Services Authority announced that the authority will be hosting an emergency preparedness 'forum' on the morning of Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at Awakenings Coffee Shop in conjunction with Oak Lodge CERT.

Lt. Damian Peters from the local fire station shared information including the possible addition of another fire fighter at station #1

Anatta Blackmarr gave an update on what other amenities are planned for the park district property on Concord Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM