

Oceanside Neighborhood Association

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting — **December 3, 2022**, 10 a.m. — Zoom Format

1) President Sharon Brown called the online meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on December 3, 2022. Zoom attendance indicated up to 52 log-ins during the course of the meeting. A poll conducted at 10:06 a.m. (38 log-ins) indicated two thirds of log-ins represented one person and one third represented two people. Membership attendance was estimated at 50. Because no business requiring voting was conducted at this meeting, a quorum was not required.

2) Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Carol Horton-Secretary):

Minutes from the ONA's October 1, 2022 meeting have been posted on the ONA website: (<https://www.oceansidefriends.org/about-ona/meetings/>).

Sharon asked for any comments, corrections or changes to the minutes; with none offered, Jerry Keene motioned to adopt them into the record. Carol Horton seconded the motion; so adopted.

3) Treasurer's Report (Mary Flock-Treasurer):

There has been no financial activity since the last report, so the general fund remains at:

ONA General Fund: \$2,647.90

Anticipated expenses for next period: annual Zoom membership.

Hearing no questions or comments, Cynthia Miller made the motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Kathie Norris. The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

4) Discussion of Projects for upcoming ONA year — 2023

A variety of potential projects were discussed at the October 2022 ONA meeting. Here are some updates:

Elizabeth Wipperman volunteered to head up a committee to look into two projects of high interest to ONA members:

- **More organized parking along Hwy 131 near the Symons Viewpoint** beach access.
- **Bike and walking paths along Hwy 131** for greater safety.

Volunteers were requested, but none have come forward thus far. Mandy Mock volunteered in chat.

Sharon has heard there were detailed plans for bike and walking paths discussed by the ONA in the 1990's and asks that anyone with more information on this would contact her or Elizabeth.

Jerry shared that he has records of a past Transportation Study funded for the Oceanside downtown area. It had fairly general goals and a high price tag. Kathie Norris remembers the discussions, but not the participants. Jerry shared that Joanne Jene was involved. Kris Woolpert recalls ODOT worked with the Oceanside committee, and they came up with some pretty specific recommendations with regard to traffic congestion. Based on these comments, it would seem documentation exists for this past effort. Finding it would provide great help to the current effort. Jerry volunteered to look for this information.

A more detailed email soliciting volunteers for this project will be sent out to the ONA in the near future.

Other projects mentioned in October:

—**Emergency preparedness and supply storage**

Committee: Gill Wiggins, John Prather, Rob Hoeper, Blake Marvis.

John Prather gave an update on CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) classes:

A previously scheduled class was canceled when those in charge in south county moved out of the area. Responsibility has been delegated to new person, but no new information is available. John says he can check with folks in north county to see if they are doing anything our area can dovetail into.

–**EV (Electric Vehicle) chargers** in Oceanside

Sharon has not received any input via email about this potential project. Because there are EV chargers in Tillamook, this project will be put on hold until more interest is expressed.

Locations of public EV chargers in Tillamook: PUD office, Cheese Factory, Blue Heron, Fred Meyer.

5) New email addresses for ONA board members

While the ONA's primary email address will continue to be active, additional email addresses have been created for individuals on the ONA board. This will allow ONA members to contact a specific officer if they'd like. The email addresses will stay with the office as the elected officers change.

General ONA inquiries:	oceansidefriends@gmail.com
President (Sharon Brown)	president@oceansidefriends.org
Vice President (Jerry Keene)	TBD
Secretary (Carol Horton)	secretary@oceansidefriends.org
Treasurer (Mary Flock)	TBD

6) Discussion of Hybrid Zoom/In-person meeting format for upcoming ONA year (2023)

Background:

Zoom format for ONA meetings was necessitated by the COVID pandemic, but has the benefit of allowing more people to participate than in the past. Residents who are out of town, part time residents, and non-resident property owners can all easily attend the meetings.

