

## **CCI Meeting 5/7/19**

**Present:** David Andersen, Devon Downeysmith, Kristen Tangen, Pamela Sprague, Charlene Murdock, Council Liaison Malynda Wenzl, City Liaison Bryan Pohl

**Absent:** Tom Cook, Ashley Terry

Vice Chair Kristen Tangen convened the meeting at 5:35pm.

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Pamela Sprague motioned to approve the April minutes. Charlene Murdock seconded. The April minutes were approved as written.

**CCI Report to City Council:** David Andersen spoke about his recent report to City Council on behalf of the committee. He said that City Council was complimentary the committee's 2019 Town Meeting, noting that there had originally been some misgivings about changing the meeting's location and format, but that City Council and Staff were pleasantly surprised to see that the changes were received so well by the community.

City Council noted that for future Annual Town Meetings, time should be set aside and built into the agenda for community members to speak to City Council and Staff.

During Andersen's report, Mayor Truax noted that the census will be coming up soon. He encouraged CCI to select an upcoming meeting over the next several months to discuss it, and how CCI can help make sure community members know where they can participate and how. He explained that the cities of Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove are all working together to conduct outreach on the census.

Mayor Truax also noted that Forest Grove's 150th anniversary is coming up in October of 2020. There will be large events to celebrate. An advisory committee comprised of City Board and Commission members is being formed to plan these events.

Community Action Inbox: Charlene Murdock spoke with members about the upcoming Celebrate Great Grains event in September, and encouraged commission members to attend and help spread the word about the event. Murdock also spoke about another event on October 5 when Forest Grove will begin a week activities to celebrate and honor its sister city, Nyuzen, Japan.

**CCI Discussion: Meetings with Other Boards and Commissions:** Pamela Sprague will follow up with the Oregon League of Women Voters to see if they need CCI's help with any upcoming events.

This past month, CCI members attended the opening day of the Farmer's Market, Representative McLain's town hall, legislative meetings with Senator Chuck Riley and Hillsboro

Representative Janeen Sollman, and Earth Week at Pacific University. Next month CCI plans to attend the upcoming Economic Development Commission meeting.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Bryan Pohl spoke about the upcoming Severe Rent Burden forum: Over 25 percent of the city's population pays over 50 percent of their annual household income on rent. The City will hold the forum on May 14th at the Forest Grove Library. It is expected that the forum will be attended by local landlords, affordable housing advocates, builders, and other community members. The city held its first forum in December of last year.

**Council Liaison Report:** Councilor Malynda Wenzl spoke about current budget work in progress. There will be a budget meeting this coming Thursday. On May 13th, before the next City Council meeting, City Council will review CEP grants.

Councilor Wenzl also updated the committee a change to its bylaws. CCI can change the time of year when member terms expire. CCI member terms typically expire on 12/31, but because the Annual Town Meeting is always held the third Saturday in January, this timing for members to roll off of the committee is not ideal. The bylaws have also changed to only allow Committee Chairs to hold office for four consecutive years and no more.

To add to future agenda: go through by-laws to make changes we want to change.

Kristen Tangen adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.