

CITY OF TIGARD
COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

John Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held in the Tigard Public Library, second floor conference room, at 13500 SW Hall Blvd.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bev Froude, John Harris

Members Absent: Chairman Basil Christopher, Connie Ramaekers, Sue Carver, Gary Jelinek, Rex Caffall, Patti Anda

Staff Present: Susan Hartnett, Assistant Community Development Director; Dianna Weston, Community Events Coordinator; Marissa Daniels, Associate Planner

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

John asked everyone to introduce themselves, then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

John delayed voting on the minutes until more Committee members are present.

FANNO CREEK CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Dianna explained to the Committee that she is in search of direction on a few key pieces of logistical information for the Fanno Creek Conference.

The first item is to choose a date in May for the Conference. Dianna gave the Committee two dates to consider – May 15th or May 22nd. These dates were chosen to avoid holiday weekends in May - Mother's Day and Memorial Day. She said her research has not turned up any community conflicts. She asked the committee to email her if they know of any conflicts.

The second item she is seeking direction on is a venue for the Conference. Diana reserved the Library Community Room on both dates as a backup plan. She asked the Committee about the possibility of holding the conference at a private location. Dianna passed around a handout detailing two local venues that could accommodate the conference.

The Broadway Rose New Stage Theater costs \$500 for an all day rental for non-profit organizations. The City will need to contract separately with a caterer if this venue is chosen. The Grand Hotel at Bridgeport has two separate rooms available. The first, can accommodate 100 people and costs \$400 per day. The Breakfast Room costs \$150 per day. This hotel uses Paradise Bakery for catering, and lunch will cost \$15 per person. Dianna asked the committee if they support holding the event offsite.

Bev said she prefers City facilities. Bev attended the Fanno Creek Conference in the past and it was held in the Public Works Auditorium.

Dianna does not know the budget for the conference, but expects to spend money on the catering and publicity regardless. Susan asked about paying fees for the speakers, and suggested this could be another use of funds.

The benefits of doing the event offsite, Dianna said, are both options have really great parking and add appeal for the event. John asked, and Susan confirmed, that the new Hall Blvd crossing and trail to the library will be completed before the Conference.

Susan shared next steps with the Committee. City Council is scheduled to meet November 17th to discuss the conference. She said Council will want to weigh in on the venue decision. If small group table discussions are to be included in the event, room layout will be important.

Susan confirmed with Bev that she attended the Fanno Creek Conference in the past, and asked if she had been required to register before the event - she had. Bev complimented Liz and Loreen who planned the conference in past years and did an excellent job.

John asked about the upcoming City Council meeting and Marissa pointed him to the Fanno Creek Conference Timeline included in the meeting packet. Dianna asked that "Launch Publicity" be moved to March 1, 2009. She also suggested the Committee meet once more before the City Council meeting. Susan said she and Marissa had discussed this, but staff resources aren't available. Also, while we need to have enough clarity to hold the discussion in November, the Council will not be looking to have a period at the end of each sentence at this point.

FANNO CREEK CONFERENCE TOPICS DISCUSSION, CONTINUED

Last month, Marissa explained, the committee brainstormed some possible topics to be discussed at the Fanno Creek Conference. In September, the Committee suggested the following topics:

- Street Maintenance

- Highway 99W Beautification
- Street Improvements
- Water Quality
- Future of School Funding (art, choir, sports)
- Minority Equality, bullying
- Increased gang activity, tagging
- Underage drinking
- Facilities: Community Center, Recreation, Police
- Right of Way Maintenance, *A place to call home.*
- Animals: coyote, deer, raccoon, mosquitoes (West Nile Virus), mice, rats
- Code violation abatement
- Disaster preparedness, swine flu

Marissa used street maintenance, because Council will be voting on this issue prior to the Fanno Creek Conference, as an example of turning issues into debatable questions that can be used at the conference. Her example was included on a large poster:

Topic	Issues
Street Maintenance Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the proposed Street Maintenance Fee include funds for right of way maintenance? • In order to decrease the amount of the Street Maintenance Fee Increase, should the City adopt a lower overall pavement condition index? • Currently, large businesses are capped at 200 parking spaces, should this cap be increased? Larger businesses will be charged for more spaces, but the cost per space will go down. • Should a rainy day fund be established within the Street Maintenance Fee? • Should the Street Maintenance Fee be indexed for cost increases?