In-person meetings may be an option in the future, but we'd want to provide a "hybrid" format in order for people to participate remotely via Zoom. The task of setting up and running hybrid in-person/zoom meetings is non-trivial, and would require volunteers with expertise to design and operate such a system. Additional audio-visual equipment would need to be purchased.

Requests have made for volunteers with expertise and/or interest in designing and running hybrid in-person/zoom meetings to come forward to work on this project.

Thank you Michael McElfresh for volunteering to help! In chat, Mandy Mock says she can help with setup specifications but not in-person setup of equipment.

More volunteers are needed for a Communication Technology Committee. Please contact Sharon at oceansidefriends@gmail.com.

Discussion:

Sharon notes that Oregon law governing Open Meetings has been amended to support both in-person and remote participation. Sharon does not have the technical background for creating "hybrid" zoom/in-person meetings and requests help.

Cynthia Miller asks if a cost-benefit analysis has been done when considering whether to go to a hybrid meeting. Sharon responds: The people on the proposed Communication Technology committee would be the starting point for estimating costs. She believes there is great benefit to keeping Zoom. Sharon receives many comments from ONA members in support of Zoom because it allows them to participate when they cannot physically be in Oceanside for a meeting.

Carol Horton comments: the new County Commissioners hybrid meeting setup works well. Doesn't know if we can aspire to this due to cost. Response: the county commissioners have a videographer (Jane

Scott) who records the meetings. They have also invested in the right equipment, including multi-directional microphones.

Jerzy Rub (in chat) says having a dedicated person(s) to run audio and visual recording is key.

Sharon again reiterated the need for volunteers to come forward.

7. Topic for Discussion: Guest Speaker — Vernon Dick (Sharon's father)

Sharon introduced her father, Vernon Dick, and asked him to reminisce about Oceanside traditions from the past. Sharon observed these traditions were enjoyable, helped residents get to know one another, and helped build a sense of community.

As you listen to/read these stories, consider:

- What traditions of Oceanside do you value and want to see maintained in our community?
- What can the ONA do to facilitate and foster these community-building events?

— Holiday Caroling in Delbert's truck.

Vernon remembers when he and his wife first moved to Oceanside, in 1978. They received a knock on the door one Saturday evening. Upon opening the door, he saw a dump truck loaded with people singing Christmas Carols. He joined the tradition, and it grew over the years.

A group of 40-50 people would meet to practice the carols; then they went out to sing from the truck. Ross Holloway would jump down from the truck to knock on any neighbor's door that had a light on. When the group came back from caroling, it was "party time!"

One year they went around on foot because there was a lot of slush on the road and they weren't sure if the truck would make it. (An aside: Delbert didn't maintain his trucks very well. The floorboards of the garbage truck were rusting out, and Delbert came close to falling through during a garbage run to Netarts. The truck was held together with "a hundred miles of duct tape.") 2009 was the last year Vernon participated; he enjoyed this tradition very much, and it really brought the community together.

—Easter Egg Hunt

These were organized every once-in-a-while. Vernon remembers Tona Mortensen sponsoring it when her kids were young. They would hold the hunt at Kathie Norris's park. This tradition could be resurrected and include grandchildren.

—Fire Truck Rides

This was done for the kids. The fire truck would drive the kids around town and along Sunset and Chinook Avenues with the sirens and lights going. If current regulations would no longer allow this, there are still things the fire department could do with kids.

—The Do-Nothing Club

Vernon's wife loved this. The group continues to meet at Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Current Cafe (or OCC?)

—The Curmudgeon Club

5 to 8 men would meet 7 a.m. every morning at the coffee house. This continued for quite a few years, but has now died out.

—Lights Over the Water

This 1980's tradition was to honor someone who had died. The community would drive their cars down to the Wayside and park facing the ocean. When it was dark, everyone would turn on their headlights so they shone over the water. A bagpipe player would play "Amazing Grace." This was done for Vernon's mother (Petronella Camijn Dick), Jim "Gunny" Trent, and also, a big event for Mr. Bill (Bracelin) of Netarts. Ed Gorzynski also remembers this.

