



1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Additions, Corrections or Adjustments to the Agenda

5. Public Comment

Individual speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer, provide their name and city of residence, and are allowed up to 3 minutes to speak. The Council will not engage in lengthy discussion or make any decisions during public comment. The Council may take comments under advisement for discussion and action at a future Council meeting.

6. Mayor Comments / Announcements / Proclamations

7. Council Comments / Announcements

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Minutes from previous City Council meeting(s) on: **3/21/24**

9. Appointments

9.1 Kristyn Dodge Budget Committee application

9.2 Susan Goddard Budget Committee *and* WAC Subcommittee applications

10. Business from the City Council

10.1 Tree Planting Festival Teen Court presentation

10.2 Tree Planting Festival Parade Street Closure Request

10.3 Yard Debris Program MOU with LRAPA and SWS/Oakridge Air

10.4 OIP Pump Track Feasibility Study Grant Request & \$5,000 from Travel Lane County

10.5 Discussion on Annual Evaluations Process for CA, Recorder, and Judge

10.6 Disclosures of Facebook posts by City Councilors

10.7 Collections Revenue Status Report

10.8 TV Butte/Old Hazeldell Quarry Opposition Letter

10.9 Temporary Fee Waivers for Mobile Food Vending Temporary Use Permits

10.10 Oakridge Trails Alliance letters of support for Flume Trail Bridge & Diamond View Park grants

11. Business from the City Administrator

11.1 Permission to have Admin Committee revise forms

11.2 Rental Fee Waivers update

11.3 Other business and updates

12. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

13. Ordinances and Resolutions (with Public Comment)

13.1 Resolution 04-2024 Administration Advisory Committee

13.2 Resolution 05-2024 Audit Advisory Committee

13.3 Resolution 06-2024 Library Board

13.4 Resolution 07-2024 Parks & Community Development Committee

13.5 Resolution 08-2024 Public Safety Advisory Committee

13.6 Resolution 09-2024 RTMP & TRT Advisory Committee

13.7 Resolution 10-2024 OEDAC

14. Public Hearings

15. Department/Staff or Board/Committee/Commission Reports

15.1 Admin Committee (Kinyon)

15.2 Public Safety Committee (Coker)

15.3 Charter Review Subcommittee (Kinyon)

- 15.4 Library Board (Tarman)
- 15.5 OEDAC (*Vacant - CA*)
- 15.6 RTMP/TRT Committee (Kinyon)
- 15.7 Planning Commission (Zylstra)
- 15.8 Parks & Community Services Committee (Zylstra or Tarman)
- 15.9 WAC Subcommittee (Hollett)
- 15.10 WAC Funding Committee (Mayor Cutchen)

16. Other Business

17. Public Comment

18. Adjourn

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2. **Via phone by dialing: 669-900-9128, then enter Meeting ID: 366 431 1610.**
3. **Send comments by email to: cityadministrator@ci.oakridge.or.us by 2pm the day of the meeting.**
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March 21, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Session
City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom
48318 E 1st Street

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order- 6:00 pm

Council Present: Mayor Cutchen, Councilors Dirk "Poncho" Tarman, Dawn Kinyon, Michelle Coker, Melissa Bjarnson, Chrissy Hollett and Kelly Brewer.

Staff Present: City Administrator James Cleavenger, Finance Director Colleen Shirley, Police Chief Kevin Martin, Fire Chief Scott Hollett, City Recorder Jackie Taylor and Community Development Director Rick Zylstra

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call-all present

4. Additions, Corrections or Adjustments to the Agenda

Mayor Cutchen-added 10.0 Public Meetings Law

Councilor Hollett-wanted to move the RTMP items to a special session and to allow all public comment tonight.

Mayor Cutchen- after 10.8 we will go to 15. And if we run out of time we will schedule a work/special session.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Cutchen-read a letter from Bree Crane in support of the Oakridge/Westfir Chamber receiving funds.

Nancy Kelly-spoke against the Keg & Cask permit. She read a statement from a witness to her meeting with Rick regarding the appeal process and cost for a CUP.

Sabrina Ratkowski- spoke in favor of the Chamber receiving funds.

Mayor Cutchen-read a letter from Lindsay and Rick Yarbrough in support of the Bus Fair fee waivers and event.

Jude Anderson- vice Chair of the Chamber- spoke in favor of RTMP money and funding the Chamber.

Sarah Altemus-Pope- Spoke in favor of funding the Chamber.

Mayor Cutchen-read a letter in support of the Bus Fair Funding and event signed by several community members.

Eugene Cathcart-spoke about TRT/RTMP Funding and all requests should be supported.

Nicol Desch- spoke in favor of funding for the Chamber.

Mayor Cutchen- read a letter from Guen DiGioia in support of the Bus Fair.

Alyssa Meyer-read a letter from Holly Olsen in support of the Chamber.

Leanna- spoke in favor of the Chamber.

Dan Barclay-spoke about TRT and RTMP Funding

Mayor Cutchen- read a letter from Trudy Hammond regarding animal services in Oakridge.

Michelle Emmons- Chamber President- spoke in favor of the Chamber and funding the Chamber.

Valerie- from the Oakridge Farmers Market-spoke in favor of the Chamber and their hard work.

Mayor Cutchen-read a letter from Kevin Gobelman in favor of Concerts in the Park and the need for funding.

Corina Schorer-spoke in favor of Concerts in the Park event and funding.

Elizabeth Barclay-wanted to donate her three minutes to Dan Barclay.

Motion: Councilor Hollett moved to allow citizens to donate their minutes during public comment. Councilor Kinyon seconded the motion.

Brewer (aye), Bjarnson (aye), Hollett (aye), Kinyon (aye), Coker (aye), Tarman (nay), Mayor Cutchen (nay). Motion passed 5-2

Dan Barclay-spoke about RTMP/TRT funding.

Rene Gobelman-spoke in favor of Concerts in the Park events and the need for funding.

6. Mayor Comments / Announcements / Proclamations

The city was awarded \$500,000 for WAC funding.

7. Councilor Comments / Announcements -none

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Minutes from previous City Council Meeting (s) on: March 7, 2024

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion.

Ayes-7

Nays-0

9. Appointments

9.1 Loren Michaels WAC Subcommittee application

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Tarman moved to appoint Loren Michaels to the WAC Subcommittee. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion.

Coker (aye), Mayor Cutchen (aye), Brewer (aye), Tarman (aye), Hollett (aye), Bjarnson (aye), Kinyon (aye). Motion passed 7-0

9.2 Susan Goddard Budget Committee *and* WAC Subcommittee applications- *not present*

10. Business from the City Council

10.0 Public Meetings Law

Mayor Cutchen-read the issue.

This will be on the next meeting agenda.

10.1 Keg & Cask Festival Street Closure and Alcohol Permit Request

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Brewer moved to approve the alcohol permit and street closure requests for the Keg & Cask Festival on August 10, 2024. Councilor Coker seconded the motion.

Brewer (aye), Bjarnson (aye), Tarman (aye), Kinyon (aye), Hollett (aye), Coker (aye), Mayor Cutchen (aye). Motion passed 7-0

10.2 Loren Michaels Offer: WAC use in exchange for theater curtains and consulting services

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Tarman moved to allow the CA to draft and sign a contract to allow Loren Michaels to temporarily use the WAC stage in exchange for curtains and professional services. Mayor Cutchen seconded the motion.

Mayor Cutchen (aye), Hollett (nay), Tarman (aye), Bjarnson (nay), Kinyon (aye), Coker (nay), Brewer (nay). Motion failed 3-4

Motion: Councilor Hollett moved to have the CA draft a contract to allow Loren Michaels to temporarily use the WAC stage in exchange for curtains and professional services and to bring the contract back to council for approval. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion.

Brewer (aye), Kinyon (aye), Hollett (aye), Tarman (aye), Mayor Cutchen (aye), Bjarnson (aye), Coker (aye). Motion passed 7-0

10.3 Oakridge Pharmacy Alcohol Permit Request

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to approve Oakridge Pharmacy's OLCC Alcohol Permit application. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion.

Tarman (aye), Brewer (aye), Coker (aye), Hollett (aye), Bjarnson (aye), Kinyon (aye), Mayor Cutchen (aye). Motion passed 7-0.

10.4 Request to move the 4/29, 5/15, 5/20, and 6/3 Budget Committee meetings (or all meetings) to 7pm

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to move all Budget Committee Meetings to 7pm. Councilor Tarman seconded the motion.

Hollett (nay), Tarman (aye), Coker (nay), Brewer (nay), Mayor Cutchen (aye), Bjarnson (nay), Kinyon (aye). Motion failed 3-4

10.5 Staff report on Nancy Kelly's request to waive deadlines and fees for land use appeal

Rick-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to approve the appeal process for Nancy Kelly. Motion died due to lack of a 2nd.

10.6 OSP Lease Renewal

James-read the issue.

There was discussion on how the rent is calculated for the tenants of the building.

Motion: Councilor Brewer moved to approve allowing the CA to renew the OIP lease with the Oregon State Police with the 5% increase per month. Councilor Kinyon seconded the motion.

Bjarnson (aye), Tarman (aye), Coker (aye), Brewer (aye), Mayor Cutchen (aye), Kinyon (aye), Hollett (aye). Motion passed 7-0

10.7 TMDL/OIP/Energy Resilience RARE Grant Application Request

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Kinyon moved to allow the city staff to apply for the RARE program and apply for the DEQ TMDL grant to fund half of the cost of a RARE member, and to use \$13,000 of OIP funds to pay for the remaining cost of a RARE member. Councilor Brewer seconded the motion.

Mayor Cutchen-announced it was 8:55pm and asked to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, everyone agreed.

10.8 TV Butte/Old Hazeldell Quarry Opposition Letter & Old Dunning Road Landfill Issue

James-read the issue.

Motion: Councilor Brewer moved to approve the draft letter of opposition and allow the City of Westfir to sign on the letter as well. Councilor Kinyon seconded the motion.

Mayor Cutchen (aye), Bjarnson (aye), Hollett (aye), Brewer (aye), Tarman (aye), Coker (aye), Kinyon (aye). Motion passed 7-0

Amended motion: Mayor Cutchen moved to allow the CA to fix things as he sees fit and bring the letter back to council. Councilor Tarman seconded the motion.

Tarman (aye), Brewer (aye), Kinyon (aye), Hollett (aye), Mayor Cutchen (aye), Coker (aye), Bjarnson (aye). Motion passed 7-0

10.9-10.17 are moved to a special session on March 27th

10.9 RTMP/TRT Committee request to set aside TRT funds for the TRT Block Grant Program

10.10 The Bus Fair RTMP & TRT funding request

10.11 UBRA TRT funding request

10.12 Keg & Cask Festival RTMP & TRT funding request

10.13 Chamber of Commerce RTMP & TRT funding request

10.14 Concerts in the Park RTMP & TRT funding request

10.15 Triple Summit Challenge RTMP & TRT funding request

10.16 Sasquatch Festival RTMP & TRT funding request

10.17 Oakridge-Westfir FEAST request to use 6 hours of the city's free LTD bus service hours

11. Business from the City Administrator

11.1 Choosing 2 City Councilors to meet with State Representative Charlie Conrad on 4/4/2024 at 5pm

James-read the issue.

Mayor Cutchen-has been invited and Councilors Brewer and Kinyon are interested in attending.

11.2 Free NAMI Family Support Group meetings every 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm at GWP starting April 5.

James-read the issue.

Councilor Kinyon-asked if they have already done a fee waiver for this.

James-yes you have.

11.3 Other city business updates and issues

The meeting with the Governor's office went very well.

WeRSharp are no longer interested in using the WAC kitchen.

A & W is opening back up on Monday March 25.

- 12. **Items removed from the Consent Agenda**-none
- 13. **Ordinances and Resolutions (with public comment)**-none
- 14. **Public Hearings**-none
- 15. **Department/Staff and Board/Committee/Commission Reports**

15.1 Finance Report

Colleen- nothing to add to report.

15.2 Police Report

Kevin- nothing to add to report.

15.3 Fire/EMS Report

Scott- nothing to add to report.

15.4 Public Works Report

Rick- nothing to add to report.

- 16. **Other Business**

16.1 Schedule Special session

James- gave a couple of dates and times that are available for the work/special session.

It was agreed to have the work/special session on March 27 at 6:30 pm

- 17. **Public Comment**

- 18. **Adjourn: 8:15 pm**

Signed: _____
Bryan Cutchen, Mayor

Signed: _____
Jackie Taylor, City Recorder

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Committee Applications

Agenda Item No: 9.1-9.2

Proposed Council Action: Motions from the floor to approve

Exhibits: Applications, Committees Spreadsheet

Author: CA

ISSUE:

Kristyn Dodge has applied to serve on the Budget Committee. **Susan Goddard** has applied to serve on the Budget Committee *and* the WAC Subcommittee. Their applications are included as exhibits. None of these seats are contested. Both applicants were notified of the requirement to attend tonight's meeting in-person or via Zoom.

FISCAL IMPACTS: None

OPTIONS: Approve or deny the applicants

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

"I move to approve **Kristyn Dodge's** application for seat 2 on the **Budget Committee**, for 1 year of a vacated 3-year term, expiring at the end of December 2024."

"I move to approve **Susan Goddard's** application for seat 5 on the **Budget Committee**, for a 3-year term, expiring at the end of December 2026."

"I move to approve **Susan Goddard's** application for a seat on the **WAC Subcommittee**."

