

Riverpark CIO Annual Meeting

11/03/2021 - 6:00pm - via zoom call

Attendees

COI Board Members - President Janine Wilson, Vice President Christine Tunstall, Treasurer Jeanne Raikoglo, Secretary Kate Pinamonti, and Daniel Bachhuber (member at large).

Speakers - Frank Bubenik, Bill Steele, Cassandra Ulsan, Erin Jolly, Kenny Carver, Mike McCarthy, Jackie Konen, Cathy Holland

Membership - 45

Agenda and Followup Notes

1. **Welcome - Riverpark CIO President Janine Wilson**
 - a. The CIO was given an annual \$1,500 grant to use at our discretion to improve livability. Funds have gone to Neighbor Night Out, adding park benches, and emergency supply hubs.

2. **City Council - Mayor Frank Bubenik, Riverpark CIO Resident**
 - a. City's response to Covid was done well.
 - b. Park Projects - a maintenance fee is included on utility bills to help prioritize projects.
 - c. City is working on a RFP (request for proposal) for a Climate Action Plan.
 - d. The Citizens Advisory Board will start next year for the DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion).
 - e. City is adding flashing beacons by Jurgens Park and Hazelbrook Road.
 - f. Improvements are planned on Herman Road by trailer park to improve safety.
 - g. Holiday Lights are back! 1st Saturday in December.
 - h. Library has added a new Maker's Space.

Participant Marissa Phillips asked the city to have a broader presence via social media for emergency situations.

3. Tualatin Police Department - Police Chief Bill Steele

- a. City approved body cams and tasers for the police. Body cams should arrive 6-8 weeks.
- b. The Department has created a Mental Health Response Team Program. A mental clinician is paired with an officer during calls.
- c. The School Resource Officer Program will continue. Results from the school district survey were very positive. 2 officers are placed at the High School and will respond as needed for the elementary and junior high.
- d. Catalytic Converters are being stolen across the city. Keep vehicles in well lit areas and call the police on any suspicious activity.

4. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue - Chief Cassandra Ulsan

- a. There has been an uptick in home heating equipment fires.
- b. TVFR just launched new cardiac monitors.
- c. TVFR is launching the Community Paramedic Pilot in January as a way to have better use of the 911 system.
- d. Paramedics academy is starting in January. Firefighters academy is starting in February
- e. The bond measure was approved.

5. Washington County Health and Human Services

- a. COVID-19 Response - Public Health Program Supervisor Erin Jolly
 - i. Covid case count for WA County is 39,000 and deaths is 336 (some deaths were not WA County residents).
 - ii. There was a resurgence with the Delta Variant but is now trending down.
 - iii. Community case count is high 112 to every 100,000 people. Unvaccinated are 6 to 1.
 - iv. Hospital capacity is improving. Currently 56 patients are in the hospital and 16 in ICU.
 - v. County has a Vaccine Mobile Team that works Tuesday - Saturday to increase vaccinations in harder to reach places.
- b. Vector Control - Mosquito Control Coordinator Kenny Carver
 - i. County mosquito control program that identifies and collects mosquitos from various water locations. Traps are set and when collected are tested for different diseases. WA County has 25 different species.

- ii. Rat Issue - Inspect home for holes, trim bushes and trees away from home, and remove bird feeders and pet food. Be sure to know the difference between mice and rats to understand if you have an infestation and set the appropriate size traps.

6. Tualatin Moving Forward - Transportation Engineer Mike McCarthy

- a. In 2018 voters passed a 20 million dollar bond measure for street and pedestrian safety.
 - i. The Hazelbrook area project includes adding crosswalks with flashing beacons.
 - ii. Crosswalk and sidewalk are being upgraded by the police station.
 - iii. Plans to add a walkway on Hwy 99 and 124th.
 - iv. The plan to put a traffic light at Teton and Tualatin Road has been cancelled as it could cause more traffic problems. Therefore they have money to spend and will be seeking community ideas via electronic survey for the project.

Janine Wilson inquired about the amount allocated in the fund. Response was somewhere between \$500,00 and \$1,000,000.

7. Volunteer Services - Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Konen

- a. A Social Media Campaign was released in the fall targeting the library, youth programs, and cleaning up the Tualatin River Greenway. All volunteer programs can be found on their website.
- b. Put Down Roots in Tualatin Program - 8,000 trees and shrubs were planted annually along with removal of invasive species and ivy.
- c. The Rife property adjacent to Jurgens Park was purchased by the city. Plan is to improve the riverbank and reforestation.
- d. DIY Volunteer Program has over 80 volunteers. Activities include litter pickup, invasive species removal, among others. Volunteers have contributed over 600 hours.
- e. Spruce Up the Library is set for Nov. 13th. Upcoming events in 2022 are the Blender Dash and the Pumpkin Regatta.

8. Community Emergency Response Team - Commercial CIO President Cathy Holland

- a. CERT is an independent non-profit team which is supported by the city. Purpose is to prepare the community for fire, flooding, major earthquakes, and other disasters.
- b. CERT class and membership requires a 7 week class. They have 170 members with 29 of them residing in Riverpark CIO. And 86 ham licenses with 14 in Riverpark.
- c. CERT encourages the community to take a 7 hour class on emergency preparedness. They will also set up a 1 hour meeting for a specific neighborhood. Goal is to have a certified person on every street.

9. Annual Elections - Board Member Daniel Bachhuber

- a. 5 positions open for re-election.
- b. Kathy Holland nominated the entire slate and no-one had any additional nominations.
- c. Majority voted Yes. Zero voted no.

10. Closing - Riverpark CIO Janine Wilson

- a. Open the meeting up to questions.

Closing Questions

1. Mike McCarthy addressed a safety concern at the intersection of Herman and Galbreath. Traffic Dept. to research the crash history at that location.
2. Cathy Holland addressed questions on what emergencies they have dealt with.
 - o City was mobilized during an ice storm in 2021. They broke off ice in the storm drains. Also have worked closely with WA County vaccination clinics. And have manned shrub removal.
3. Mayor Bubenik addressed questions on police and firefighter vaccination mandates. Police and the TVFR are exempt from this mandate.
4. If you have any traffic or transportation suggestions for Tualatin Moving Forward please send requests to Mike McCarthy.
5. Question was asked about a plan for the Rife property in Jurgens Park. The long term plan is to extend the greenway trail however it's not in the budget right now. TBD.
6. Janine addressed her concern with an abandoned property on 109th and Tualatin Road (correction). House cannot come down until the property is annexed.

7. Signs for the Tualatin Shuttle Service are difficult to read and need to be lower. City doesn't oversee the shuttle. Shuttle service will be contacted to advocate for these suggestions.

Full record of the annual meeting has been recorded and will be posted to the website.

End time: 7:10pm