–Fourth of July Parade

Pat Gray would put on her husband's WWII sailor uniform and lead the parade. Afterward, she would stand on the picnic table and lead everyone in patriotic songs. This is a part of the parade that could be revived with a new "MC."

Kris Woolpert remembers music, specifically Swiss horns, played on lot between Roseanna's and the Community Club, probably as part of the Fourth of July parade.

Ed remembers Kris' Dog Shows (which Kris says were overtaken by the parade).

–Poetry Readings at the Coffee Shop

Also, Poetry Contests. Vernon was a judge for a few years. He was impressed at the number of poets, the high quality of verse, and the variety of subjects written about.

–Drummings

People would take drums to the Octopus Tree at Cape Mears and have drummings. (Not necessarily something Vernon wants to revive!)

–**Community Club** - had a big role in events. A number of activities happened there throughout the year which drew the community together:

- Annual Art Show (continues)
- Plays
- Music
- Halloween Dance

–**New Year's Eve** gathering at the Anchor pub. Potluck and social time. (Back when Oceanside had a pub.)

There is a real value in maintaining traditions that bring us together. Reviving some of these traditions can help build a sense of community and provide ways for old and new residents to get to know each other.

If one of these traditions (or something new) is close to your heart, consider taking the initiative to pursue it! Others will join in, have fun, and a new tradition will be born. This is how the traditions of the past began - with one or two people taking leadership.

8) Member/Public Comments:

- Status on the **lighting and building height ordinances** proposed by the ONA (Sharon). Due to other high priority issues (legalization of psilocybin use 1/1/2023), Sarah Absher has not provided a timeline for presenting the ONA ordinances to the county Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners. Sharon and Jerry continue to work toward establish timing with Sarah.
- **Beach Access**
 - **status of removable concrete panels** at base of stairs (Jerry). The original plan was to remove these panels for storage to avoid movement and damage during the winter storms. Jerry recently met with Chis Laity (Director, Public Works). So far, the panels have been covered with some sand, but have not moved. Since replacing the panels is less expensive than removing them for storage, they discussed leaving the panels in place for the first winter to see how they fare. (UPDATE: high tides and storms necessitated removal of most the concrete panels to the Wayside parking lot in mid-January, 2023.)
 - **status of guard/hand rails**. The bottom three sections of hand rail has been removed and holes capped to avoid winter damage from driftwood. The fire department has agreed to store them.
- **Community Club Potluck Dinner**
 - First Monday of each month (next: 12/05/22) at 6 p.m.
- **Radon:**
 - Pat Himes suggested this is a great time of year to **test your home for radon**. There have been a number of Oceanside homes with elevated levels. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon detection meters are available for loan through the ONA.

- **Transient Lodging Tax Funds**

- Written comment from Dave Friedlund: the recent incorporation conversation spawned a pretty universal view that Transient Lodging Taxes generated in Oceanside should stay in Oceanside for the betterment of Oceanside. How can we best capitalize on this opportunity going forward? How can we get our fair share?