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED: All

COMMITTEES - As of 4/1/2024

Resolution	20-2020	17-2020	18-2020	06_2022	N/A	state law	15-2020	07_2022	Ord 32&751	03_2023	N/A
	Admin.	Parks & Community Development	Public Safety	Audit	Charter Review (Sub-C)	Budget	Library Board	RTMP & TRT	Planning Commission	OEDAC	WAC (Sub-C)
Staff:	CA (s)	Comm. Serv. Dir. (CSD)	PD & FD Chiefs, CSD, HRFD, Westfir, School,	Finance Director (ex officio)	2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6pm	CA, Dept Heads	Library Coordinator	Finance Dir & CA (non-voting)	CA, CSD	CA, CSD	CA
Meeting Dates:	3rd Wednesday at 6pm	2nd Monday at 5:30pm	4th Tuesday at 6pm	4th Monday at 5pm	2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6pm	Varies	2nd Tues every other month at 5:15	2nd Tuesday at 7pm	3rd Tuesday at 7pm	2nd Wednesday at 5pm	1st Monday at 5:30
Councilor	Kinyon	Tarman	Coker	Bjarnson & Kinyon	Kinyon	ALL	Tarman	Kinyon (S)	N/A	?	Hollett
Chair:	Kinyon	Nehmer	Ackland	Kinyon	McNatt	?	Cabello-Penn	Metcalf	Gobelman	Ackland	Hollett
TERMS:	3 year terms	3 year terms	3 year terms	2 year terms	N/A	3 year terms	3 year terms	3 year terms	4 year terms	3 year terms	N/A
Seat 1 2024, 2027	OPEN	Kevin Gobelman	David Ackland	Brenna Chrisman (Budget)	Matthew McNatt	Lisa Samuelson	Laurie Patty	James Winkelman	Jude Anderson	Kevin Gobelman	Sheri Kendall
2024, 2027	Cyma Lovell-Beers	Leo Robb	OPEN	X	Altemus-Pope	<i>Kristyn Dodge</i>	Cyma Lovell-Beers	Mike Leander(vc)	Kevin Gobelman	Rustie Ackland	Bobbie Whitney
2022, 2025,	Jude Anderson	Lynda Kamerrer	Marietta Thompson	X	Jan Christensen	Lynda Kamerrer	Jeri Reed	Meagan Metcalf	Meagan Metcalf	Sarah Altemus-Pope	Bev McCulley
2022, 2025,	Chris Winchester	Heather Buley - VC	"Tink" Marquardt	X	Sue Cathcart	Cyma Lovell-Beers	Jeanie Cabello-Penn	Kelly Wynant	Stan Barenboim	sec- Kelly Wynant	Lloyd-Parks
2023, 2026,	Jeri Reed (vc)	Jason Nehmer	Marty Scott - VC	X	Chris Winchester	<i>*Susan Goddard</i>	Annie Brown	OPEN	John McClelland	Tera Rivera	Lauri O'Neill
2023, 2026,	Pam Bowles	Thomas Lyons	OPEN	X	Jeri Reed	vc-Brenna Chrisman	Terry DeLoach	OPEN	Randolph Beers	Jude Anderson	Marietta Thompson
Seat 7 2025			Hazeldeil Rep		Kathy Holston	OPEN	Samuelson (Librarian)		Donald Grant	Michelle Emmons Chamber	Jeff Reed
Seat 8			Mayor Williams		OPEN (up to 15)						Loren Michaels
Seat 9			Dave McGrath -		<i>*Applicant</i>						<i>*Susan Goddard</i>



City of Oakridge form for Individual Volunteer Activity
Those applying to be appointed to Council Boards or Committees are required to be present at Council Meeting for Appointment. Contact City Hall to confirm date.

Committee or type of volunteer work you are interested in:

Name: Kristyn L. Dodge

Address: 47649 School Street

Is your residence in the City of Oakridge: YES NO

Telephone where you can be reached: 541.771.2703

Employer/Occupation: Direct Support Professional

E-mail Address: kristyndodge@gmail.com

Do you have any special training, experience, knowledge or abilities that are related to this position or that would help the work of this position:

I have two bachelors degrees from Northwest Christian University. While in college I was president of NCU's History Club where I had to balance the club's budget and account for expenditures to the university's budget committee every semester.

In order to do a brief background check, please provide the following information:

Date of Birth: _____ **Place of Birth:** San Bernardino, California

I understand that I will be responsible and liable for damage or injury to any persons or property resulting from my actions during this activity. I shall indemnify, hold harmless and release the City of Oakridge, its employees, agents and representatives against any and all damages, claims, demands actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature as a result of my actions during this activity and will notify the City in the event a third party is injured as a result of this activity.

I, the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have read and understand the above release.

Participant Name (Printed): Kristyn L Dodge

Participant Signature: *Kristyn L. Dodge*

Date: 03/26/2024



If participant is under age 18, a parent or guardian must sign this form.

As the parent or legal guardian of the above-listed minor, I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the volunteer service program described above. My signature below represents that I have read, understand the consent to the terms and conditions of this document.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed):

Relationship to participant:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

If applying for a Board or Committee, please tell us why you are interested in serving.

Please check mark any other City Committees, Boards, or Commissions Seat you are currently holding and/or any other City Committees, Boards, or Commissions Seat you are applying for below:

Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Community Services Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Tourism & Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>
WAC Subcommittee	<input type="checkbox"/>				



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Committee or type of volunteer work you are interested in:

Name: Susan Goddard
Address: 48228 Hwy 58, #48, Oakridge OR 97463
Is your residence in the City of Oakridge: YES NO
Telephone where you can be reached: 971-203-3671
Employer/Occupation: Orchid Health Clinic
E-mail Address: goddardsusan13@gmail.com

Do you have any special training, experience, knowledge or abilities that are related to this position or that would help the work of this position: Serve on WAC Committee, ran business budget,

In order to do a brief background check, please provide the following information:

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: Detroit, Michigan

I understand that I will be responsible and liable for damage or injury to any persons or property resulting from my actions during this activity. I shall indemnify, hold harmless and release the City of Oakridge, its employees, agents and representatives against any and all damages, claims, demands actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature as a result of my actions during this activity and will notify the City in the event a third party is injured as a result of this activity.

I, the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have read and understand the above release.

Participant Name (Printed): Susan Goddard
Participant Signature: *Susan Goddard*
Date: 2/28/24



If participant is under age 18, a parent or guardian must sign this form.

As the parent or legal guardian of the above-listed minor, I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the volunteer service program described above. My signature below represents that I have read, understand the consent to the terms and conditions of this document.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed):

Relationship to participant:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

If applying for a Board or Committee, please tell us why you are interested in serving.

I am interested in seeing how the budget here in Oakridge is ran. I would like to assist with making Oakridge a thriving city and a more sustainable place to call home.

Please check mark any other City Committees, Boards, or Commissions Seat you are currently holding and/or any other City Committees, Boards, or Commissions Seat you are applying for below:

Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Community Services Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Tourism & Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>
WAC Subcommittee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Tree Planting Festival Teen Court Presentation and Parade Street Closure Request

Agenda Item No: 10.1-10.2

Exhibits: Parade street closure flyer, parade registration form, event permit

Proposed Council Action: A motion from the floor to approve

Author: CA

ISSUE:

The 2024 Tree Planting Festival Teen Court (**Jade Snyder, Kali Williams, Aaliyah Cano, Lexie Mason, Erik Mason, Khloe Garrison, and Owen Pope**) will be presented to the City Council (Item 10.1).

The 71st annual Tree Planting Festival Parade is on Saturday May 4th at 11am. The TPF Committee is requesting a street closure of **1st Street between High and Beech Streets** from **10:30am-12:30pm** (2 hours). Commercial and 2nd Streets will remain open. The parade route has been approved by and will be led by OPD (see Event Permit signed by Chief Martin). Oakridge Reserve Police Officers will be assisting with the parade and street closures at no cost to the City. Area residents on 1st Street will be notified via flyers (see attached draft) delivered to their homes by TPF volunteers.

FISCAL IMPACTS: None

OPTIONS: Approve or deny the request

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve

OPTION 1 RECOMMENDED MOTION: *"I move to approve the street closure of 1st Street between High and Beech Streets on Saturday May 4th from 10:30am-12:30pm for the Tree Planting Festival parade."*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 1 (Safe Community), Goal #1: Ensure a safe community by partnering to protect people, property and the environment.

Theme 4 (Community Livability), Goal #1: Work with community partners to provide recreation, education, and enrichment opportunities for citizens and youth.



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Phone: 541-782-2258 FAX 541-782-1081

Tree Planting Festival Parade Street Closures

Saturday May 4th from 10:30am-12:30pm

Attention Area Residents;

The annual Tree Planting Festival Parade is **Saturday May 4th** at 11am. As per Order of the Oakridge City Council, **1st Street between High and Beech Streets will be closed from 10:30am-12:30pm (2 hours)**. Commercial and 2nd Streets will remain open.

James Cleavenger, JD, LLM
Oakridge City Administrator





Police Department

Chief of Police, Kevin Martin

PO Box 385, Oakridge, OR 97463

Voice: 541-782-4232 TDD: 541-782-4232 Fax: 541-782-2285 Email: kevinmartin@ci.oakridge.or.us

Website: ci.oakridge.or.us

EVENT PERMIT - INFORMATION

(For events of 100+ people)

If you are holding an event on public or private property of **100 or more participants**, a review of your event plan is required. If the event is to be held at a city owned park or building, you will also need to complete a **Rental Application Form**, available at Oakridge City Hall or on the city's website www.ci.oakridge.or.us

Application for event permits shall be made to the Chief of Police *at least 7 days in advance* of the event. If there are issues with the request, the Chief of Police could ask that you adjust or modify your event permit to comply with City rules or ordinances. Additional details about the applicable rules and ordinances for holding events on rented city properties are found on the Rental Application Form.

The Police Chief shall notify the applicant of the decision within three (3) days after the receipt of this application. If the Police Chief proposes alternatives or refuses to issue a permit, the applicant shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Oakridge City Council as described below.

Appealing to the Council: An applicant may appeal the decision of the Police Chief by filing a written request of appeal to City Hall within three (3) days of an Event Permit application being denied or terms not agreed to. The City Council shall then schedule a hearing date as soon as possible to address the appeal and the City shall notify the applicant of the date and time of the hearing.

Received from City Administrator on 03/19/2024/KRM 401

EVENT PERMIT – APPLICATION FORM

(For events of 100+ people)

DATE: 3/7/24 EVENT NAME: Tree Planting Festival Parade
NAME OF EVENT COORDINATOR: Vanessa Tharp
ADDRESS: 49991 Hills Creek Rd., PO Box 205 Oakridge, OR 97463
PHONE: 541 913 0762

DATE OF EVENT: Sat May 4 START TIME: 11:00am END TIME: 12:30pm
STAGING: 9:30AM
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 40-50 NUMBER OF BOOTHS: N/A
entire + street crowd & spectators
EVENT LOCATION: Uptown Oakridge, Route TBD by Police Dept.

EVENT DESCRIPTION: The parade will start at the high school and go throughout uptown Oakridge - in a route TBD by the police, Rick Z., the C.A. James, and our TPF parade Committee. All past 2023 details sent via email.
(attach additional page if more room is required for description)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: Vanessa Tharp PHONE: 541-913-0762

CHIEF OF POLICE SIGNATURE: K. R. M. T. DATE: 03/20/2024

COMMENTS FROM CHIEF:
Work out route with OPD Reserve Officers. I waive 75.04 (F) but please work out donation to OPD Reserves to offset their time. Please do 75.02 (E) (6) to residents affected on parade route.
KRM 401

Oakridge-Westfir 71st Annual (2024) Tree Planting Festival Grand Parade Application

When: Saturday May 4, 2024, Parade Start: 11am, Parade Staging at the High School - 9:30am

Parade Route: Staging starts at the Oakridge High School, 47994 W. 1st Street, Oakridge, Oregon. The parade will be escorted by the Oakridge Police Department and head east on E. 1st Street towards uptown Oakridge and then end at the intersection of 1st and Beech Street. Parade participants may then depart the area by continuing east on 1st Street, south on Beach Street, or may return to the High School by turning right (south) on Beech Street and then right (west) on Commercial Street. Parade participants are not allowed to exit the 1st Street parade route early, as all of the side streets between the high school and Beech Street will be closed during the parade.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 4pm

Application Details: Pick up and drop off applications at Oakridge City Hall (48218 E. 1st Street) Monday to Thursday, 8AM-4PM, *or* print and email a scanned copy to Vanessa Tharp at vanessatharp@gmail.com with the subject line: "TPF Parade Entry 2024."

Questions: Call or text Vanessa Tharp at 541-913-0762 or email her at vanessatharp@gmail.com

The following parade rules (as per TPF policies and [Oakridge City Ordinance 942](#)) will be enforced to make the parade a fun and safe experience for the community and participants:

- Parade entry is FREE, unless a political group - who are required to pay \$25. The details are below on payment methods. An optional \$10-25 donation can be made by any entry to participate in the parade and can be sent to the mailing address below. All collected donations will go to the Tree Planting Account to offset event costs.
- Drivers must have a valid driver's license and car insurance, and adhere to all traffic laws and parade rules.
- Drivers may not deviate from the parade route at any time and must finish the entire parade route.
- An "entry" may be the following: Car, truck, flatbed, float, side by side, off road vehicles, scooter, golf cart, walkers, bikers, horses, commercial vehicle, bus, or other safe and creative entry with TPF staff permission.
- Use appropriate and proper signage to identify sponsors for entry if needed.
- Floats may not exceed 10ft in width or 13.5ft. In height, trailers may be larger.
- Entries may use sound amplifications or musical purposes, but may not address audience/community with speeches or campaigning and may not be louder than 80-90 decibels.
- Entries can be historical, business, non-profits, representing the community, or for fun or education - as long as they are in good taste as deemed by the Parade Chair and Oakridge Police Department.
- All entries with horses/pets must have someone to follow and clean up.
- Get creative and have fun with your entry - balloons, banners, decoration, giveaways, SWAG, coupons, costumes and more are all encouraged!
- **No items, including candy, may be thrown from vehicles** (as per [Ordinance 942](#)). Items and candy may only be handed-out by walkers during the parade.

