

## Oceanside Neighborhood Association

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### Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting — **April 1, 2023**, 10 a.m. — Hybrid Format (In-Person + Zoom)

#### **1) President Sharon Brown called the meeting to order** at 10:00 a.m. on April 1, 2023.

This being our first ONA hybrid in-person/zoom meeting, some technical difficulties were encountered which resulted in the first 15 minutes not being broadcast or recorded. 15 ONA members and 4 guests attended in-person at the Oceanside Community Club. 34 log-ins were noted for online Zoom attendance. 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 February 4, 2023 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, Kay Wooldridge motioned to adopt them into the record. Carol Kearns seconded the motion. With no objections from meeting attendees, minutes were adopted by acclamation.

#### **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 and equipment expenses to conduct hybrid online/in-person ONA meetings. With no questions or comments from attendees, acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was motioned and seconded, and adopted by acclamation.

#### **4) FEMA public comment meeting RE: implementation of the Oregon Biological Opinion (BiOp)** (Sarah Absher, Director Community Development Tillamook County)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) plans to hold an Open House in Tillamook County April 5 to review and solicit public comment on the implementation of the Oregon Biological Opinion (BiOp). Sarah Absher summarized this complex issue for the group, warned of the adverse consequences these plans pose to communities in Tillamook County, covered what local action is being taken, and asked residents, property, and business owners to send public comments to FEMA by May 5, 2023.

FEMA is in process of making changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Oregon. FEMA sets floodplain development standards that local governments must adopt to participate in the NFIP.

In 2016, the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) issued a Biological Opinion (Bi-Op) stating that FEMA's implementation of the NFIP in Oregon, and particularly its floodplain development standards, are causing jeopardy to certain threatened and endangered species in Oregon. This BiOp was issued to FEMA following a federal lawsuit. FEMA has told Oregon cities and counties that if they do not implement these changes to their local floodplain development programs, communities will no longer be eligible for federal disaster assistance, and individuals and businesses in those communities would not be able to purchase National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies. Lack of NFIP policies would jeopardize loans and mortgages.

This is a very significant threat to Oregonians. Many of the mandatory program changes that FEMA has signaled threaten the viability of our communities and are inconsistent with existing Oregon land use priorities and programs. These regulatory changes would affect what land could be developed, how land could be developed, and corresponding land values and tax revenues. Implementation of these new regulations will place communities at risk of takings claims and lawsuits from landowners who are forced into compliance. FEMA has stated that they will not provide support for communities defending against these suits.

At the end of last year, many Oregon counties signed on to letters that asked members of Oregon's federal delegation to delay implementation of these changes to Oregon's floodplain standards. Unfortunately, Congress

did not act in time and FEMA is now starting the environmental review process (Environmental Impact Statement - EIS) to evaluate its planned changes to the NFIP in Oregon.

FEMA's Draft Implementation Plan, issued in October 2021, outlines the dramatic changes FEMA plans to require of Oregon's city and county floodplain regulations. Implementation regulations focus on prohibiting or severely limiting new development in mapped areas of special flood hazard and imposing a "no net loss of flood storage" requirement.

Sarah Absher reviewed to what extent individual communities in Tillamook County lay in the Flood Hazard Zone and would thus be affected by these regulations. She also noted that everyone in the county would be impacted indirectly by the FEMA requirements. (See link, below, to access FEMA Flood Maps.)

- Manzanita, Oceanside not affected
- Netarts - Happy Camp in flood zone
- Nehalem- most of business core is in flood area; great impact
- Wheeler has pockets along creeks that will be impacted
- Rockaway Beach and Neskown severely impacted - they are almost completely in hazard flood zone (no foredune to protect from the ocean + many creeks)
- Garibaldi is okay, but Port of Garibaldi greatly affected
- Bay City - hazard areas west of 101 & some core areas around creeks
- Tillamook will be severely impacted: dairies, many businesses
- Pacific City one of hardest hit
- Cloverdale, Hebo some impact

The City of Tillamook and the Tillamook Board of County Commissioners sent letters to FEMA registering concerns and asking to be included in the ongoing development of this plan.