- **Discussion:**

- Sharon: As an unincorporated area Oceanside doesn't have control over TLT revenues generated here; they go to the county. The ONA has been told it is limited to \$15,000 in grants.
 - Jerry clarifies they encountered this grant size limitation with the beach access project. As a county advisory group, the ONA is considered a leg of the county, and the county can't give money to itself the same way it can give money to other organizations that have the correct legal structure to receive grants, such as the Oceanside Protection Society, the fire department, and the OCC (Oceanside Community Club).
 - Jerry commented that Bruce Jaeger had been trying to obtain a grant for TLT funds to re-pave the state-owned parking lot next to the OCC. Bruce provided an update: a grant application was submitted through the OCC and they expect to get a response mid-January. (UPDATE: OCC received a grant for \$29,000, half of the requested amount. The Tourism Advisory Committee wants Oregon State Parks to provide matching funds for the project.)
 - Bruce Jaeger discussed the idea of forming a coalition of Oceanside "stakeholders" (the ONA, OCC, fire department, etc.) with the goal of formulating a plan for TLT funded projects for the community. He asked if the ONA could take leadership on this, per a suggestion from Nan Devlin. Sharon wondered if the ONA could do this with it's limitations as a quasi-governmental body.
 - Jerry researched the TLT grants that went into Pacific City and noted that "behind the scenes" of the public community coalition, it was Tillamook County that seemed to do most of the work to obtain the grants. The coalition chairperson was the chief of staff for the County Commissioners, and the county Public Works Director wrote the grant applications
 - Bruce found that Nan Devlin and Amy Blackburn were very helpful in assisting him with the grant application for the OCC, and he believes they would be available for future efforts. Nan is Director and Amy Deputy Director of Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, which is contracted by the county to evaluate applications for TLT grants and recommend them to the county commissioners.
 - <https://tillamookcoast.com/grants/>
 - Sharon suggested continuing a conversation on fleshing out this concept and how to bring it before the ONA membership for a vote. Bruce said he'd email more information. Cynthia Miller asks what the next steps would be. Jerry suggests a committee to work with Bruce and volunteered to be on it, as did Cynthia. Sharon will solicit additional ONA volunteers via email to serve on the committee.
 - Update: From the ONA 12/6/22 Newsletter:
 - At the ONA meeting Saturday, Bruce Jaeger requested to create a task force of ONA members to study the idea of forming a community coalition to create a 10-year business/community plan for our community that would gather, prioritize and prepare TLT grant projects and applications through a 10-year community/business investment plan. So far volunteers for that task force committee include Jerry Keene, Cynthia Miller, and Bruce. The coalition is proposed to include community partners, public entities and private organizations such as non-profits or neighborhoods. Bruce indicates his goals for the task force would be to study, discuss and analyze the need for such a coalition by contacting other communities who have similar coalitions to gather information, and then to present their findings to the ONA for member vote approval to set up the coalition. Interested ONA members may contact Bruce Jaeger for more information at (503) 317-6150.
 - The following people are now on the Task Force: Robert Ault, Kent Brown, Nan Devlin, Cathy Hendrix, Bruce Jaeger, Cynthia Miller, Sally Tuttle, Gill Wiggins, Pam Zielinski.

- **Accessory Dwelling Units:** (Sharon)

- The County Planning Commission will discuss the ADU Ordinance on December 8, 2022. Next, the matter will go before the County Board of Commissioners 1/30/2023.
 - Planning Commission Calendar with links to agendas, information packets and meeting audio: https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/calendar?field_microsite_tid_1=28

Openings for Oceanside/Netarts Sanitary District Board

- John Prather, member of the Oceanside/Netarts Sanitary District board, announced openings for four new board members. Applicants will be chosen at the upcoming May 16, 2023 election. Interested persons can apply to be on the ballot between February 4 and March 16,. More information is available through the Sanitary District office and website. The board meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance Update – County activity:

- Jerry gave an update on three ordinances the county is currently working on. In addition to the ADU ordinance (a draft is available online), the Short Term Rental Advisory Committee is working on revisions to the existing STR (Short Term Rental) ordinance, #84, and will make recommendations to the County Commissioners. Next steps will involve a revised ordinance and public hearings before the current pause in issuing STR permits is lifted. Questions and comments can be directed to three Oceansiders who are on the STR Advisory Committee: Jerry Keene (Central County), Terri Warren (Oceanside), Pam Zielinski (Realtors). A third ordinance, #88, proposing a new Businesses License Fee for unincorporated Tillamook, came before the Board 11/30/22. Based on public comment, the follow-up hearing was cancelled.

9) Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The next ONA Regular Meeting will Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Horton
ONA Secretary