Next Steps:

1. Complete the Application and return to Oakridge City Hall *or* Vanessa Tharp by Wednesday May 1st. \$25 political campaign fees or any donations must be paid in advance by check to: Oakridge-Westfir Tree Planting Festival % C.F.A" mailed to: PO Box 67, Oakridge, OR 97463 via on Venmo: @treeplantingfestival
2. Wait for email confirmation for your Saturday morning placement, these will be sent by Fri. May 3rd.
3. Communicate staging information to your entry participants, and then arrive at the high school between 9:30-10:15am to get into place (be mindful streets will be closing).

OAKRIDGE - WESTFIR 2024 TREE PLANTING FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE APPLICATION

Name of Entry Lead, Organization, Sponsor or Group: _____

Additional Contact Names: _____

Contact Email: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Estimated length of float/entry/vehicles in feet: _____

Detailed description of entry (Example: log truck, walkers with a sign, trailer decorated, side by side ATV, mountain bikes, golf carts, 1952 Chevy, etc:)

If Motorized Entry - Number of Vehicles: _____ Type of Vehicle(s): _____

Year/Make/Model/Owner: _____

We will send confirmation of your application via email once we receive it in batched groups each week or so, please have patience. We will email out the parade line-up and staging plans on Fri. May 3rd.

Optional: Title of Entry: _____

Is Music Part of the Entry? (Circle One) Yes No Political Entry? (Circle One) Yes No

REQUIRED EVENT WAIVER: _____

I/we hereby waive and release any and all rights/claims of any nature that I/we may have against the Tree Planting Festival grand parade, their employees, officers, volunteers, contractors, agents, assigns, licensees and cooperating entries for and against any and all injuries and damages of any nature which I/we may suffer while taking part in any activities connected with this event as a whole. This release shall be binding upon my/ours heirs, executors, and/or assigns. Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations. TPF staff and/or the Oakridge Police Department reserve the right to remove participants from the parade at any time if they are not obeying the parade rules and regulations or are refusing to follow instructions from the police or parade officials. All entries must be in their assigned positions on time in order to participate. I/we have read and agree to abide by all Grand Parade Guidelines and will adhere to all safety rules, laws, and directions from the Tree Planting Festival and City of Oakridge Police Department - keeping safety as our first priority.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Driver's Insurance Company/Policy: _____

Sponsor/Business/Organization: _____

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Yard Debris Program MOU with LRAPA and SWS/Oakridge Air

Agenda Item No: 10.3

Proposed Council Action: A motion from the floor to approve

Exhibits: Draft MOU

Author: CA

ISSUE:

In 2019, the City of Oakridge started a community yard debris program to allow community members to dispose of yard debris in lieu of backyard burning after the 2019 winter storm disaster. In 2020, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) was awarded two Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Targeted Airshed Grants in the amount of \$7.6M to mitigate wood smoke in Oakridge. As a partnership with the City of Oakridge, LRAPA, and South Willamette Solutions, the Oakridge Air program was created to implement the grant. SWS oversees the Oakridge Air program with funding from the Targeted Airshed Grant.

In 2022, Oakridge Air volunteered to assist in the community coordination portion of the yard debris program because it aligned with the Oakridge Air project goals. The City of Oakridge maintains primary ownership and responsibility for the project site and program, as it aligns with the shared goals of the City of Oakridge Firewise Assessment and the City of Oakridge Smoke Safety Plan to reduce hazardous smoke and wildfire risk. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to outline roles and responsibilities between the City of Oakridge, LRAPA, and Oakridge Air.

OPTIONS: Approve, deny, or return to the CA for further consideration

FISCAL IMPACTS: UNK (a DEQ permit *may* be required)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve

RECOMMENDED MOTION: *"I move to approve the community yard debris program memorandum of understanding with LRAPA and SWS/Oakridge Air and allow the CA to sign it."*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 1 (Safe Community), Goal #1: Ensure a safe community by partnering to protect people, property and the environment.

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #1: In an open and transparent manner, effectively deliver services that citizens need, want, and support.



Yard Debris Program Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Oakridge (City), Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) and South Willamette Solutions (SWS)

Background

In 2019, the City of Oakridge started a community yard debris program to allow community members to dispose of yard debris in lieu of burning after the 2019 winter storm disaster. The City charges community members \$15/year to offset the costs of managing the yard debris program. In 2020, the City spent \$8,000 to hire an industrial sized tub grinder to dispose of the yard debris pile.

In 2020, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) was awarded two Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Targeted Airshed Grants in the amount of \$7.6M to mitigate wood smoke in Oakridge. As a partnership with the City of Oakridge, LRAPA, and South Willamette Solutions, the Oakridge Air program was created to implement the grant. SWS oversees the Oakridge Air program with funding from the Targeted Airshed Grant.

In 2022, Oakridge Air volunteered to assist in the community coordination portion of the yard debris program because it aligned with the Oakridge Air project goals. The City retained the fee collection portion of the program until 2023, when the City asked Oakridge Air to manage fee collection.

Purpose

The Yard Debris Program is a City of Oakridge program to curtail backyard burning. The City of Oakridge maintains primary ownership and responsibility for the project site and program. The Yard Debris Program aligns with the shared goals of the City of Oakridge [Firewise Assessment](#) and the City of Oakridge [Smoke Safety Plan](#) to reduce hazardous smoke and wildfire risk. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to outline roles and responsibilities between the City of Oakridge, LRAPA, and Oakridge Air.

Roles and Responsibilities:

City of Oakridge:

1. Provide a secure location for yard debris to be stored at the Oakridge Industrial Park.
2. Set the rules for material accepted at the yard debris program.
3. Manage the yard debris program or designate a project manager.

4. Designate and coordinate with a yard debris project manager if/when there is grant funding to support coordination (currently Oakridge Air).
5. Manage yard debris fees to offset yard debris costs or act as match to future grants for yard debris management.
6. Comply with all state and local laws and ordinances.

LRAPA:


1. Manage TAG funding to support community coordination and dispose of yard debris through the duration of the TAG grants or as long as grant funding exists.
2. Coordinate with all the partners to seek additional funding to support the yard debris program.

Oakridge Air (yard debris project manager):


1. Provide access for citizens to utilize the yard debris program for at least one day per month.
2. Ensure that all debris collected on site complies with the rules of the program.
3. Coordinate yard debris disposal with funding from LRAPA.
4. Designate a yard debris manager with permission of the other partners.

It is agreed that:

1. This MOU becomes effective on the date of execution and shall remain in effect unless terminated by written notification by either jurisdiction to the other.
2. The Yard Debris Program will be open to all residents in the Oakridge/Westfir area while grant funding exists to dispose of the debris. If grant funding is not secured, or costs become prohibitive the City may either restrict access to Oakridge residents only or end the program.
3. This MOU may be amended by written mutual agreement.

 City of Oakridge


 Date
March 28, 2024

 Lane Regional Air Protection Agency


 Date
 March 28, 2024

 South Willamette Solutions

 Date

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: OIP Pump Track Feasibility Study Grant Request & \$5,000 from Travel Lane County

Proposed Council Motion: To approve staff time for grant writing and management

Agenda Item No: 10.4

Exhibit: Letter of Support from Lane County (Eugene Cascades and Coast)

Agenda Bill Author: Rick Zylstra

ISSUE: Travel Lane County, in collaboration from the Parks and Community Services Committee members, have created a project team working on the OIP Pump Track (namely Tom Lyons and Jason Nehmer) and have identified the Oregon Parks and Recreation, Local Government Grant Program as a viable funding source for a feasibility study regarding the proposed OIP Pump Track. The proposed dollar ask from the OPRD grant is \$25,000 and requires a 20% match (\$5,000).

Travel Lane County is asking the City of Oakridge submit the grant on behalf of the project team. Travel Lane County is contributing \$5,000 to cover the 20% match required for the grant. The project team will be writing the grant in coordination with city staff, and other relevant stakeholders. The deadline for Planning Grant applications is May 15th.

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff time for grant writing and grant management if awarded.

OPTIONS: Approve or deny the request

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends taking advantage of not only the funding being offered by Travel Lane County, but also the collaborative benefits that this opportunity offers between the city, P&CSC and Travel Lane County.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: *"I move to accept the \$5,000 contribution from Travel Lane County and to collaborate with them to apply for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant for a Pump Track feasibility study."*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

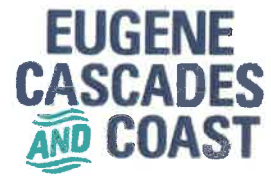
Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #1: In an open and transparent manner, effectively deliver services that citizens need, want, and support.

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #2: Provide facilities & infrastructure to support current & future needs.

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #3: Manage finances in a fiscally responsible manner ensuring long term financial stability.

Theme 3 (Strong Economy), Goal #2: Sustainably develop and market the recreational tourism industry in a way that benefits local business and residents.

Theme 4 (Community Livability), Goal #1: Work with community partners to provide recreation, education, and enrichment opportunities for citizens and youth.



March 20th, 2024

To: Mayor Bryan Cutchen and Members of the Oakridge City Council

Re: OPRD Planning Grant Opportunity – OIP Pump Track

Project Introduction

As one of the leading mountain biking destinations in the country, Oakridge has great cross-country style mountain biking and downhill biking for your cycling enthusiasts. The City of Oakridge has a 'skills-based' dirt pump track at Diamond View Park -- but residents have wanted a paved track that's suitable for all types of riders. The closest option for riders would be out in Bend and/or Salem (*which you can find via pumptrack.com*)

Jason Nehmer, Tom Lyons, and the City of Oakridge believe a community project of this caliber could be pivotal in rounding out Oakridge as a cycling destination, as it will all riders, visitors or residents, beginner or expert, young or old -- a safe place to practice their craft!

Project Status

The Oakridge City Council has dedicated land for this project and will act as a signer for all funds raised -- contingent on this geotechnical study being funded by outside sources. Along with the city, many local organizations such as the Oakridge Trails Alliance, CogWild, Soldiers on Singletrack, and the Oakridge chapter for Oregon Interscholastic Cycling League -- are ready to fundraise for this project.

This geotechnical study, costing \$9,000 -- will ensure the proposed site is suitable for such a development. **Travel Lane County is committing \$5,000 to this geotechnical study to move this project forward.** Jason and Tom have identified a builder, Kyle Jameson and Blacksage Dirtworks based in Bend, that can complete the pump track for roughly ~\$400,000.

We were optimistic about receiving the other \$4,000 from Lane County Economic Development -- yet they recently hired their new Economic Development Manager and had to pause their project funding until their new manager is fully onboarded. To keep things moving, we identified the **Oregon Parks and Recreation > Local Government Grant Program** -- dedicated to public outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities, in which funding preliminary studies undertaken to determine and document a project's viability are eligible.



Our Ask

Applicants must be local government agencies that are obligated by state law to provide public recreation facilities. Our project team discussed this opportunity with the Oakridge Parks and Community Services Committee, in which they offered their support in the project – and asked that we present this funding opportunity to Oakridge City Council.

We ask that the City of Oakridge submit this grant on behalf of our project team. The \$5,000 contribution from Travel Lane County covers the matching grant – anticipating that our financial ask will stay under \$25,000. Our team is willing and able to draft this grant in coordination with the city, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure its accuracy. The deadline for Planning Grant applications is May 15th.

We believe this will be a fantastic cycling asset and economic driver for the Oakridge community, and we hope The City of Oakridge can partner with Jason, Tom, and Travel Lane County to represent this grant – and cross this critical milestone.

Sincerely,

Andy Vobora

VP of Stakeholder Relations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AVobora".

J.B. Carney

Senior Director, Sports

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.B. Carney".

Connor Nolan

Destination Development Manager

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Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Disclosures of Facebook posts by City Councilors

Proposed Council Action: N/A

Agenda Item No: 10.6

Exhibits: Printed transcripts of all Facebook comments in response to 3/12/24 and 3/18/24 Facebook posts by Councilors Tarman & Kinyon

Author: CA

ISSUE:

On 3/12/24, Councilor Tarman posted on the Facebook chat group "Oakridge Chat Forum." His post was a link to an article from Strongtowns.org titled, "How to Use Optical Narrowing to Make a Street Safer." He also commented on the article by stating, "Good article describing how the illusion of a narrower street will make drivers slow down. Potential for changes to problem streets like 1st and School Street. Also the process of just having street trees will slow drivers." A printed copy of the article is included as an exhibit and a link to it is here:

www.strongtowns.org/journal/2023/9/15/how-to-use-optical-narrowing-to-make-a-street-safer?fbclid=IwAR0VztD60tL1TMU6vXCEAixRyk6pbO0Gjiru4u3wACUKC24GHybBnXga6Sw

A link to Councilor Tarman's Facebook post is here:

www.facebook.com/groups/OakridgeChatForum/posts/3810194435922837

The entire 87-page transcript of all the comments made on the post are included as an exhibit.

Councilors **Tarman, Kinyon, Hollett, and Coker** made "comments" on the post.*

After discovering that 4 city councilors made comments on the post, Councilor Tarman contacted Susan Myers, the Executive Director of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, to self-report the issue. She replied and recommended that the issue be discussed at the next City Council meeting and that a transcript of all the comments be provided to the public in the Council Packet (done).

On 3/18/24, Councilor Kinyon posted on the Facebook chat group "Oakridge Chat Forum."

Her post was a poll, posing the question, "Do you want to see lane reductions on Highway 58 through Oakridge?" A link to Councilor Kinyon's Facebook post is here:

www.facebook.com/groups/OakridgeChatForum/posts/3813936892215258

The entire 106-page transcript of all the comments made on the post are included as an exhibit.

