



Draft Minutes

50+ ADVISORY BOARD

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

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1. Roll Call

Tom Brennan, Chair, Marcia Robertson, Debbie Harris, Ed Blossom, Councilor Jordan, Ann Adrian, Teresa O'Halloran. Guest Gene Arnold. Absent: Janine Dunphy.

2. Approve September 22 Meeting Minutes

After several changes to the draft, Ed Blossom made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Marcia Robertson seconded the motion. September minutes approved with changes.

3. Open Public Communication

No public comment today.

The meeting will end early today, Janine is still out. With this short staff we will go through the regular agenda items. But will delay the discussion on the 50+ Action Items.

4. Old Business

4.1 Comprehensive Plan Update (Comp Plan)

The latest meeting focused on next year's business; preparing for getting the community summits together to provide more feedback of the details of the Comp Plan. This process started with the seven vision statements that are now the focus of the discussions at each summit. Some new topics have been included for the first time such as the Arts and the Library.. There will be 4 summits in total.

Over the next year the community will come together to influence policy and to help decide what this town will look like in the next twenty years.

There was a question regarding how the economy is influencing this process. Has it been a driving force in this process? Is there enough money? Has second scenarios been included in the talks?

Tom Brennan responded that this document is mainly focused on land use policy, zoning rules and regulations. However there is a summit that is planned that will focus on the economic issue alone.

Thomas Brennan, Chair ■ Edwin Blossom ■ Janine Dunphy ■
Debbie Harris ■ Marcia Robertson ■ Donna Jordan, Council Liaison

It is difficult to predict at this time how the community is going to pay for some of the future plans and how they are going to address the future costs of any ideas in the Comp Plan. A small discussion ensued regarding shifting economic times. Tom reminded the group that the 1993 Comp Plan included downtown redevelopment and that it was renewed within the last 20 years.

Debbie Harris believes that many in the community do not understand what the Comp Plan is really all about and what it means to them and their community. Tom agreed that more public education is important. Debbie suggested some open meetings at the ACC (Adult Community Center) for educating the 50+ community in how to engage with the Comp Plan process.

Councilor Jordan reminded the board that the CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) in the beginning did just that type of public outreach; the CAC and City staff engaged the 50+ community by visiting various 50+ based organizations.

The Comp Plan is not about building more buildings and taxing the citizens. It is a plan or a vision...a process to try to plan the future of the City.

Marcia Robertson reminded the Board how many avenues which exist using today's technology to get this information and education out to the public. There are so many forms of communication today.

The Comp Plan information can be found at We Love LO website located at <http://welovelakeoswego.com/>

As an aside, Tom Brennan went out to the ACC's 50+ Advisory Board website to look for historic documents. He found the 50+ dialogue is still on the website. However, the Affordable Housing Study was more difficult to locate. This document evolved as a housing response to the previous Comp Plan.

4.2 City Council Update

The City Council had a study session on the city tree codes. Those citizens who have invasive tree species can now remove it for free. Citizens will need a permit, and a replacement plan. However, the regular public process element will not be necessary and there will be no cost.

Some members of Council will be visiting other libraries in the Metro area including Camas and Vancouver. The City has acquired one piece of property for the library plan and is working on other acquisitions.

The Council has been discussing how involved the City should be regarding the Stafford Area which is now a part of the Urban Reserve in Metro. If a property is in a designated urban reserve area, it can be included in the urban growth boundary. It is a designation that sets up for expansion and building in the future.

Tom wondered about the Community Development Code. It has been reviewed, had an open house and consolidated the information to be more user-friendly. The layout is much better when looking up information. It is still complicated language, but the layout has been improved. This is just one change of several aimed toward improving the Community Development Code.

Labor negotiations occur this year for the three contract binding units working for the City. Those include Fire, Police, and LOMEA (Lake Oswego Municipal Employees Association). The last contracts were for 3

years in an effort to stagger the contracts so that they all do not come due at the same time.

Foothills plan – A survey has been completed with a report due out next month (November). By the end of the year the new revised version of local costs of the street car should be available.

4.3 ACC Update

Tom Brennan met with Ann Adrian regarding participating together with regards to the 50+ Chair position. He recommends visiting the ACC and checking out the upgrades to the downstairs level.

The plan for the first distribution from the Minter Funds is completed with significant changes on the downstairs level. Wall skimming, painting, flooring, carpeting and repurposing of rooms for more effective use were all accomplished during the two weeks the ACC was closed at the end of August.

The lighting upgrades are next. The overall cost is unknown due to unknowns with the old wiring. Furniture purchases are also planned.

Parks and Recreation hired a new Parks Assistant named Ivan Anderholm who replaced Gary Evans upon retirement.

Upcoming Events:

- The City-wide Drug Take Back event this Saturday, October 29 at the ACC.
- Own Your Future – A panel program highlighting information about retirement and long term living options in Lake Oswego. This program is offered every other year and offers a panel discussion on what citizens should be doing if they want to downsize, or how to manage choices of long-term care or moving. How do you know it is time for a change?
- The East parking lot is still closed. Those displaced programs now want to come back to the building, but the property now has a sink hole that needs to be addressed prior to re-opening the east side parking lot.
- Holidays are coming with several annual holiday events occurring at the center. Check out the website for more information <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/ACC/>

Debbie Harris asked about how the ACC handles marketing and providing community resources to patrons. Ann Adrian asserted that the ACC does provide that information on an individual basis through our Client Services Coordinator. Debbie suggested that there is a great need for recommendations in our community. Councilor Jordan reminded the group that sometimes it is just by word of mouth. Ultimately it is an individual choice, the ACC can only advise on what resources exist.

5. New Business

5.1 Update on interviews of board applicants

Gail Zimmerman resigned in September so there are now three open positions on this board. The decision will be made at an upcoming council meeting on who get appointed. There were several great candidates.

5.2 Discussion – 50+ Action agenda for 2012 - Tabled until next time when the board attendance is better. Tom Brennan has made an effort to reach out to each board member to gain feedback and thoughts on moving forward. First of all, he feels this board needs to create a work program document that has the council blessing.

Tom's top three areas of focus that he believes will always be standard items that this board focuses on include:

1. Housing
2. Transportation
3. Neighbors Helping Neighbors program (there has been changes in leadership, but Tom does not want to lose sight of the program and would like to continue to foster its success in the future)

Ed Blossom suggested strongly that there should be a Vice Chair.

He also added that this board should publish more about what it is doing. For example, he suggested notices be published in the newspaper, or in the Leisure News, or in Hello LO.

Debbie Harris suggested more support in housing; specifically detached buildings and the use of creative housing in this community. This board has been working on the SDU (Secondary Dwelling Units) code changes in order to make it easier for this type of housing to be allowed. Some of the negative perception comes from the neighborhood themselves. There are a lot of different impacts that need to be considered. The psychology of renters and that mentality impacts attitudes towards these types of creative housing options.

Marcia Robertson wants to focus on what type of services people want to see that this board might be able to influence or get done.

Debbie Harris suggested a community feedback avenue. Councilor Jordan reminded the board that there already are several communication avenues through the City, ie: Open City. Debbie was concerned about it not being through the City, to encourage honesty.

A discussion ensued about building design and re-thinking how to develop creative designs in buildings including the use of the SDUs.

5.3 Set Next Meeting Date – Nov 17 at 8:30 a.m.

5.4 Adjourn Meeting