Next, Marissa passed out a copy of the open ended responses to the City’s 2007 Community Attitudes survey. The Survey asked, “And finally, what do you believe is the one most important issue the City Council needs to address over the next year?” The most common response was traffic. Results from this year’s survey will be available prior to the next meeting.

Marissa asked the Committee if they had any issues to add to the list from last month. The following items were suggested:

- Parks
- Streets
 - Sidewalks

- Lighting
- Traffic Flow
- Safety
- Alternative Transportation
- High Capacity Transit

John added parks, considering the bond that is currently out to the voters. There will be many issues for the community to discuss either way, if it passes or it does not.

Addressing the Community Survey results, and complaints about traffic, the Committee discussed at length alternative transportation and the need for additional infrastructure. Bev suggested Bull Mountain Road is in dire need of continuous sidewalks. John said sidewalks are an interesting issue because generally, half of the people want them and the other half, those who are next to the proposed projects, don't. Susan pointed to the split for high capacity transit, there are some who believe it will make a difference and others who believe it won't. Bev and John talked about the fact there are lots of new people in Tigard, and perhaps a map of safe walking routes could help.

Susan suggested interesting warm up questions could be:

- How do we get around Tigard?
- How can we get around Tigard?

John pointed out oftentimes these types of projects are very expensive. Yet, Susan shared the excitement of high school students attending the last City Council meeting who were very excited the City is addressing the need for additional bike and pedestrian facilities downtown.

Susan then asked the Committee how we can change these issues into questions to be posed at the conference. She pointed at the example, where each question started with the word, "should." The Committee came up with the following list of suggestions:

- What should the City's commitment to alternative transportation look like?
- Should there be a bike lane and/or pedestrian facility on every street in the City?
- Should foot/bike/bus routes be designated and publicized?
- Should the City divert a portion of the money designated for traffic improvements to non-automobile transportation?
- Should the City make it a goal to have bike lanes and pedestrian facilities on at least one side of the street?
- Has the internet and social media created a more cohesive Tigard?
- Should the City be using social media?
- How should the City prioritize new community facilities (community center, new police facilities, recreation facilities)?

- Can we live side by side with wildlife? How can we do that? Should Tigard go the Sherwood Route?

Marissa shared that in her conversation with Loreen, previous conferences did have smaller informational topics which were presented along with the larger discussion topics. Susan suggested these could all be centered on the City's tagline, *A place to call home*. She suggested also that the disaster preparedness topic could fit in this category, along with getting feedback on the City's themes.

Marissa pointed out that many of the topics suggested at the previous meeting are related: street maintenance, Highway 99W beautification, and right of way maintenance. She will also contact the school district to see if they have any issues that could be included in the conference discussions.

CITY COUNCIL GOAL RECOMENDATIONS

This item was delayed until the November meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS UPDATE

Because many of the CCI members were unable to attend the meeting, Joanne sent a hand out describing her update. The Neighborhood Network program is currently holding a contest to encourage people to log on to their area web page and leave a comment. The winner of the drawing on November 1, 2009 will receive a \$50 gift card to Starbucks. So far, Joanne received about three comments.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT AGENDA

- The Fanno Creek Conference City Council meeting will be held on November 17, 2009. Marissa encouraged CCI members to attend.
- Marissa will be out of the office until mid November. Darren Wyss will be the contact person for the CCI in the meantime.

ADJOURNMENT

John adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.