Councilors **Tarman, Kinyon, Hollett, Brewer, and Coker** made "comments" on the post.*

After discovering that 5 city councilors made comments on the post, Councilor Kinyon contacted Susan Myers, the Executive Director of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, to self-report the issue. She replied and recommended that the issue be discussed at the next City Council meeting and that a transcript of all the comments be provided to the public in the Council Packet (done).

Neither substantive issue is currently in front of City Council. However, all Councilors who made comments on these posts will have the opportunity to further explain their comments during the discussion of this agenda item. If City Council decides that all of the comments should be read into the record, a separate Special Session will be scheduled to read aloud the 196 pages of comments.

**Susan Myers also advised that reacting to a post or comment through symbols or emojis such as a “thumbs-up” or a “thumbs-down” would also be considered a “comment.” Specifically, she stated that, “As to the thumbs up and thumbs down, such actions are a form of written expression, indicating the sender’s opinion on a matter. So they would appear to qualify as a written discussion. So if one councilor were to post a suggestion on a proposal that will be coming before the council, and then other councilors each commented on that proposal, by indicating a thumbs up or a thumbs down, it could arguably constitute serial communication.”*

FISCAL IMPACTS: None

OPTIONS: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: N/A

RECOMMENDED MOTION: N/A

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #1: In an open and transparent manner, effectively deliver services that citizens need, want, and support.

How to Use Optical Narrowing to Make a Street Safer

[Edward Erfurt](#) September 15, 2023



An example of how a street can be visually narrowed using street trees. (Source: Google Maps, illustration by Edward Erfurt.)

We all perceive the world around us through visual reference points. As we look around, we are next to the wall, or across the street from the bank—in other words, we position ourselves relative to what we see. This is even more apparent when we are driving: you may perceive yourself as behind another car, or between the lines on the road.

[Drivers make decisions based on these visual cues.](#) If things are further away, we are more inclined to speed up. The auto industry has marketed this as the “freedom of the open road,” and the visual of a wide open road is paired with the acceleration of the car. If no one is near and all the fixed objects, such as curbs and buildings, are far away, then the perception is that we have less risk and we throw caution to the wind.

If things are closer, we are more inclined to slow down. Our natural inclination is caution and possibly a little bit a fear that we may hit something. When you drive on a street where the lanes are a little narrower, or [the buildings are at the back of the sidewalk](#), our reference points become closer. We have to focus, and in an abundance of caution we drive slower. The perspective is that we have more risk, and we pay more attention to counter that risk.

There is a direct relationship between spatial distancing and speed in road design. [Transportation engineers use wider lane widths on highways](#). They also push back any vertical elements, such as signs, far away from the travel lanes. The next time you go on a highway, pay attention to the highway bridge. When you are on the bridge, you will see a really wide shoulder on each side of the bridge. This space is not provided for a disabled vehicle; rather, it is provided to keep the visual width open. These cues are provided as a subliminal signal that you are on the open road and that it is ok to accelerate. Compare this to your experience in a street located in an urban city where the buildings are built close to the street. As a driver, this street feels more restrictive.

Streets in too many places have been designed with the buildings and any potential obstacles pushed back from the street. The roadway feels wide and unobstructed, which results in a natural inclination to drive faster. I may be on Main Street in name only where the speed is posted at 25 mph but I am instinctively driving at 45 mph.

Understanding this little bit of psychology, we can apply this knowledge to the design of our streets. These overly wide local streets need visual cues to inform drivers of the intended and appropriate speed of the street. Using a technique called optical narrowing, we can introduce these cues.

Optical narrowing is when you add design elements and visual cues that make the street feel narrower. Simple vertical elements, like [street trees](#) or landscaping, bring the street edge closer to the driver. Lanes can be narrowed with painted edge lines, bike lanes, or on-street parking. Intersections can be visually narrowed by painting [tighter turn radii](#) or wider and more brilliant crosswalks. All of these elements are easy to implement and bring spatial reference points closer to the driver.

One of my favorite optical narrowing projects was done on an overly-wide street constructed in a new residential subdivision in Ranson, West Virginia. The street's posted speed limit was 25 mph, but in reality drivers were going at an average of 45 mph—something I know because the HOA added a very expensive speed clock in a failed attempt to slow the cars.



North Fairfax Boulevard as a visually wide street. (Source: Google Maps.)

We looked at the street and it was obvious the street was too wide, and we also observed that there was a need for more on-street parking. After a meeting with the residents and the public works department, we decided to try striping a single line to delineate the parallel parking along the curb and the additional parking adjacent to the center median. A quick 15-minute field meeting and \$100 of paint resulted in double the on-street parking and a visually narrower roadway.

The public works department completed two blocks of striping, and we stood by the HOA's speed clock. The first car, and every subsequent car, drove at 25 mph as a result of a single stripe of paint. The next morning I returned and observed that several cars parked in the new median parking. The addition of parked cars on both sides of the street increased the visual cues for drivers, and further reduced the speed.



North Fairfax Boulevard after the parking lanes were painted and street visually narrowed. (Source: Google Maps.)

Optical narrowing is an approach that can be applied through a lot of low-risk ideas in a location where speed is an issue. A first smallest step could be adding a couple of benches or straw bales adjacent to the street. You may try planting street trees, which provide additional community benefits, or add some paint to the street for parking or bike lanes. These low-risk responses can be implemented by both the city and the citizen. If they fail to slow the cars, try something else. However, if they result in lower speed, share and repeat.

Link to this article:

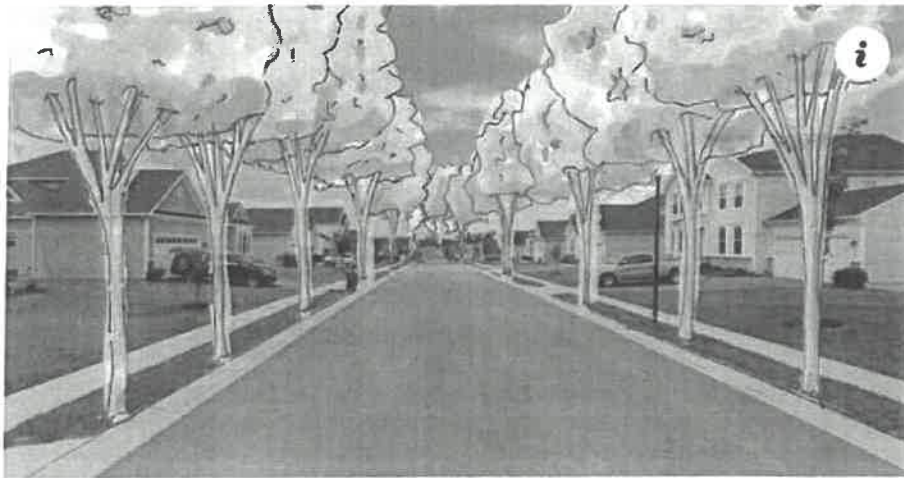
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Good article describing how the illusion of a narrower street will make drivers slow down. Potential for changes to problem streets like 1st and School St.

Also the process of just having street trees will slow drivers.

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How to Use Optical Narrowing to Make a Street Safer

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Michelle Coker and 30 others

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Kristyn Dodge

Living on School Street, myself, this is an interesting idea. So long as we don't actually narrow the street. School Street is already pretty

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narrow the street. School Street is already pretty narrow and when one takes into account that semis and other large vehicles that like to park on the street to get to DQ, I would be concerned about traffic bottlenecking School Street.

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Chrissy Hollett

Kristyn I would love to see this on School Street!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kristyn Dodge If I remember correctly, the TSP calls for school st to get bike lanes, so it wouldn't narrow. If we added street trees on top of that I could see the speeds on School street drop dramatically. Also it would feel extremely welcoming. School street is probably the nicest most complete street in all of Oakridge as far as pavement, sidewalks, etc and the conditions of all of those.

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Kristyn Dodge

Dirk Poncho Tarman which would... literally... narrow our road. I like the trees but leave the bloody street alone.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kristyn Dodge painting lines on the road does not narrow a road. It just

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Kristyn Dodge painting lines on the road does not narrow a road. It just makes you aware that others use the road.

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Kristyn Dodge

Like hell it doesn't. You can't legally drive in a bike lane therefore it does narrow the useable driving part of the road.

edited to complete my thought.



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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kristyn Dodge once again painted lines do not physically narrow a road. It's what the posted article discusses. Visually narrowing and not physically narrowing.

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Rebel Wilder

Kristyn Dodge as a person who agrees

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Top Dirk Poncho Tarman · Mar 12 · **Rebel Wilder**

Kristyn Dodge as a person who agrees with you about the hazard of DQ semis and frequently has to nervously navigate around them with a kiddo in the car, I also understand that a bikelane is narrower than the width of a semi, and it would also then be illegal for semis to park ON the bikelane, so barring all other conditions and speaking ONLY on the bikelane vs. semi vs. road width on DQ neighborhood of school st., neither tue semis OR a bike lane physically change the width of the street, the physical asphalt and concrete dimensions are the same... But VISUALLY adding a bike lane will prevent semis from parking there all together, allowing safer visual pathways on that corner and removing a physical object that in it's self prevents adequate driving space, and the bike lane will REPLACE the semis with a legally protected path of travel for bikes in a lane that is almost half the width of a semi, creating a WIDER path of travel for cars and preventing visual obstruction on that corner.

This is how the semi vs. bikelane issue would actually play out. . The street itself would remain the same, with the exception of a painted line.

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exception of a painted line.

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Forest Schröder

Do the bike lanes impede on the residential parking available on the street? Is upheaving from trees and possible property damages a concern? Tree health and debris maintenance would be an incurring cost for the city, how would that be budgeted and the tasks allocated? Are there power lines and other utilities this could effect? Just some questions about proposed improvements to our town.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Forest Schröder All those are reasons we are working on a tree ordinance. It limits what can be planted and where. It keeps people from planting giant sequoia right under power lines and spreading roots trees in narrow planting strips.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Forest Schröder bike lanes are already approved, so that's I suppose technically in the works.

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the works.

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Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman not what most want in this area on main thoroughfares. You just went ahead and bulldozed your way/ideas through.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔴 Marsha Craft ok angry lady. Not sure what you are talking about. How did I bulldoze anything. Discussion should be open and civil. Yet here you are.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔴 Marsha Craft just so you know. The bike lanes were approved before I even moved back to Oakridge. Quit assuming things and trying to cast blame. It's on the TSP which passed maybe 5 years ago.

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Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman you are the one placing blame. I was responding to your statements. Dont care when you moved here, not the issue. The issue(s) are pushing forward with plans most don't want. It is real easy to push onto me alone about bulldozing yet you did

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me alone about bulldozing yet you did anyway.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

● Marsha Craft so what plans did I push?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

● Marsha Craft is it the approved bike lanes that I pushed? If so I didn't live here when they were approved. If that is your hangup then I'm not sure what to say to you. I didn't do it, I wasn't here, I wasn't on city council. Do I agree with it, yes.

1w Like Reply



Rebel Wilder

● Marsha Craft I strongly disagree with the "not what MOST people want" portion of the statement. To understand what MOST people want, we have to be willing to talk to people outside our own social groups and outside our own comfortable and familiar ideas.

By your statement, I understand that MOST of the people YOU know, may not like this idea, but MOST of the people who spend hours a day on the busiest parts of 1st street, like those who work

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parts of 1st street, like those who work in or attend the schools, those who live in the immediate residential areas the border the uptown district, or those who work IN the uptown district... This is a set of individuals who MOSTLY agree that this would be a positive change.

So when taking an average of who wants this and who wants that, it's pretty split, and none of these ideas have been bulldozed, they are all issues that have to be brought before council and voted on before they can be approved. There has to be a project plan and development plan and allegation plan, it has to be demonstrated that the benefits will outweigh the costs or short comings... And mostly, citizens must be given the chance to speak their opinion and vote on an issue.

The principals, and numbers of these things combined is what ultimately makes the decision.

If you, and MOST of the people you know didn't take the opportunity to vote against the issue in council meetings, and the only people who voted, are those who voted FOR... Then the failure is not on Dirk Poncho Tarman ... The failure is on you and

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Tarman ... The failure is on you and MOST of the people you know, for not voicing your concerns in appropriate arenas at appropriate times, when the floor was open for discussion.

So it appears now, that MOST of the people who care enough to show up, discuss and actually vote on the issue... Are people who voted FOR! If your opinion on the matter isn't even important enough to YOU, for you to vote on it... Then the people responsible for making these moves are ultimately not going to take your opinion into consideration.

That's like the entire concept and principal of voting!

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Jan Wiemholt Christensen

We can't even get abandoned cars or junk in yards dealt with, how is all this going to happen?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jan Wiemholt Christensen how does anything happen. I spent a year getting rid of a pile of garbage and a shifty RV. Nothing happens quickly

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Nothing happens quickly


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 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
We did just pass something allowing officers to better enforce junk in yards and authorizing the city to abate it and put a lien on a property if needed. You would need to ask the CA or police chief how they plan to use it.


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 **Lauri O'Neill**
Where do the trees go? On private property or cutting sidewalk in half?

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 **Jeryka Cornella**
Lauri O'Neill there's sidewalks in Oakridge?
😄 just kidding


1w Like Reply 2 👍 😬

 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
Lauri O'Neill it would all depend on the street and other factors.

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 **Lauri O'Neill**
Dirk, I'm also on School Street.

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Lauri O'Neill

Dirk, I'm also on School Street.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Lauri O'Neill I'm not sure where the city ROW ends there or the size of the sidewalks, etc. Things like this would be worked out in the ordinance. Of course people are always allowed to plant trees on their property currently. My hope is a tree ordinance in the future would help limit people from making bad decisions on where and what type to plant

1w Like Reply



Kenneth Burnett

Lauri O'Neill my question is the maintenance and care of the trees. If a tree falls on your car is the city liable. I don't see this as something that deters speeders. Most of our streets are narrow already. I agree that policing would be a better answer as Annie Schroeder mentioned.

