

# Jennings Lodge Community Planning Organization Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25, 2025

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, Virginia Foster, Leanna Gornick, Paul Gornick, Angie Koehler, Brenda Koehler, Jane Morrison, Linda Neumann, Pat Reinert, Greg Smith, Kevin Williams.

OTHER JL COMMUNITY MEMBERS: (3) Linda Gamberg, Tolif Gemechu, Kay Weaver

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: (1) Gary Marschke, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Introductions: All in attendance introduced themselves.

JLCPO Business:

Approval of minutes for 12/3/24 meeting. Approved with edits. Jane will email the corrections to the JLCPO secretary.

Treasurer's report: Pat Reinert Balance as of 2/25/25 is \$2859.29

FIRST TOPIC: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Clackamas) – Gary Marschke, Office and Outreach Coordinator

1. NAMI Clackamas is the grassroots non-profit organization providing free mental health education, support, and advocacy delivered by people with lived experience to improve quality of life for everyone in our community.
2. ¾ of the houseless population have mental health conditions. Facts around mental health, including suicide reviewed.
3. Myths, signs of suicide and how to intervene reviewed. Resource for everyone is to call: 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (funded by cell phone tax in Oregon).
4. NAMI offers classes for the community and families as well as support groups. Recommended books: You are not alone by Dr. Ken Duckworth; I am Not Sick - I Don't Need Help by Xavier Amador

SECOND TOPIC: Yellow Flag Iris infestation

1. Jane reported on Yellow Flag Iris infestation. They identified the properties infested (private and public land). Clackamas Soil and Water District does not want homeowners to spray roundup due to water ways. Must be professional to work with Yellow Flag Iris. Currently no one can take on the project without funding; however, some was dug out to facilitate drainage. JLCPO verbally supported Jane's work to advocate for Yellow Flag Iris removal.

THIRD TOPIC: Lot 99 update

1. The County's "Walk Bike Plan" calls for pedestrian facilities for Jennings between McLoughlin and River Rd AND pedestrian improvements from River to Morse St. These improvements are both ranked Tier 1, which presumably means a higher priority for funding.

2. There are LOTS of Tier 1 projects and funding is not overflowing. We will need to continue to advocate for pedestrian facilities in order to make sure our Tier 1 projects stay in front of the elected officials, employees and committees of Clackamas County.
3. The Sheriff visited JLCPO in Dec 2023. Some community feedback that there is less illegal parking, but still concerned with the driveway near McLoughlin and the big truck that unloads cars onto the lot.
4. Motion by Jane to send a letter to county commissioners to fund pedestrian facilities.

Motion regarding sending a letter to BCC supporting sidewalks on Jennings Ave. from McLoughlin Blvd. to River Rd.: Outcome: Approved. In favor: (13) Steve Berliner, Karen Bjorklund, Grover Jeffrey Bornefeld, Jan Carothers, Virginia Foster, Leanna Gornick, Paul Gornick, Angie Koehler, Brenda Koehler, Jane Morrison, Pat Reinert, Greg Smith, Kevin Williams. Opposed: (0).

#### FOURTH TOPIC: JLCPO updates

1. Nominations are now open for Chairperson, Treasurer, and At-Large Board Members. Election during May 27 meeting. (Pat Reinert notified board she will run for treasurer again)
2. Mailchimp account volunteer requested.
3. In person meetings for JLCPO discussed- current board unable to support hybrid or in person.

#### FIFTH TOPIC: Code Enforcement

1. Michael Barnes says an "Address Inquiry Lookup" link has been added to the County website.  
<http://www.clackamas.us/codeenforcement>

#### SIXTH TOPIC: Update on Gladstone Library and Concord Park Presented by Grover Bornefeld

1. Parks plan is going forward and scheduled to open in the Fall.
2. Muciri resigned from position. Thank you for your service, Muciri! If interested in being a park representative let Grover know.
3. Library board will have a 12 person task force (including Grover). Libraries are now closed on Sundays due to funding shortages.
4. Exhibition by Clackamas County Historical Society opens on May 17th about the Jennings Lodge campground.

#### SEVENTH TOPIC: New business

1. Kevin Williams, from the Oak Lodge Water District, shared that the water plant project is in the works. Budget meeting is in April.
2. Next meeting: May 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm (Location virtual)

Adjourned: 8:21pm