



BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
Development Services Building
150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Joint Task Force Meeting Summary
Oak Lodge and Gladstone Community Project

Concord Property and Library Planning Task Force
Gladstone community Library Planning Task Force

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Clackamas County Development Services Building
150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

APPROVED by Gladstone Library Task Force 11/6/2019
APPROVED by Concord Property Task Force 11/6/2019

Gladstone Task Force Members Present: Debrah Bokowski, Kristi Haller-Shaffer, Lisa O'Brien, Nancy Turner, Margaret Bertalan, Natalie Smith, Beverly Chase, Leslie Shirk, Todd Anslow, Libby Spencer

Gladstone Task Force Members Excused: Lani Saunders, Laurene McClintock, Nancy Eichsteadt

Gladstone Task Force Members Not Excused: Oscar Haugan

Concord Property/Oak Lodge Library Planning Task Force Members Present: Mark Elliott, Michael Schmeer, Gary Bokowski, Chaunda Wild, Kristi Switzer, Grover Bornefeld, Ron Campbell, Doug Jones, Denis Hickey, Jan Lindstrom

Concord Property/Oak Lodge Library Planning Task Force Members Excused: Anna Hoesly, Jean Chapin

Staff and Officials Present: Paul Savas, County Commissioner; Ken Humberston, County Commissioner; Gary Schmidt, County Administrator; Laura Zentner, Business and Community Services (BCS) Director; Greg Williams, BCS Deputy Director; Scott Archer, NCPRD Director; Mitzi Olson, Library Director, Gladstone and Oak Lodge Libraries; Jennifer Hoffman, Opsis; Brandy Steffen, JLA; Allison Brown, JLA; Kevin Cayson, NCPRD; Melina DeFrancesco, NCPRD; Amber Johnson, Public & Government Affairs; Jacque Betz, City Administrator, City of Gladstone; Liz Lawson Weber, BCS Administrative Specialist; Kathryn Krygier, Project Manager

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Gladstone and Concord Task Force Chairs Lisa O'Brien and Doug Jones welcomed the group and reviewed the evening's agenda. The meeting summary from September 4th, 2019 was approved with changes.

Kathryn Krygier announced that Lynn Fisher has moved. This leaves another task force position to fill. Applications are being collected and Kathryn will have more to report about empty positions at the next meeting. Kathryn reminded the group there would be a field trip to tour the Opsis-designed library and community center in Vancouver, and passed around a sign up sheet. Kathryn reminded the task force

to plan for upcoming events, listed on the back of the agenda. Natalie Smith expressed concern that the December 18th meeting date was very close to the holidays and it was explained that this date is dependent on having enough time to compile upcoming public involvement events.

Kathryn reviewed the project timeline and funding, which were discussed during the optional September 19th task force meeting. Based on the feedback, staff will check-in during each phase of the project to determine if it is feasible to separate the Gladstone and Oak Lodge projects. Kathryn also noted the future Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gladstone and Clackamas County provides for the projects to separate if the Oak Lodge Library process would slow down the Gladstone Library process. In addition, the Concord and Gladstone task force meetings will be scheduled as back-to-back meetings in November and December. Everyone is invited to attend either meeting.

Kathryn introduced Jacque Betz, Gladstone City Administrator and Gary Schmidt, County Administrator. They expressed their commitment to honoring the IGA between the County and the City of Gladstone and to building both libraries. Doug Jones introduced County Commissioners Savas and Humbertson. They described their deep commitment to build the library and thanked staff for their hard work.

Chair Jones took comments from task force members:

- What about items placed in the “parking lot” at the September 19th meeting? [Kathryn will include them in the meeting minutes.]
- I don’t have any concerns with the project or timeline, but am concerned about the politics and I don’t have a positive feeling about the county.
- Did the County Commissioners approve the Opsis contract? [Yes.]
- I support the project given the ability for the Gladstone Library to separate from the Oak Lodge Library if it slows down. I don’t think many people from Gladstone would attend an open house since they have already had extensive public engagement.
- The timeline was a concern at the most recent Gladstone Library Foundation meeting, but they are pleased the contract with Opsis was approved and the new check-ins are in place. Has there been any decision about the lot where the current library sits? [Jacque Betz said the property is city-owned and will not be sold. It is not part of the Settlement Agreement or future Intergovernmental Agreement.]

Chair Jones introduced Brandy Steffen from JLA. She reviewed the draft Public Involvement Plan (see attachment) and will be back in December with the results from multiple outreach efforts. The members broke into small groups to brainstorm potential contacts that could be included in community outreach efforts. Ideas were written down and given to Brandy.

Allison took a “temperature check” to see if the task forces were supportive of moving forward with the project as planned. The cards were approximately 50/50 green and yellow.

Public Comment:

Geoffrey Janke said he has provided his contact information but doesn’t receive any information as to when meetings are happening, etc. [Amber Johnson said a newsletter will be posted soon.]

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting:

Nov. 6, 2019; Development Services Building, Rm 118, 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City
Gladstone Task Force – 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Concord Property and Library Task Force - 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.