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Josh Fought

Dirk Poncho Tarman if it's your property and you own it, I'm pretty sure you can plant any trees you want. How can the city determine that if you're not living in a hoa subdivision?

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a hoa subdivision?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kenneth Burnett our streets aren't narrow. 1st street you could probably land a jet on it. Why can't we use a multi prong approach? Cops can't be everywhere at once.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Josh Faught In most cities if there is a planting strip, the homeowner is responsible for it but the city owns it because it's part of the ROW.

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Annie Schroeder

so the city decides that I have to have trees along the road in which they own, but if that tree causes damage, I would be responsible for it, is that what I just. Read?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Annie Schroeder No because there is nothing for a tree ordinance. But when it comes to ROW in Oakridge I'm almost certain it works like other cities. If there is a sidewalk out front, you are responsible for it. I'd need to double check with city hall.

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check with city hall.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Annie Schroeder and a tree ordinance would not decide that you will have trees in front of your house. It's to help keep people from making dumb decisions. Like having a 1 foot planting strip and planting a redwood

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Kenneth Burnett

Dirk Poncho Tarman isn't there an extortion fee paid monthly for "safety." It seems there are less police on duty after this fee. Painted lines and trees still will not deter speeders. Policing is the major issue. Maybe that should be addressed first before an ideology that would ultimately cost citizens more money.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kenneth Burnett That is your opinion on the situation. I guess I see it as approaching it from multiple angles.

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Kenneth Burnett

Dirk Poncho Tarman 1st street also has parking for the businesses in that area.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Kenneth Burnett ok?

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Kenneth Burnett
Dirk Poncho Tarman with sidewalks as well on that street. Maybe a better street to address would be Hansen? School? Elgin? At least 2 are failing and need updated. Maybe that should be a priority before planting trees and painting lines.

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Kenneth Burnett
Dirk Poncho Tarman so wide you can land a jet on?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Kenneth Burnett yes

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Kenneth Burnett
Dirk Poncho Tarman do you represent your constituents or your opinions?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Kenneth Burnett Are the people on Facebook the only constituents. Or is it just the people who post anariv

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just the people who post angrily

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Kenneth Burnett

Dirk Poncho Tarman maybe it's just hard for you to see it from different angles? I don't believe I've seen angry comments. Generally just people with legitimate concerns. If those are addressed maybe the "Facebook constituents" would be more open to the idea or other ideas.

1w Like Reply



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kenneth Burnett maybe not everybody posts or feels the need to.

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Kailee Burnett

My understanding is that a city counselor is supposed to LISTEN to ALL of their constituents, whether they're on Facebook or not, and try to come up with a plan that represents what the majority of the CITIZENS want. Not to come up with their own plan, then try to convince the citizens they are all ignorant if they don't want it-- that would be considered more along the lines of dictatorship. City counselors however, are elected by the majority, and are supposed to represent the majority.

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represent the majority.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kailee Burnett you realize I'm not doing this in a vacuum. There is a system for citizens input. I see more thumbs up on the post in comparison to laugh emojis. Is that how we decide?

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Kailee Burnett

Dirk Poncho Tarman It would probably be better to listen to the concerns that are being voiced to you. It seems like people have been openly expressing their opinions of your idea. If you still are unsure of how your constituents feel, you could always administer a poll. Preferably, one in a fair place where all have equal access (not online). Democracies often hold a vote, to be sure of the majority opinion. Counting emojis and "reactions" on Facebook would exclude the non-Facebooking citizens, which you expressed a concern for, wouldn't it? If your actions were purely based off of Facebook banter, than this idea would have already been laid to rest, based on the sheer amount of comments disagreeing with your idea, as well as the amount of "likes" on the oppositional comments.

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oppositional comments.

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Nancy Kelly

Dirk Poncho Tarman Under General Regulations Chapter 91 Streets and Sidewalks it states: SIDEWALK. The part of the street right-of-way between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines and includes any culvert located in a part of the street.

(Ord. 697, passed 10-3-85)

§ 91.02 REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

The owner of land abutting a sidewalk shall maintain it in good repair and safe condition.

(Ord. 697, passed 10-3-85)

§ 91.03 LIABILITY FOR SIDEWALK INJURIES.

(A) The owner of real property abutting

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sidewalk shall be liable to any person injured because of failure by the owner to maintain the sidewalk in good repair or safe condition.

(B) If the city is required to pay damages for an injury to any person caused by the failure of an owner to maintain a sidewalk in good repair or

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to maintain a sidewalk in good repair or safe condition, the owner shall reimburse the city for the amount of the damages thus paid, and for the attorney fees and costs of defending against the claim for damages. The city may maintain an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section.
(Ord. 697, passed 10-3-85)

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kailee Burnett my whole point is Facebook is not the place for a decision. But people keep saying majority, the people said no, etc. That's why I mentioned emojis, to illustrate how that argument falls flat. There is a time for speaking about this and making decisions, it's not Facebook.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Nancy Kelly so it's like every other city out there.

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Kailee Burnett

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Dirk Poncho Tarman I agree that Facebook is not the place for a decision. It is, however, a place for discussion, which, I believe is why you posted your idea on Facebook. My point is that you would do best to listen to ALL of your constituents, even the ones on Facebook.

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**Dirk Poncho Tarman**

Kailee Burnett oh I am. There is a big majority of misunderstanding and even some conspiracy theory. There are people who know how to communicate which I appreciate

1w Like Reply

**Rebel Wilder**

Kenneth Burnett it doesn't matter how many police you have... If the police are not "policing" then there is not an increase in safety and enforcement. Dirk Poncho Tarman is trying to break a cycle of patterns that don't work for Oakridge by attempting something outside our usual box, to see if it produces a different result.

And actually, while security isn't the topic for this thread, it IS worth mentioning that while increased "security" (in a criminal sense) isn't

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"security" (in a criminal sense) isn't ponchos main objective, there are many studies that show neighborhoods that are well maintained with a higher aesthetic, have a lower crime rate.

In a base level phycological sense, a person with malicious criminal intent in a run down,poorly maintained area is given the impression of low police presence.

Alternatively, the same person scoping out a neighborhood with clean, aesthetically pleasing, well maintained streets with pedestrian traffic, are given the phycological impression that there is a higher police presence.

There are also ample studies that show "wealthier" neighborhoods have faster police call times than poor neighbors.

Whether or not 1st and school streets ARE wealthy neighborhoods is irrelevant... If you visually give the impression that your neighborhood is cared-for, it's a subtle and subliminal show of force and ditterant from criminal activity.

Just saying, in a sideways way.... Trees actually DO address your security concerns.

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concerns.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Rebel Wilder That was really well stated. I often struggle on how to explain that concept. I know how it works, but I don't always know how to articulate it.

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Kenneth Burnett

Rebel Wilder i have no security concerns, lol. My properties are well protected. However policing is the main issue. Trees, bike lanes, etc don't and will deter speeders or criminals. The actual issues is policing. Which has decreased significantly in past 20 years. What's the issue? Funding? Guess the safety fee was actually for other things like the deficit the city was in, something like 450,000 I believe. It never actually was about safety. Let's fix the actual problems before creating others.

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Rebel Wilder

Kailee Burnett that's exactly what city council meetings are for. You are able to attend in person. If you cannot attend in person, you can actively participate in a virtual meeting... And

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participate in a virtual meeting... And while I don't know this third part as fact, I HAVE heard, that if neither of those is an option, there is a third option similar to a mail in... Maybe a written statement or something. I heard this as third-party information, so I don't know if it's accurate. But the point is that Facebook is not where the decisions are made. There is an appropriate time, place and format and most people just choose not to vote or speak up UNTIL they see it on Facebook, and then want to talk about how "no one asked me how I feel!"

The opportunity is there and available. People just don't care enough to vote... Only care enough to complain when the result isn't what they want.

1w Like Reply



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kenneth Burnett I believe the PSF ends in June. So you may have even less police than we currently have. We will see what happens this budget season. If that happens then we are really going to need to look at alternative options for reducing crime and slowing traffic.

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Kenneth Burnett

Rebel Wilder I thought Facebook was the only information source and where

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the only information source and where everything happened. 🤔

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Kenneth Burnett

Dirk Poncho Tarman sounds about right, laughable. Maybe we should just not have police as they don't seem to have an impact on crime or traffic? How much is it the city spent on an officers salary while he was under investigation for inappropriate acts with a minor? Yea there are other avenues to pursue. But you can't rob Peter to pay Paul. As great as any idea may seem.

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Rebel Wilder

Kenneth Burnett it does seem as though some people think this is the case. 🤔

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Kailee Burnett

Rebel Wilder OK, I think I get what you're saying.

1. Councilors should only listen to people that attend city council meetings, in one way or another.
2. There was a vote for this already, that most of Oakridge wasn't aware of (it definitely hasn't been my ballot), so we are not allowed to complain.
3. When a city counselor asks about

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3. When a city counselor asks about public input on a town's public Facebook forum, we are NOT supposed to tell him how we feel, unless we agree with him.

4. If we plant trees and make the town pretty, then all of the tweekers, speeders, and law-breakers will magically disappear.

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Rebel Wilder

Kailee Burnett lol yeah... What you said!

Let's actually add to that by saying that IN MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION, I think just by reading the comments, we can tell who the trump supporters are...! 🤔 🤨 🤩

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kailee Burnett It was the TSP that _____ allowed bike lanes. We can't change it at the moment. It was voted on around 4 to 5 years ago. If you were here I'm sure you heard about it. It was the one that included the highway road diet, etc. Her point I'm guessing is that ship has sailed. My point was neat article! If people wanted to band together and plant trees with purpose like this, then do it. You can tell me how you feel but I can't tell you whether you can plant a tree or not

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tree or not.

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Annie Schroeder

The lack of policing is the main reason people speed through town, all over town! Maybe all those speeders should have to take drivers safety classes all over again.

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Jeryka Cornella

So what about the speeders that speed down alleyways, narrow streets and forest roads or the highway? Or in front of the school?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jeryka Cornella What do you mean?

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Janet Corcoran

So pay for trees and maintenance but not proper policing 🤔

Police would pay for themselves if they were out there writing the tickets. I don't see that with trees, which will probably die like the all the other plant ides have 🙄

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other plant ides have 🐾

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Natasha Solomon

I like speedbumps. Nothing wrong with those on side streets, you can't ignore them at least.

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Trudy Hammond

Natasha Solomon agree!!! There are the sloped speed control bumps that are wide enough to serve as a crosswalk too. That is the best cost efficient choice.

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Natasha Solomon

Trudy Hammond I like those the best as well. They're easier to see driving as well

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Loretta Hays

Natasha Solomon speed bumps would be a great idea. We definitely need them on Riverview St.

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Erica Martin

Natasha Solomon and they don't block line of sight

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of sight

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Rebel Wilder

Natasha Solomon I'm also in favor of speed bumps in residential areas and areas with high foot traffic... But I'm also all-for trees and a narrowing aesthetic and area beautification.

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Natasha Solomon

Rebel Wilder the trees require maintenance to get established though and then cause a mess if there's a storm. They do look nice. The ones that got planted near the pub on the hill look pretty rough though and I think some died already from neglect. A cheap low maintenance fix for speed for now would be easier imo. I do love trees and shade, don't get me wrong at all.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Natasha Solomon I think my idea that might have got lost in translation was for people to plant their own trees that they maintain. Like Friends of Trees does in other towns. They organize a street or community and find out who wants trees. Then they work with the city and tree ordinance to make sure that they don't go in places they would

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that they don't go in places they would be cut down in a few years. Then the home owners help plant the trees and they usually get free or very discounted trees.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

I would like to see more community involvement in solutions. Because we all know that it's not going to happen quickly if we wait for the city to take care of it.

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Rebel Wilder

Natasha Solomon I know at least one of the trees you speak of. The one that was in front of the pub on the bump out that died from neglect.

I can't mentally place the others. But yes. The one in front of the pub DID die from neglect. When it started to suffer, Krys and myself would water it when we were up there and brought it to the attention of building owners who made it clear that they just couldn't be bothered to water it and were "cool" with letting it die. As just two patrons of the business we enjoyed that little tree and DID NOT enjoy watching it suffer.

We watered it whenever we were on the patio, but that wasn't enough. See more

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We watered it whenever we were on the patio, but that wasn't enough to bring it back.

I believe trees planted as part of a tree ordinance or tree city project would fall under a different category and therefore different care

The tree on the bump out was part of the bump out planned design, which required a special building permit as an extension of private property on a public travel path (road and sidewalk) and therefore was EXCLUSIVELY the responsibility of building owner that appealed to build the bump out and all its "fix'ns".

That tree under no agreement was ever the responsibility of the city or it's parks division for care.

I understand the water seems muddies right now, with all the fine lines between who is responsible, but I am confident is saying THAT tree, is not the same or an example of trees that would fall under planning and care of this discussed ordinance matter separate animals that happen to look a lot alike.

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Natasha Solomon

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lot alike.

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Natasha Solomon

Rebel Wilder up towards the mortuary, I was not calling any establishment out, I hadn't noticed those at all on front. We've had some hot summers and I've lost a few plants and seen the woods get pretty scorched.

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Rebel Wilder

Natasha Solomon yeah that's for sure true. I was just telling someone the other day about the summer that all the trees got scorched on one side. 🙄

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Dawn Kinyon

It would be really nice if the city could focus on repairing awful streets full of potholes.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dawn Kinyon yes it would. Seems like there should be some sort of plan for that.

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should be some sort of plan for that.

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Larry Sweet

Dirk Poncho Tarman keep charging storm drainage that we don't get on the pot holed streets that Oakridge when annexed williamete city were supposed to put in yet I pay for storm water drainage every month bout like to to Mc ds order cheese Burger and not getting the cheese hmmm interesting

1w Like Reply

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Larry Sweet everybody pays it. That's how town's work. It's an infrastructure that spans the city. Yes your street needs it also.

