



City of Lake Oswego 50-Plus Advisory Board

Thursday, January 8, 2009
8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Members 2008-2009:

Gail Zimmerman, Chair
Thomas Brennan
Ruth Cohen
Nanci Cummings
Janine Dunphy
James Laughton
Meagan Lawler
Kathy Long Holland
Vacant

City Staff:

TBD, City Council Liaison
Kim Gilmer, PR Director (Optional)
Ann Adrian, ACC Manager
Teresa O'Halloran, ACC Admin

Guests:

Jean Fox

Oswego Room
West End Building (WEB)
4101 Kruse Way

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Approved Minutes

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- I. Roll Call
Gail Zimmerman, Janine Dunphy, Ruth Cohen, James Laughton, Tom Brennan, Nanci Cummings, Kathy Long Holland, Ann Adrian, ACC Manager. Excused: Meagan Lawler, Teresa O'Halloran, ACC Admin, Kim Gilmer, PR Director.
 - II. Approval of Minutes 12/11/08
Minutes approved with minor edits, Ms. Cummings made a motion to approve; Ms. Dunphy seconded that motion.
 - III. Open Public Communications - None
 - IV. Old Business
 - A. 2009 Work Plan
 - Develop action plan
 - Ms. Zimmerman wants to add owners to the goal items.
 - Mr. Laughton – Transportation (pedestrian's crosswalk)
 - Ms. Zimmerman – Transportation aspects, Tri-Met situation
 - Ms. Cummings – Spring Event
 - Mr. Brennan – Housing
 - Mr. Brennan questioned how this board may get notified of City proposals or projects that come up. Ms. Dunphy added that Ms. Adrian's predecessor, Ms. Suteu, was asked to look into it. Ms. Adrian will get clarity from Mr. Lashbrook for this board on this type of communication.
 - Ms. Dunphy – Elders in Action, Elder Friendly Business™
 - Ms. Cohen – Promotion of the ACC, Housing
 - Ms. Long Holland – Transportation

Reviewed introduction paragraph (written by Mr. Brennan) to 2008/2009 work plan and reports: The idea was to give some background to the new council as to why this board exists. Edits were suggested and captured on the final draft. The final is to be presented to Council on Tuesday, January 13.

Mr. Laughton and Ms. Cohen both had additional ideas for possible inclusion on the work plan. Mr. Laughton had sent to Ms. Zimmerman prior to the meeting a written proposal relating to improving or adding pedestrian crossings at busy intersections. Ms. Zimmerman had forwarded that proposal to other members of the 50+ Advisory Board. The Board members discussed sending out letters to neighborhood associations trying to gather data on busy intersection created some questions. The Board, after some discussion, concluded it was appropriate for them to do research like this in order to advise the City.

The Board also suggested that the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, a group that exists to improve pedestrian walk ways, be invited to attend one of the 50+ meetings to find out if they are in a position to assist the Board. Mr. Laughton said he would draft a letter for the Board to review. It was also suggested that there may be some information in the Board manual regarding templates for letters or boundaries on what can be written. The Transportation Advisory Board was also mentioned as a board that could provide some assistance on this project. Also, Ms. Zimmerman said she would look into the existence of City staff that work on transportation, i.e., traffic engineer.

The Board agreed that Mr. Laughton's pedestrian project should be added to the 2009 Work Plan. Ms. Zimmerman said she would wordsmith it with the board and will add it into the next revision of the 2009 Work Plan. Ms. Zimmerman and Mr. Laughton will contact the appropriate resources mentioned above for future meetings.

Mr. Laughton also reminded the group about the recent implementation of the Senior Studies Institute at the Adult Community Center and whether or not it should be included in the goals. Ms. Dunphy suggested that it go into the summary of the 2008 Accomplishments to be reported to the City Council on the 13th. The Board agreed that it should be added as a 2008 accomplishment.

Ms. Dunphy had some suggestions for adding clarity under the transportation goal. And under housing she thought having this board develop criteria for supporting development projects for assessable housing was not obtainable. The board agreed to remove this line.

Project 3, Advocacy – Ms. Dunphy suggested adding verbiage saying that the Board would be monitoring and contributing to the comprehensive planning process.

Ms. Dunphy further suggested including more volunteer opportunity verbiage for 50+ outside of yard work, emphasizing rather their skills and including meaningful service in the community. Ms. Zimmerman captured the addition in the work plan.

A side note was mentioned regarding a disaster recovery plan for the 50+ Community. Ms. Adrian talked about getting meals out and being a warming center during the recent times of inclement weather. There really is not a plan in place to address these issues. Even with Project Alert there were issues regarding driving and getting out assisting those in need.

There should be a declaration of an emergency plan in place at the City, which there is, but it was not declared an emergency, so certain aspects of assistance were not in place. The general consensus was that these issues were outside the scope of the Board. Even though the Adult Community Center is designated a disaster recovery center, there is not a plan written or in place regarding when the Red Cross steps in to assist or how employees are to safely get to the ACC to assist prior to the Red Cross. The Police and Fire were unable to assist the ACC in the most recent snow events which raised issues.

Ms. Zimmerman said she was not sure that this was outside the scope of the Board; however, it does bring to light the issue of what all the ACC provides and offers the community. The City of Gresham was declared an emergency and got assistance from the National Guard. This decision must lie with the Mayor and we were in transition.

The Board members agreed that this emergency planning issue was beyond its scope. They agreed that there was an opportunity for citizens to express their concerns in this regard as part of the comprehensive planning process that is going on now.

Ms. Cohen provided the Board with a summary of the issues surrounding the Oakridge Senior Housing Project and the upcoming hearing surrounding the community objections regarding the designation of aging as a disability. Ms. Zimmerman asked for more information about this project and Ms. Cohen had a hand out to share. Ms. Dunphy clarified that this Board did support this project and made a declaration regarding its support; however, since then the City of Lake Oswego has been in hearings regarding the disability designation and it is now in the hands of the Land Use Board. Ms. Zimmerman added that, even though this Board cannot impact anything at this point, it is important for this Board to know what is going on with the project as it proceeds in litigation.

Ms. Adrian announced the upcoming Jazz and Wine reception at the ACC on February 15. Ms. Cummings is going to ask Donna Jordan if she wants to be our liaison.

V. New Business

A. 2009 agendas: discuss speakers, topics, etc.

Transportation, Bob Gallante

Public input meeting to comprehensive plan review sessions

B. Set Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2009

C. Adjourn

References:

50+ Draft Meeting Minutes 12/11/08

Draft 2009 Work Plan (updated with intro)