

## **Martinazzi Woods CIO Annual Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2025 Social Time 6:30 pm Presentations 6:30 pm to 8 pm**

**The Community at Marquis**

Board Attendees: Sallie Olson/President, Ann Buenzli/Vice President, Claudia Sterling/Secretary, Kimberly Poole/Treasurer

Invited Attendees: Megan George, Deputy City Manager; Sergeant James Wall, Tualatin Police Dept; Station 34 representative, TVF&R; Mike McCarthy, City Engineer; Frank Bubenik, City Mayor; Sid Sin, Urban Renewal/Economic Development Manager; Tom Steiger, Parks Maintenance Manager; Charlyn Wilson, Tualatin Neighborhood Ready, and Margaret Gunther, Volunteer Program Manager, for social time.

Community Member Attendees: 17

Each attending family pulled a raffle ticket and won either a fire blanket or a gift card from area businesses (both were stock held over from last FY).

### **Social Time**

This was a new element of the meeting, to give time for folks to network among themselves, talk informally to the speakers, or visit the display tables from Tualatin Neighborhood Ready and City Volunteer program. Snacks were available, courtesy the City.

### **Welcome**

Sallie Olson, President, welcomed the attendees and invited speakers. She reviewed the purpose of the CIOs (Community Involvement Organizations). She mentioned our successful CIO community fair held May 31<sup>st</sup> at Living Savior Lutheran Church, and summarized the accomplishments over the previous year by the Martinazzi Woods CIO:

- Emergency Radio hub purchased and maintained by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Street sign toppers labeling our neighborhood
- Blue bench on Martinazzi Ave
- Dog refuse station at the parkway entrance
- Support for National Night Out block parties

### **Tualatin Police Department, District #2**

SGT Wall briefly outlined upcoming events and responded to questions. He represents Patrol District 2, south of Tualatin-Sherwood Rd, including four CIOs.

- District #2 is staffed 24/7
- Crosswalk safety/speeding—please call them if cars are ignoring crosswalks or speeding through neighborhoods and they can set up observation teams
- Crime stats are very low, not much stranger-on-victim incidents. Go to <https://cityprotect.com/agency/tualatinpolicedepartment> for information or to [cityprotect.com/map/list/agencies](https://cityprotect.com/map/list/agencies) and search for Tualatin to see an incident map.
- To arrange for a Ride Along, contact SGT Wall at [JMW@Tualatin.gov](mailto:JMW@Tualatin.gov).
- There is a drop-off bin for unneeded/expired prescription medications in the Police Office lobby, open 8am-5pm

- K-9 Tony retired, we now have an English Springer Spaniel, Drea, who's trained as a narcotics sniffer dog.
- Homeless/transients have not been an issue, we have a designated overnight camping area next to the Police Office, there are a few more individuals spending nights there.
- #1 problem appears to be shoplifting. Response depends on business preference.
- #2 graffiti appears not to be gang-related but mostly young teens. Community service staff clean the surface, then public works might also clean/repair. Please call graffiti in.
- He'll check out the overnight parking on Mohawk St adjacent to the Park and Ride.
- Renting electric scooters is restricted to 18 and above and they cannot be used on sidewalks.

## TVF&R

Staff from Station 34 attended. LT Colin Sorensen reminded the group they are a special district providing fire protection and emergency medical services (10 cities besides Tualatin, with ambulance support for additional areas).

- Answered questions about lithium storage battery fires. These are increasing state-wide, particularly difficult to put out. Problems with batteries at end of life, or becoming overheated or overcharged. Recommended not recharging e-scooters, drills, cell phones, motorcycles, etc. when no one's home. Also avoid 'discount' lithium batteries.

## Mayor's Message

- The Mayor gave a general overview of recent council activities:
  - Climate Action Plan adopted in May 2024 helped position Tualatin to receive a portion of a \$15 million grant to bring publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure to the region, sited at multi-family housing properties and public facilities. However, disbursement of funds has been halted.
  - Climate Action Plan funding options are being reviewed, including a combination of a small City utility fee and a small increase in PGE bill.
  - Funding request for \$1.75 million for seismic valve improvements at six water reservoirs was granted by the state.
  - City budget includes support for senior lunches at JPC on Tuesdays and Fridays for \$5, provides meals for 35 to 40 attendees, sign up via Parks and Recreation. Volunteers and sponsors welcome.
  - Continue to seek outside grants to align with City's 2030 vision.
  - Several upcoming events:
    - Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Spruce up the Library
    - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Regatta
    - Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Taphouse Trivia with Doug comes to JPC Senior Lunch
    - Nov 7<sup>th</sup> The Veterans' Recognition Breakfast
    - Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Light Parades (check website for one near you)

## Downtown Revitalization

Urban Renewal/Economic Development Manager Sid Sin

His staff is working on a Core Opportunity and Reinvestment Area (CORA) Plan, referencing the 1975 Urban Renewal District Plan. They are looking at ways to reactivate the downtown area. Starting with small projects connecting assets we have, then will expand. Veterans Plaza has been completed.

Several upcoming steps: 1) identify assets and needs; 2) U of O architecture dept program to help visualize options; 3) next summer to develop design standards and code amendments.

One area being studied is the 6 acres the City now owns along the riverfront just east of JPC. Development ideas are also embracing the City's need for housing, so they are generating ideas for mixed use retail with housing in walking distance to retail and transit.

### Transportation Planning and Improvements Update

City Engineer Mike McCarthy summarized several topics.

- The N/S traffic flow difficulties at 65<sup>th</sup> and Borland is being addressed by changing north-bound lanes to be straight and right (instead of left into Medical Plaza) and straight. Entrance to Medical Plaza from the west and south will be through the existing south entrance. Then there may be changes for E/W traffic flow.
- Just completed a call for citizen nominations for projects to be included in the Neighborhood Transportation Safety Program (sidewalk, pedestrian, bike).
- Transportation System Plan adopted. A balance between auto capacity and walkability.
- 108<sup>th</sup> Ave treated water reservoir in planning, will provide increased water resiliency
- Sewer construction on Martinazzi St. will be continuing in the summer of 2026. The section will be south of Avery St.

### Parks Update

Tom Steiger, Parks Maintenance Manager & Megan George

- Tom gave a report on the updating of Saarinen Park, corner of Avery and 86<sup>th</sup>. The Parks Dept found funds to install a path and a concrete pad with a bench, irrigation system, as well as replace aging plants with new landscaping.
- Little Woodrose Park has a new stairway, updated safety issues, handicapped parking on the Boones Ferry Rd entrance, and fresh trail surface.
- Megan mentioned the Parks Bond—three of the six areas to be improved have been completed. Including upgrades, natural areas, and play equipment. In progress are trails, river access. Athletic fields-- still in discussion with Tigard-Tualatin School District.

### Annual Election of Officers

Three positions were open for election, President, Secretary, and Land Use Officer (has been vacant for the last year). Lisa Catherwood was elected President, Claudia Sterling was re-elected Secretary, and Shannon Huggins was elected Land Use Officer. Sallie Olson will remain on the Board in an At-Large position.

Officers are now:

President—Lisa Catherwood

Vice President—Ann Buenzli

Secretary—Claudia Sterling

Treasurer—Kimberly Poole

Land Use Officer—Shannon Huggins

At-Large—Sallie Olson

## Closing

Sallie thanked all the attendees and speakers, and thanked the new members of the board for joining. Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.