1w Like Reply



Amy Buchmeier

Dirk Poncho Tarman I'm with Larry on this one. Jones Rd and the dead end (unpaved) portion of Elgin have no drainage at all...none. All of the water puddles in the 3-6" potholes that cover the street...We've literally ran a RC boat in the street during normal rain. 😓 That's not really ok...

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Amy Buchmeier I agree 100%.

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Larry Sweet
Dirk Poncho Tarman and wouldn't mind paying for it of I got it lol especially since when annexed we were supposed to hold have been done

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Amy Buchmeier
Dawn Kinyon *cough* Jones Rd *cough* 🤔

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Gregoria Francisco
Dawn Kinyon so they can go faster

1w Like Reply



Shelby Tarman
Dawn Kinyon We been waiting on you to help with that for years. You are the one who said we only get like 1 street to fix every 5 years or some crazy S*#%.

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Dan Craft
After they narrow Hwy 58 then they move it around town. Then the town dies even more!

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around town. Then the town dies even more!
Great idea! 😊

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft I know. Planting trees would just devastate us as a town.

1w Haha

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman Look at so many towns toward the coast that the highway has bypassed them! There has already been surveying to see if it is feasible!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft yes. And if you continue to not work with ODOT who owns the road, what do you think will happen then. They will bypass and then the highway becomes oakridges problem to fix. Not sure what planting trees or painting lines on other streets has to do with the highway. Also if you think continually doing nothing is going to save a struggling town, then I'm not sure what else to say.

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman Not sure of your stance on the issue!

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stance on the issue!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft On planting trees? I'm pro tree.

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman Sure! Trees are great but I'm afraid the agenda is much deeper than just planting trees!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft K?

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman K?

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman Why don't you paint the water tower? Previous leaders have thought that would work too!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft I know Chrissy is working on that.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft I know Chrissy is working on that.

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman No doubt!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft We should be able to explore ideas like that and see what it would take and the impacts.

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman It isn't about the trees! It is about the underlying plan to do everything from cut hwy 58 down to two lanes to reroute the hwy away from town. It's all about the money they can get by pushing these issues that aren't about helping the residents at all!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft I just want to face palm but you can't see it, so know that I just face palmed.

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman Whatever!

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Dan Craft
Dirk Poncho Tarman Whatever!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dan Craft indeed.

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Dan Craft
Dirk Poncho Tarman 😊

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Rebel Wilder
Dan Craft I'm following this exchange and with no water tower bias whatsoever, and purely out of my own morbid curiosity... how is painting the water tower connected to speeders and trees?

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Rebel Wilder
Dan Craft I think an even larger issue is an unwillingness among certain groups to educate themselves on any opinion other than their existing opinion.

I'm not necessarily saying this pertains to you specifically, but it IS an issue I see across the board, closely centralized around the highway issue currently.

I think a certain amount of compassion

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I think a certain amount of compassion is needed when trying to explain a new idea to people who have historically watched the town suffer after a big change. I see this and I understand it. And I also understand that change is coming whether we are comfortable with it or not, whether we understand it or not, whether we think we want it or not...

A lot of people are afraid of what narrowing the highway will do to Oakridge. From my own personal point of view, here are the pros and cons - in summary and according to my limited knowledge, as I am not in a "need-to-know" position"

Pros to narrowing the highway:

It will expose infrastructure that desperately needs repair and is already in ongoing stages of collapse which would in it's self create a burden larger than what Oakridge is equipped to handle.

It would slow traffic (as per all the same reasons listed in the OP). Slowing traffic on the highway is not only safer, but it also gives tourist and passes through, the opportunity to see more of what Oakridge has to offer, more businesses, more opportunities to stop... more money being generated in

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stop... more money being generated in our little economy. Slower and narrower highway through town also gives people more/better opportunities to turn around.

Narrower highway allows for both expanded area beautification, which makes Oakridge more inviting and makes people want to stay longer and spend more money, allows for expanded parking so it's EASY for people to stay longer and spend more money. Allows for bikelanes all up and down the highway, so the tourists and guests of our current primary industry have safer paths of travel, can make more stops, can navigate town with greater ease, can spend more money.

All of these reasons are an incentive for ODOT to keep highway development traveling THROUGH Oakridge, rather than around.

Narrowing the highway will also KEEPS us in regulation with ODOT wick and shows we are willing participants in highway evolution and WANT to keep our highway. THIS is the main threat to having the highway bypass us.

If WE as a town are so difficult to work with,so resistant to development and change that we exercise absolute

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change that we exercise absolute obstinance over evolution... THIS is what will encourage ODOT to just build a bypass around Oakridge. Being resistant to a change that IS happening, whether you are ready or not... THAT will kill the town.

Again. I understand where the fear comes from. But change is happening. We can get on board and embrace it and move with it... Or we can watch it pass us by, leaving us in the dust with the rest of history... THAT is what the real issue is, and THAT is where the solutions are!

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Dan Craft

So, that is a bigger issue than losing our our town to a special-interest group? Block me please! Your'e thinking is only about your ideas and not the community!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft what special interest group? Don't plant a tree if you don't want a tree. If your neighbor wants a tree then they plant one. This isn't rocket science.

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science.

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Marsha Craft

An illusion for sure. Reality is something else. The trees are a funny addition, the roots grow and bust up the roads, and sidewalks. Trees interfere with visually seeing what is ahead. Now, for the roads themselves....less accessibility, more traffic. YOUR VISION IS Not ACCURATE.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🗨️ Marsha Craft That's why you plant with purpose. That's why towns have tree ordinances.

1w Like Reply



Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman this is a crap way of passing along your ideas. We have enough laws and ordinances now. Whos gonna pay for upkeep, oh ya the property owner who NEVER ASKED FOR IT IN THE FIRST PLACE. Then you fine them out of their homes... again, your ideas are ill concieved.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🗨️ Marsha Craft do you believe that I just come up with this in a vacuum? You realize there are committees, citizens and city staff. This isn't of my

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citizens and city staff. This isn't of my own creating. I'm just helping people to understand. Based on your response, you're not understanding it. When it actually moves forward I'd be happy to explain it better. Who knows it may not move forward.

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Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman no thanks! This is a perect example of not listening! Dont want, dont need any of it. Just sucking money because you can! More efficient use would be to repair the roads we have.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🗨️ Marsha Craft you misunderstand what this is for. But that's ok. Why would it cost you money for someone to plant a tree.

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Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman we are required to water ot, trim it, take care of leaves that fall, if or causes crumbling walk ways, we are responsible to repair, if it causes injury we are liable. Come on, look it up

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🗨️ Marsha Craft then don't plant a tree.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔴 Marsha Craft then don't plant a tree. Nobody is forcing you. I still don't understand your point.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔴 Marsha Craft Do you live in Oakridge? If not, why do you care if there is an ordinance to help people plant trees on their property.

1w Like Reply



Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman i leave just outside of town. I pay taxes, I care because you bully people into not voicing their opinions. I am in Oakridge daily have walked downtown around streets with trees and without fail there are problems! Did you not see Springfield and surrounding areas though the ice storm? What happened to most the trees? DAMAGE TO VEHICLES, AND STREETS! TREES FELL ON HOMES

Bad idea.

1w Like Reply



Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔴 Marsha Craft actually what is happening is you and others don't understand what I'm even talking about and refuse to even try to understand. Don't worry you don't have to plant a tree if you don't want to.

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tree if you don't want to.

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Rebel Wilder

🔴 Marsha Craft *accuses Dirk Poncho Tarman of not listening after a blatant "No Thanks!" When he offers to help explain it better.

Who is it again that doesn't want to listen...? I'm confused now! 🤔🤔

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Rebel Wilder

🔴 Marsha Craft you know what Dirk Poncho Tarman , she makes a solid point .. with this in mind, I think there should be a "NO TREE" ordinance and all the trees should be removed... Everywhere!!!

Trees are dangerous! No trees allowed! , though I still think the narrowing concept is a good one, so maybe just build two giant brick walls down either side of the street. This is way safer than trees, addresses the same issue! There - solved!

Cough sarcasm cough

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Rebel Wilder I was expecting a different

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Cough sarcasm cough

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Rebel Wilder I was expecting a different response from the town that has the Tree Planting festival.

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Rebel Wilder
Dirk Poncho Tarman I'm also surprised. I wanted to avoid reading the comments, but as I hear it from all sides at work, I decided to do my due-diligence. WHOA!!!

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Annie Schroeder
📍 Marsha Craft as I've walked down street in cities with trees, I notice how the ground is lifted, sidewalks lifted and trip hazards occur. Sewer pipes get interrupted and damaged, leaves fall and make messes, branches need regular pruning. All these things need to be considered beside the things that Marsha Craft mentioned. I like trees but not as visibility obstacles. There are so many intersections with trees and shrubbery that obstruct the safety vision already.

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and snruddery that obstruct the safety vision already.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Annie Schroeder almost as if those intersections need some planning and guidance on proper design.

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Annie Schroeder
Dirk Poncho Tarman yes like the flags and signs that cause vision safety issues.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Annie Schroeder agreed

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Marsha Craft
Annie Schroeder YES!

1w Like Reply



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Vera Blackwell-Weddle
I keep wondering what money tree all this will come from! Maybe plant some of those trees too! 🌳🌳🌳

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 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
Vera Blackwell-Weddle it comes in all forms. Volunteers, Grants, Budgets, etc.


1w Like Reply 3 👍

 **Marsha Craft**
Dirk Poncho Tarman grants are paid for by taxpayers. Not free.

1w Like Reply

 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
🗨️ Marsha Craft what's your point? There are grants for things like this. If our city doesn't take the money then they give it to other places. It's not like they give it back to the taxpayers

1w Like Reply 6 👍

 **Marsha Craft**
Dirk Poncho Tarman Just because someone makes it available doesnt make it a good idea. Thats pount #1 #2 they should give it back or not take it. Integrity. No more pork barrel. Tired of paying and paying.

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 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔒 Marsha Craft I still don't understand what payments you are even talking about. Nobody is going to make you plant trees or plant trees on your property. It's like you are purposefully choosing to not understand.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🔒 Marsha Craft you realize the city gets quite a bit of grant money every year. Should we be that city that just says no? What about RTMP and TRT taxes. And all the other tax based monies we receive? I'm glad Facebook posts don't run a city.

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Janet Corcoran

Vera Blackwell-Weddle right

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Rebel Wilder

Vera Blackwell-Weddle Cute! 😊

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Lauri O'Neill

I do maintain my sidewalk but my neighbors trees have unrooted my driveway and ruining my

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Lauri O'Neill

I do maintain my sidewalk but my neighbors trees have uprooted my driveway and ruining my fence.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Lauri O'Neill perfect example of why a tree ordinance could be useful.

1w Like Reply 2 👍



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Lauri O'Neill I think you can already go after them legally, but without ordinances the city may not be able to do much

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Lauri O'Neill

Dirk, I do have a lawyer. Taking forever and still not sure after all the \$ I've spent on the lawyer if I'll get any help.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Lauri O'Neill That's the problem usually and that's why ordinances like I'm talking about get created

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Samantha Carter

Lauri O'Neill this is the biggest issue. The person walking on the side walk trips

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person walking on the side walk trips because the roots breaking the concrete. Who pays for that person's new hip?

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Marsha Craft
Samantha Carter exactly!

1w Like Reply 1 [Like]

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Erica Martin
Just beating a dead horse with this.

1w Like Reply 4 [Like]

Dirk Poncho Tarman
Erica Martin how's that?

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Kayla Baker
It's a waste of money but that's my opinion. Kids needs the side walks to ride there bikes with there family's.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Kayla Baker nobody said anything about getting rid of sidewalks. We actually need more. Things like this are for future

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kayla Baker nobody said anything about getting rid of sidewalks. We actually need more. Things like this are for future planning.

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Mary Healy Patterson Sheldon

Dirk Poncho Tarman she is entitled to her opinion - I think she understands it's about future planning. It's not about history planning am I right ? I think it's a good idea to listen to people when they don't agree with your vision .

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Mary Healy Patterson Sheldon Did I not listen? She said we would get rid of sidewalks. I corrected her.

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Mary Healy Patterson Sheldon

Dirk Poncho Tarman dude .

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Mary Healy Patterson Sheldon bruh.

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Erica Martin

Dirk Poncho Tarman being condescending and rude is definitely going to get people to change their

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Erica Martin
Dirk Poncho Tarman being condescending and rude is definitely going to get people to change their minds. Good approach

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Erica Martin man it's almost like you may have learned a lesson today.

1w Like Reply



Erica Martin
Dirk Poncho Tarman sure. Good luck

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Dan Craft

Years ago, School street was gravel. The city decided to pave it with sidewalks and mailboxes with no narrowing of the road. They used private property taking peoples front yards to put in the sidewalks and then told us we were liable to maintain the area! Same thing coming here!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dan Craft That's what incorporating is. It became part of the city which has rules and

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Erica Martin man it's almost like you may have learned a lesson today.

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Erica Martin Dirk Poncho Tarman sure. Good luck

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Dan Craft That's what incorporating is. It became part of the city which has rules and ordinances. Try building a garage and see what happens.

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Dan Craft

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what happens.

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman Yeah, We own our land but the local government can take what they need for "the greater good" and if we want to do something with "our land" we have to get their approval, pay them for the privilege of improving "our land" and pay more taxes because we improved "our land" 😞

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft Welcome to the good ol' US of A

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman My USA is long gone! We are living in an altered reality!

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Dan Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman That's one of the reasons we moved to westfir!

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Rebel Wilder

Dan Craft do you want to be part of society...? Society has rules to maintain order!

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reasons we moved to westfir!

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Rebel Wilder

Dan Craft do you want to be part of society...? Society has rules to maintain order!

