

# Jennings Lodge Community Planning Organization Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24th, 2024

Location: Zoom

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Linda Neumann

Treasurer: Patricia Reinert

Secretary: Brenda Koehler/ Angie Koehler

Director-at-Large: Virginia Foster

The meeting was called to order by JLCPO Vice Chair Linda Neumann acting as Chair at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 19

VOTING MEMBERS: (15) Louise Anderson, Steve Berliner, Karen Bjorklund, Grover Jeffrey Bornefeld, Jan Carothers, Muciri Gatimu, Angie Koehler, Brenda Koehler, Jane Morrison, Linda Neumann, Cynthia Quackenbush, Pat Reinert, Greg Smith, Tom Weaver, Kevin Williams.

OTHER JL COMMUNITY MEMBERS: (1) Dorine Gorsek

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: (3) Karen Olberding, Oak Grove; Dr. Dayle Spitzer, Oregon City School District (OCSD) Superintendent; Katie Wilson, OCSD Board

Introductions: All in attendance introduced themselves.

JLCPO Business:

Approval of minutes for 5/28/24 meeting. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Balance before the picnic was \$2657. JLCPO received \$648 in income. Sources of income: \$300 Oak Lodge water service donation, \$48 from donation jar at the picnic, and the remaining from the community. Expenses for the picnic were \$445.28 for band and posters. Balance as of 9/24/24 is \$2859.23.

## FIRST TOPIC: **Oregon City School District (OCSD) -Dr. Dayle Spitzer, District Superintendent**

1. Oregon City School District (OCSD) Superintendent Dr. Dayle Spitzer discussed OCSD plans for the upcoming bond measure on the November 2th, 2024 ballot.
2. 2018 bond was completed on budget and on time. It was focused on safe vestibules at each school building. 2024 Bond is phase 3 of a series of bonds started in 2003. First bond in 2003 was for a new High School. Second bond was for rebuilding and renovating middle schools. The 3rd bond will be for elementary schools.
3. Average age of Oregon City elementary schools is 62 years old. The bond will update aging schools. The Bond Planning committee was composed of a variety of community members who recommended plans. Bond will raise \$163 million. Includes adding air conditioning, fixing roofs, etc. Cost is \$1.23 per \$1000 of assessed property value. If the bond passes the State will match with a \$6 million dollar grant. OCSD is preapproved for the grant if the bond passes. The medium cost for an average home would be \$300.
4. Dr. Spitzer shared that about 337 children in the Jennings Lodge area attend OCSD.
5. Dr. Spitzer shared that JLCPO can now use the school building free of charge.
6. Katie Wilson (OCSD Board) spoke to advocate for the Bond. She encouraged everyone to register to Vote!
7. Q&A time: Community members asked questions about the bonds. Including:
  - a. Since the Middle and High Schools are not located in the Jennings Lodge area, how will the Bond support us?
  - b. Has the High School Bond been paid off?- YES.
  - c. Candy Lane is a bilingual school. Why don't we have any school except the Bilingual school?
  - d. Question around why we are in OCSD?
8. Upcoming events to visit schools will be shared through JLCPO email in the future.

**SECOND TOPIC: Summer Festival/Potluck – Jane Morrison Thank You Jane.**

1. Appreciation of Jane Morrison and her work on the summer festival and potluck.

**THIRD TOPIC: December 3rd meeting: Possibility of an In-person meeting**

1. Discussion and check in if people are interested in a Winter in-person meeting and if there are volunteers who would be willing to lead it?
2. There was interest in an in-person gathering but there were not enough volunteers to plan an in-person meeting. Jan Carothers and Grover Bornefed expressed interest in helping.
3. JLCPO will send out a survey to see if anyone else is interested in leading and arranging an in-person meeting.
4. Cost for in-person is \$100 rent for Nazarene church- however they are only open on Monday.
5. Using the gym at Jennings Lodge School will cost \$32 per hour to cover the cost of the site supervisor. The gym is available December 3rd.

**FOURTH TOPIC: Update on Gladstone Library and Concord Park**

Presented by Grover Bornefeld

1. Gladstone Library is almost finished and scheduled Grand Opening on 9/28/24 at 10am.
2. Oak Lodge library has foundation poured.

**FIFTH TOPIC: North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District**

Presented by Muciri Gatimu

1. No funding is available for the park to be constructed at the Jennings Lodge school,
2. Residents have made him aware that an invasive and toxic plant - yellow flag iris - has taken over much of Boardman Creek along the Trolley Trail especially between Boardman Rd and Naef Rd. It is choking out native plants and presents some level of risk to wildlife and humans.
3. Residents have contacted NCPRD, who suggested a Maintenance Request be filed with the District.
4. Residents also spoke with OLWS, who said the District is working with the North Clackamas Watershed Council on similar infestations in the Glen Echo area. It is envisioned as a 3-4 year project, currently in the design stage. This project will need grant and other funding to realize.
5. OLWS does not recommend amateurs remove the plants but might be engaged in replanting or other restoration projects. It is possible that OLWS may be able to play a supporting role in such an effort.
6. OLWS may be able to support alternative community involvement, such as a "planting day" with NCWC or a "bioblitz" to count various species along the creek/watershed.

VOTE: Jane Morrison made a motion that JLCPO send a letter to BCC and NCPRD to remove Yellow Iris and fill out the maintenance form. Muciri Gatimu: second.

Outcome: Approved. In favor: (14) Louise Anderson, Steve Berliner, Karen Bjorklund, Grover Jeffrey Bornefeld, Jan Carothers, Muciri Gatimu, Angie Koehler, Brenda Koehler, Jane Morrison, Cynthia Quackenbush, Pat Reinert, Greg Smith, Tom Weaver, Kevin Williams. Opposed: (0).

**SIXTH TOPIC: New business**

1. Next meeting: December 3rd at 7:00 pm (Location TBD)

Adjourned: 8:09 pm