These links provide more detailed information on this topic:

- **Draft Oregon Implementation Plan for NFIP-ESA Integration:** [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_draft-oregon-implementation-plan\\_10052021.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_draft-oregon-implementation-plan_10052021.pdf)
- **FEMA Flood Maps** - enter address in search box; affected areas are in the Special Flood Hazard Areas shaded in light blue, or red and blue diagonal stripes: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
- **National Flood Insurance Program – Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon:** <https://www.fema.gov/about/organization/region-10/oregon/nfip-esa-integration>
- **Report on the 4/5/2023 FEMA Open House in Tillamook** (Headlight Herald): [https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/proposed-fema-flood-insurance-updates-met-with-harsh-criticism/article\\_e1ca1c5e-d55f-11ed-a6b2-b393536ada70.html](https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/proposed-fema-flood-insurance-updates-met-with-harsh-criticism/article_e1ca1c5e-d55f-11ed-a6b2-b393536ada70.html)
- Link to **video recording of 04/05/2023 FEMA Open House:** <https://tctv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=MaNgrVulgZzF>
- **BOCC send letters to FEMA** (Headlight Herald): [https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/commissioners-send-letters-to-fema-on-flood-insurance/article\\_85caabce-f0d7-11ed-a4a9-038906f94c85.html](https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/commissioners-send-letters-to-fema-on-flood-insurance/article_85caabce-f0d7-11ed-a4a9-038906f94c85.html)

## 5) Upcoming June ONA Annual Meeting: Officer Elections

Every June the ONA elects officers to serve for the coming year: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Sharon asked for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee which would solicit people interested in running for one of these four offices. Cynthia Miller and Bruce Jaeger agreed to be on the committee.

## 6) Guest Speakers : Recycling News for Oceanside

**David McCall**, Solid Waste Program Manager for Tillamook County  
**Traci Bean**, Master Recycler

David McCall talked about upcoming changes to recycling in Tillamook County as a result of the Oregon Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), due to be implemented by July 1, 2025.

As background, U.S. recycling had been historically shipped to China for processing until contaminated quality caused them to reject U.S. product beginning in 2017. This in turn caused the market for recyclable materials to dry up in the U.S. and the near collapse of many recycling programs.

Meetings coordinated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) led to the passage of The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act in 2021. The Act aims to update Oregon's outdated recycling system in order to make recycling easier for the public to use, expand access to recycling services, and upgrade the facilities that sort recyclables.

One key part of this legislation is a requirement that companies pay part of the cost of recycling the packaging they produce. Packaging producers will also be required to provide recycling services for hard to recycle materials. This Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program is intended to create environmental benefits while reducing social and environmental harms, such as plastic pollution. Product manufacturers will be forming independent Product Responsibility Organizations (PROs) which will act brokers between the manufacturers, collection depots, and end-use recycling companies. PROs will manage the details of handling and costs for packaging recycling.

While many of these recycling systems will be uniform state-wide, it will be up to each jurisdiction (Tillamook county, in our case) to decide how to collect and pay for recycling. Curb-side recycling is required only for incorporated cities of more than 4,000 residents, but many solid waste collectors offer recycling services to unincorporated areas. David McCall shared three recycling collection scenarios along with their pros and cons:

- source separated (each material in separate container)
- dual stream (fibers separate from other)
- commingled (all recyclables together in one container)

Mr. McCall is looking for community input regarding these options. A meeting was held 2/14/23. Keep an eye out for future meetings. People are encouraged to send comments to [recycle@co.tillamook.or.us](mailto:recycle@co.tillamook.or.us).

Links to more information:

- **Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act** <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/pages/modernizing-oregons-recycling-system.aspx>
- **Tillamook recycling getting major update** (Headlight Herald): [https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/tillamook-recycling-getting-major-update/article\\_62f8a99a-a9a4-11ed-992d-370de2704cab.html](https://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/tillamook-recycling-getting-major-update/article_62f8a99a-a9a4-11ed-992d-370de2704cab.html)
- **Oregon becomes second state to pass packaging EPR law** <https://www.recyclingtoday.com/news/oregon-signs-extended-producer-responsibility-law-packaging/>

#### **7) Status report from Oceanside Community Coalition Study Group (Oceanside Action Partnership) – Bruce Jaeger**

A series of three workshops will be held at the Oceanside Community Club beginning in late May. The goal is to work collaboratively to develop community improvement projects, priorities and timelines, and to pursue TLT revenues for funding.

Please reach out to Bruce to be included in email updates: [info@oceansideactionpartnership.org](mailto:info@oceansideactionpartnership.org).

One can also view the website at <https://www.oceansideactionpartnership.org>.

Here are a few of the project ideas collected at the earlier informational workshops: stairway lighting, cellphone service, pothole repair, road maintenance, bike lanes and bike safety, public bathroom improvement, community emergency supplies, trail improvement (Short Beach, Avalon), trolley for visitors, safety at Symons (crosswalk, rumble strip), purchase of properties for visitors/recreation.

#### **9) Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.;** recording ended.

**The next ONA Meeting will Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 10 a.m.** at the **Oceanside Community Club** and may be attended either in-person or via Zoom.

This is the Oceanside Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting. Elections for officers will be held. ONA members who wish to vote via Zoom need to be enrolled in the ONA Voter Registry. Please send an email to [secretary@oceansidefriends.org](mailto:secretary@oceansidefriends.org) if you would like to register.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Horton  
ONA Secretary