If you don't want rules, you can exist outside society. If you want the benefits of being part of society, the cost is accepting and following rules!

I also do not like rules... But I DO LIKE the benefits that come with being part of a functioning society.

To me, the cost of following someone else's rules is outweighed by the benefits that those rules allow.

If my priorities should change and I no longer benefit from society or find the rules to be out of line with my priorities, I know I have the option to excuse myself from civilization and do what I want somewhere away from structured living... And away from the benefits that come with it!

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Dan Craft

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come with it!

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Dan Craft

I'm telling you that if the city folloes this path. The same path that many towns have taken. The will likely see the hwy go away completely! Surveying is already done to see the possibilities of bypassing Oakridge and this move is likely the nail to the coffin for Oakridge! Just keep going with these great ideas and we will be in the same situation as Noti or other hwy towns that have done similar only to have the hwy move and be stuck with pretty streets and beautiful trees but NO HWY AT ALL! It all sounds good on paper but in the long run, it never works!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft DON'T PLANT A TREE ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY THEN. This conversation had nothing to do with the highway. This is for people to be more organized if they wanted to do organized plantings with their neighbors. Why do you care if your neighbor plants a tree on their property. Are you the neighbor tree police.

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neighbor plants a tree on their property.
Are you the neighbor tree police.

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Dan Craft

You are stuck on trees! You can't see that there is an underlying sceme here! You can plant all the trees you want! The deal is that it is just a added tidbit in the way to get people on board! If you can't see that, you are either in on the scheme or just blind to the truth! You think because people are forced to slow down that they will stop? That is a pipe dream no different than painting the water tower or flower boxes. Most people and truckers travelling the highway already have a plan as to whete they will stop for food or fuel and unless there is an emergency that't it. I would have to conclude from your push of this that there must be some financial gain coming your way! Do what you want. I just hope people remember you when the hwy is gone and all Oakridge has is an on/off ramp and pretty trees!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dan Craft K dude.



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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dan Craft K dude.



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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dan Craft And just so we are clear, I never said to use this on the highway, because personally I don't think that's the right place. I clearly stated School St and 1st street. Residential streets

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St and 1st street. Residential streets where private citizens could plant trees on their own private property. But please keep up the crazy conspiracy theories, and make me to be out the boogie man for even suggesting people may want to plant trees on their own personal property.

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Dan Craft

Like I said, trees are beautiful. If residents want to put up with the liability, the Possible disruption of sidewalks, the upkeep of the trees and the area, possible loss of property then they should go ahead.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dan Craft Finally, you understand.

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Dan Craft

Good bye!

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Jason Mason

I hate this subject. We will just start a protest like we did last time. Hitting the crosswalk button so everyone can feel how bad it would be with slower traffic. Fix policing the thieves and tweakers first. Especially since there are grumbings of tweakers getting help faster than law abiding citizens. Wether it's true or not, just

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law abiding citizens. Wether it's true or not, just the fact that I've heard it is concerning enough. Get the garbage RVs dealt with.

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Michelle Coker
Jason Mason
AMEN!!!!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Jason Mason Protesting what exactly? Trees or bike lanes? Bikelanes are already in the TSP so if the city wanted to they can add them. People can also plant trees. The tree ordinance would just help keep your neighbors from being dum dums on what kind they plant and where.

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Jason Mason
Dirk Poncho Tarman narrow roads. Regardless. Forget I said roads or narrowing. Please put some effort into cleaning our city instead of just making these weird out reaches and programs. The thieves are a huge problem. Let's work on that. How about it? Probably garner more support from the public imo.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Jason Mason We can work on multiple

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jason Mason We can work on multiple things at once. I'm on parks and community services committee which covers parks, roads, trails, etc. There are lots of people in this city, we don't all need to focus on the same thing. Just so you know, I didn't come up with this in the first place. I was asked to work on it because I happen to have a lot of knowledge and access to people with way more knowledge than anybody in our town. Don't assume that I just throw crap out just for fun.

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Jason Mason

Dirk Poncho Tarman I didn't think it was happening just for fun. I'm a bit classier than that. I would think the committee that covers parks, roads, trails, etc. Would still have a hand in dealing with the roads, parks, trails the tweakers use and abuse, instead of just educating people on trees and what they should plant? Honestly idk how many tweakers are in parks and on trails but there are quite a few driving on your roads.

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on your roads.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jason Mason we have no control over the laws. Ask a police officer why we can't just kick them out of parks or move their stuff. I worked for almost a year to get one druggy RV moved. It is not an easy task.

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Josh Faught

Dirk Poncho Tarman see that's where if I buy my piece of property I'm gonna plant whatever where I want. You're not gonna tell me where I can and can't plant something on the property I'm buying. That don't make sense.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Josh Faught why? Should you be allowed to plant a tree of heaven right next to your neighbors foundation. Or plant a giant sequoia under a power line? Are you allowed to build a house or garage or fence anyway and anyhow you want?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Josh Faught most ordinances just help to regulate things such as, you want to

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to regulate things such as, you want to plant under a power line. Here are some recommended trees to keep from growing to tall into the lines.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Josh Faught The city has been working on becoming a tree city. This is a requirement to have a tree ordinance. It means you are serious about preserving trees

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Josh Faught
Dirk Poncho Tarman since when have foundations been able to be planted on property lines. This argument is really pretty pathetic and honestly the streets we have need fixed before anything else is taken into consideration. I lived at the dead end of Elgin st. My whole childhood growing up it's never been fixed neither has jones rd. But here we are having a conversation about where you can and can't plant trees on your property and plant trees down roads. Like I said dumb and stupid. Fix the roads we have

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Josh Faught lol there are foundations on property lines all over town. They

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on property lines all over town. They shouldn't be but they are. Fixing the streets costs money which we don't have. Creating a tree ordinance to help alleviate costly future problems costs nothing.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Josh Faught Don't be a part of the conversation if you don't want to be. There are a lot of people in this town. We don't all have to work on the same thing. Public works and city staff repair roads and fix them. I don't. I work on the things I can work on. Now if you want to organize a volunteer street repair crew and raise funds I will help and support you.

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Sav Smith
All for more trees! Anywhere, everywhere, TREES



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Vanessa Tharp
Sav Smith - agreed! 🌲🌲🌲

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Vanessa Tharp
Sav Smith - agreed! 🌲🌲🌲

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Ginger Tenorio
Would Love to see more changes n that town like this.

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Vanessa Tharp
Ginger Tenorio - yep!

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Darcie Gibson
I love it! I adore towns with loads of trees along sidewalks and streets. Sure it comes with pros and cons and maintenance. All kinks that can be worked out through planning. 🙄

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Annie Schroeder
Darcie Gibson first we need revenue such businesses, industry which has been turned away.
Those town with all the amenities have businesses, services that pick up the debris, and policing.

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and policing.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Annie Schroeder A tree ordinance is for citizens to plant properly if they want to. It helps to promote it. I think people misunderstand.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Darcie Gibson



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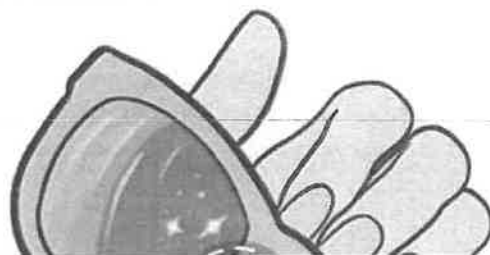
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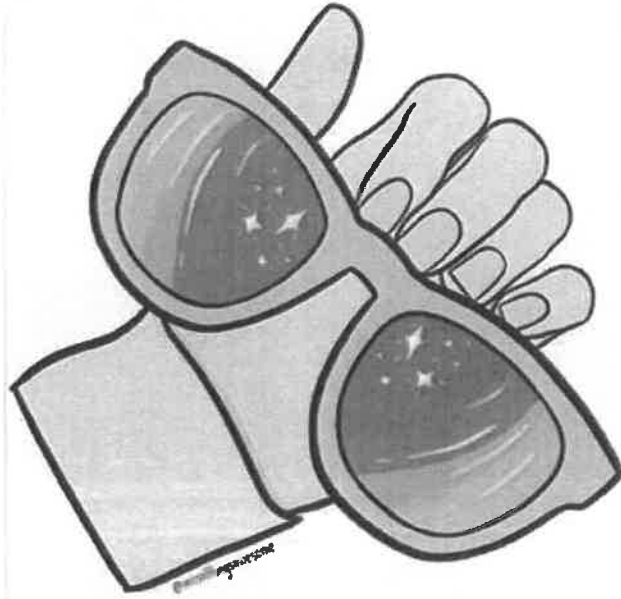
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Vanessa Tharp
Darcie Gibson - it can all be figured out!

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Holly Tarman
Have we not been trying to be a tree city for years?

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years?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Holly Tarman Yes. It's been in the works for a while.

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Lauri O'Neill
I've planted a few trees at my place.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Lauri O'Neill that's fantastic! Trees reduce surface temps, help maintain ground moisture and just look pretty.

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Georgeneh Bullman
Doesn't it matter which direction you are traveling for it to work?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Georgeneh Bullman no. It's just simple stuff like street trees or painted bike lanes. There are there examples of ideas in the article

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are there examples of ideas in the article

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Tim Keever

How about you city council folks focus on the streets we have and the pot holes you have on them? Some of the side streets are pretty embarrassing especially when your trying to beautify the city. Let's not ignore the posts made about them on here and try to plant some trees and redo sidewalks. Just my own opinion. This is where the want in one hand, shit in the other see what fills up faster kinda deals. Let's fix what we have now. Who's gonna drive and water all the trees? I don't feel city employees should be doing that when there is plenty of other things to accomplish.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Tim Keever Why does everybody seem to think this would be city owned or city responsibility trees? We can walk and chew bubblegum at the same time. More than one thing can be worked on at a time.

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Tim Keever

Dirk Poncho Tarman well if the city is gonna try to enforce it. Who's gonna pay for the construction of side walks and the price of trees? Lol

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and the price of trees? Lol

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Tim Keever

Again the potholes got ignored.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Tim Keever a tree ordinance is for private citizens to plant trees. Not just for the city. Now an organized effort to have a thought out planning could be done. I don't understand the sidewalk comment, where is that coming from? Yeah potholes suck. We don't have money for that either. That's why the tree thing is more citizen driven with city guidance and planning.

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Tim Keever

Dirk Poncho Tarman you don't know where the sidewalk comment is coming from? Look at your photo you shared. It's a sidewalk with a strip for a flower bed then a curb. The ONLY street like that is first-street and it's across from the elementary school on one side of the street till you get past the city all then it's the opposite side going toward fish hatchery road. Am I right? So who is gonna fund the sidewalk change?

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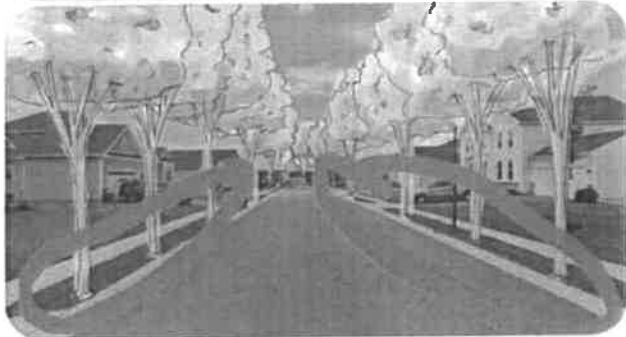
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is gonna fund the sidewalk change?

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Tim Kever
Dirk Poncho Tarman



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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Tim Kever that's just a picture in the article. Did you read the article? It explains a bunch of different ideas in there.

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Jeryka Cornella
Dirk Poncho Tarman sure but then there's the fact that we get charged a service fee for something we already pay taxes for, you can't sit here and say the city doesn't have funding for all of our essential needs then turn around and be like but yeah we want to paint murals and plant trees and hang up pretty lights and put in expensive signs but screw building you sidewalks through the whole town or filling

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through the whole town or filling potholes or hiring more cops or bringing in more business or better funding or school. This is putting wants before needs and isn't that smart. I do think it is an amazing idea but maybe we could bring in the things your towns folks have been complaining about for years before we make our sidewalks all purdy. But who am i? 🤔 i just live here. Also we're in the middle of the national forest... we're surrounded by trees, we can just look out our front door if we really want to see pretty trees. They're literally everywhere here. My eyes are swollen right now because of their pollen, i think we're good on trees! 😊 i mean we're literally called oakridge or hazeldell prior: both names signifying we're surrounded by trees. I would rather pay for more crossways across the highway that are safe since it literally splits the town in half and every year I've been here some one has gotten seriously injured. But honestly, I'm just happy the town is doing anything for itself and has been for a few-years now just pushing really hard to come back up. So while i don't thing this is the most important thing to do i can definitely get behind it.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jeryka Cornella money comes in

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Jeryka Cornella money comes in different forms. Some is designated for different things and must be spent on those things. Like the 2 million or so for the WAC. We can't just spend it whatever we want. A tree ordinance costs nothing. Bike lane lines cost very little. The street fund gets its budget and works to that budget. Come to the budget meetings and see how the money is allocated

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Dylan Sample
What is optical Narrowing?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dylan Sample it explains it in the article, but it's essentially planting trees or painting bike lanes to make the road appear narrower without narrowing the road. It makes people drive slower without altering the actual road

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Vanessa Tharp

I really hope Oakridge can become a Tree City!

<https://www.arboday.org/programs/treecityusa/>

I appreciate people who take action & work for solutions, while adressing concerns, and don't just complain. Thanks Dirk Poncho Tarman!



Tree City USA at arboday.org

arboday.org

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Cher Mikkola

Maybe I'm going out on a limb here, but I'd love to see the Tree Planting Festival focus on trees being planted along streets all over town and along the 58 corridor, for a few years. Festival/city/citizens collaboration. Lots of visibility for the festival as trees get planted along 58 in full view of folks traveling through.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Cher Mikkola lots of people have that same sentiment.

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Molly Stone

Cher Mikkola love this idea!

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Vanessa Tharp

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Vanessa Tharp
Cher Mikkola - we are doing many things like this with the Tree Planting Festival. Next meeting in online Wednesday at 5:30pm. It's all volunteers & we can only do so much. All are welcomed to join us.

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Jeryka Cornella
Oakridge sitting in a national forest with the biggest tree planting festival in the usa... doesn't already count as a tree city??

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Jeryka Cornella No. That meets zero of the requirements. Tree city means trees in your city

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Vanessa Tharp
Jeryka Cornella - not yet!

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Jack Wilcox
Cool so spend money plant some trees so they can break become unsafe every year with the snow and ice and random gust of wind we get so that'll be more money spent in the long run

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that'll be more money spent in the long run instead of fixing roads that have pot holes so deep I can't even drive down them in my truck safely. You're so worried about people speeding and whatnot maybe become a cop and pull them over just an idea

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jack Wilcox Nobody is forcing you to plant a tree. Don't do it. The power is in your hands

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Luke Tarman

It's really concerning seeing attachment styles and the lack of thinking objectively stop some people from compartmentalizing and processing information for what it is

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Vanessa Tharp

Luke Tarman - well said!

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Holly Tarman

Luke Tarman oh my god it makes my head hurt.

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James Hilux

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Vanessa Tharp

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

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Do this to jones at and now no one can drive or park on the street it's legit so messed up

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park on the street it's legit so messed up

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James Hilux

I think the entire city should stop paying all the city fees and bs till Oakridge can actually repave the city streets they want money but can't keep the city afloat I think we need new leaders for the town my opinion someone's not good with funding at all....

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

James Hilux Not sure how to make this anymore clear. This is not something the city would be paying for. This is for individuals and groups to make plans with residents. If you don't get it, that's fine.

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James Hilux

Dirk Poncho Tarman makes sense my apologies sir. I still think the city needs to do a better job for all its people and the people willing to damn near die for there people and community and don't have a say. Glad people out there doing stuff for the community I see your idea now. away from the city council issues.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

James Hilux no problem. It was just an idea I saw in an article that I thought

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idea I saw in an article that I thought was cool. We were already working on a tree ordinance which is required to be a tree city. So if we had an ordinance and a street with its residences wanted to do something like this, it would be way easier to organize an implement. It could even be tied to the tree planting festival.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

James Hilux and yes we need more street repairs. Part of being a tree city is access to funding is to help fix and beautify streets. Every dollar helps.

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James Hilux

Dirk Poncho Tarman great idea for real. Only issue I see yall having is when the power company needs access they gonna tear it all out like they did peoples fences and stuff and didn't replace.. but idk maybe your working with that as well

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James Hilux

I think it's some sort of easement law they have

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

James Hilux That's the point of an ordinance. It's to work with utility companies to make sure the trees don't go in places where they will cause issues or need to be removed later.

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James Hilux

Dirk Poncho Tarman bet good shit man hope it all works out I see a bright future with your idea. My bad for confusion... deeply sorry. Hope others can see your true idea and understand what you're trying to do! That this is not part of the city funds

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

James Hilux it's ok man. In reality I just thought it was an interesting idea and then got conspiracy theories to being called a dictator. It's just an idea, that's all. If a street or neighborhood bands together and wants to do something like this, then I want to support them. Nobody is forcing anybody to do anything. My wife's mother is one of the biggest tree people in the US. I have contacts that I could probably get donated or even hugely discounted trees.

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James Hilux

Dirk Poncho Tarman shit if I could get my title situated for my house and get a new house placed on my property I think it would look good bring up neighborhood value especially if it's kinda like in the pics you showed they do it in Eugene

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

James Hilux in Portland and I think Eugene also, there is a group called friends of trees. They do things like this. Organize community plantings based on tree ordinances with homeowners help and approval. It's just a community involvement idea to help beautify and slow traffic, etc. They work with the city also to help get the word out. My mother in law is on the board and her nursery donates trees every year.

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Parry Pierce

James Hilux Yes... Lane Electric has an easement thru our yard to a power pole.

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pole.

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Mary Schmick
James Hilux agree

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Beabell Nunnelee
No trees on the street bad

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Marsha Craft
No one wants to see the truth, they have their minds made up and poo on the rest of us. You keep making into something its not. Narrowing the highways makes it harder to get on and off. That is part of the reason it was changed. You will only lose what tender business' we have now...but maybe thats your plan....

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
● Marsha Craft WTF does planting a tree on your own property have to do with narrowing the highway. I swear you are purposefully being obtuse on this. Don't plant a tree on your property if you don't want a tree. Just don't. No trees for you. I will volunteer to come to your house and cut

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will volunteer to come to your house and cut down all your trees.

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Marsha Craft

Dirk Poncho Tarman you are behaving like a jerk Dirk.

I have attempted in every way to explain to you the reasons why not. But you dint want to hear or take what , any many others have tried to explain. You just dont want to hear

Dont text me back. Cant reason with those who are unreasonable " but here we are".

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

🗨️ Marsha Craft It's as if I finally sunk to your level. What problem do you have with your neighbors planting trees if they wanted to on their own personal property. Why does that bother you so much. Why does your neighbor planting a tree on their property make you think that Oakridge is doomed. What alternative universe am I currently living in.

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living in.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Talent Oregon was just announced as the newest Tree City in Oregon. They are the 68th in the State of Oregon and one of 3600 in the nation including Peurto Rico..

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Holly Tarman

Dirk Poncho Tarman I am not sure they get that this is voluntary. No one is going to be forced to plant a tree! But if you wanted to adopt this plan the city would have the information for you.? Like what type of tree would be best. Location of where the trees would be best placed and when? But in no way will anyone be forced to plant trees.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Holly Tarman It's just a way for the city to help people plant trees without them needing to be taken down in a few years due to being in a spot they shouldn't be. It makes it easier for neighborhoods or streets to organize and do plantings. Also if people

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and do plantings. Also if people wanted to work with the city, say the tree planting festival, and have a more defined approach to planting on city property. I mean we can do it now, this is just to help facilitate it in a more thought out approach

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Beabell Nunnelee
Need cops not trees

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Beabell Nunnelee You don't have to plant a tree if you don't want to. Our PSF runs out in June so there may be less cops than we currently have. What's your suggestion for getting people to slow down if we can't hire more police and also we may be losing some of the police force we currently have?

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Trudy Hammond
The only issue I have with Trees or shrubs are root systems tearing up streets, leafs clogging drains, limbs snapping off, etc. I think benches a barrel flower pots are a great option. Possibly wildflower beds.

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Do you want to see lane reductions on Highway 58 through Oakridge?

- yes**  > 
- no**  > 
- maybe**  > 




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 **John-Bree Crane and 18 others**

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 **Audy Spliethof**
 No lane restrictions
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 **Erika Aguilar Stalcup**
 No I wanna see a health board being made for tenants living in black mold here in oakridge because Eugene Springfield won't come out and do anything for us here in oakridge
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 **Ben Ward**
 Would rather see crosswalks and traffic signals clean up the highway stop only focusing on 1st street slow traffic make this a place that people want to stop instead of being in a rush to get out of here as fast as possible. If the highway had focus on clean up and getting business on it people would want to see what all the town has to offer. only way id agree to lane reduction is if the business on the highway get there parking lots back , that would never happen they would end up bike lanes and when the large events get



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end up bike lanes and when the large events get hosted in greenwaters away from town they dont much come in to Oakridge and support small businesses. Yes the biking is important but before catering to one group by jamming up the highway mabye clean it up 1st get the owners of derelict buildings to do something with them, crosswalks and stop lights. Make this town a destination not more of a nightmare

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Ben Ward Actually the lane reduction is to keep the parking lots. If we keep 5 lanes and add sidewalks etc then parking lots go away in some places.

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Rosemarie Moore

Ben Ward well put Ben

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Sarah Frieze

It's going to cause way more wrecks! People already fly through town it's going to be 100xs worse! Your going to have people trying to pass cars through town. Good luck pulling out anywhere. Camping season, people going to willamette pass! Hope no one with an emergency needs to get through..because your-not-going-to-be able too! The people that think this is a great idea! Have lost their damn minds!

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Georgeneh Bullman

Sarah Frieze Have we forgotten the State assigned Hwy. 58 the designated Truck route. ~~These big rigs aren't~~ going away.

Dawn's Post



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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward Actually the lane reduction is to keep the parking lots. If we keep 5 lanes and add sidewalks etc then parking lots go away in some places.



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Ben Ward Top Contributor

Dirk Poncho Tarman point really is you still need a few traffic lights and cross walks or no one is ever crossing the highway , and the highway needs cleaned up and the business restored so people actually want to stop here visit sisters and Jacksonville this town has the same potential make it better before making major change that could make it a lot worse



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Ben Ward Top Contributor

Dirk Poncho Tarman plus in my case i already have sidewalks and most of the highway does



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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward Most of the highway doesn't have sidewalks. It stops really close to the bowling alley. There isn't really any across the street and then heading to eugene.



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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward Remember, it's not our highway. So any extras you want cost us the city. They also will not put in street lights.



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Ben Ward Top Contributor

Dirk Poncho Tarman case and point the existing side would get screwed the opposite side might benefit a little, but ultimately the focus is in the wrong place , fix what exist 1st stop light cross walks finish out side walks , narrowing the highway as it sits now will just back traffic up and cause angry drivers ultimately causing more danger then already exists, hell the rice rockets fly down the higheay now as it stands you narrow it they will just use the turn lane to fly past people and ultimately will kill someone and i know for a fact they gwt away with it all night long ive got cameras and a business on the highway nothing ever happens you shrinknit it gets worse

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward We can't get lights or crosswalks without coming up to the highway code. At least it is extremely difficult. It's like trying to tell your neighbor how to build their house. They have codes to follow and if you are polite and work with them, sure maybe they will make a change to help you, but they still need to follow the codes. Plus it's still their house and their money that they are spending.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward This is an article I read recently about bike lanes and economic development. The point is, you are going to get more business when you have all modes of transportation passing in front of your business. When it's just cars it really limits your potential customers.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/bike-lanes-good-for...>



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I read all the studies on the economic impact of bike lanes. Here's what I learned.

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Not saying this is an exact match to Oakridge, but it's something to consider

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

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Ben Ward Top Contributor

Dirk Poncho Tarman not disagreed but please hear me out this town has the potential to be like Jacksonville and Sisters the one thing they lack is the ability to expand there highway, we already have it so why not push to make it better and thrive like the other small towns, we are a step ahead of those guys lets focus on fixing up the highway and making this a destination especially one where traffic is controlled but easy to flow , im telling you from experience stop lights and cross walks, ir odat wants to. Fight then lets fight back not lay over on free money for a half ass job

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward I completely understand what you are saying but I think you will quickly find out that you will piss off another entire group of people on the south side of the highway. The ROW for the highway goes pretty close to the front door of the liquor store. They would then need to take all of that back and turn it into highway to get the bike lanes and sidewalks that would be required by the highway "code". Also up across from Rays and actually next to your building there will be some massive changes due to the steep terrain. So that will be a much longer project to complete instead of the one or two years. Secondly we get 5-8k cars a day on our highway. The cutoff for a 4 lane highway to get installed is 20k cars per day. So that means they can't justify the budget, which means Oakridge will pay for it. We can't even repair our own roads. I agree we are on our way to being a destination spot. It will come slow but it is happening. You would be amazed at the amount of people who don't want that to happen either. And just to be clear, I'm not 100% for the road diet either, but as soon as I say I want to see some something done on the highway people start accusing me of crap, so I just gave up and said sure, yeah, narrow it, that's me. If we cross the 20k cars per day threshold then we can widen it and the funds will be justifiable. There people in Oakridge that don't even want me talking to ODOT, so then you have that crowd. I talk to a lot of people about this and a lot of different groups within the state to try and understand our options. It's not an easy

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Dirk Poncho Tarman Top Contributor

Ben Ward I hope that all makes sense, If anybody has some magic bullet for us to get what we want yet still have ODOT pay for it, let me know.

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Rosemarie Moore Top Contributor

Ben Ward well put Ben

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Sarah Frieze Top Contributor

It's going to cause way more wrecks! People already fly through town it's going to be 100xs worse! Your going to have people trying to pass cars through town. Good luck pulling out anywhere. Camping season, people going to willamette pass! Hope no one with an emergency needs to get through..because your not going to be able too! The people that think this is a great idea! Have lost their damn minds!

1w Like



Georgeneh Bullman replied · 2 Replies



David Hadley

How about three more lights in town? Hill and 58. rainbow and 58. And west 2nd and 58. And don't even mention those

Dawn Kinyon turned off commenting for this post.



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route. Those big rigs aren't going away.

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Georgeneh Bullman

NO. NO NO WAY. NOPE NO



1w Like



David Hadley

How about three more lights in town? Hill and 58. rainbow and 58. And west 2nd and 58. And don't sencranize them.

1w Like



Robert Henderson

David Hadley This would work SOOOOO much better than narrowing the road. Speed demons and half-asleep truckers will still blaze through a narrow road at 55+MPH. They HAVE to stop for a stop light and cannot really accelerate beyond 35 before they would hit the next one. That is an actual viable solution to our traffic problems.

1w Like



David Hadley

Robert Henderson my thought exactly

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Robert Henderson You better start bugging ODOT because they were very clear that was not an option. Maybe with enough bugging they will



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with enough bugging they will reconsider.

1w Like



Robert Henderson

Dirk Poncho Tarman It wasn't my idea. I just agreed with him that it was a better idea than the ones being proposed. I think you tagged the wrong person.

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Robert Henderson Sorry, I meant that for David. On my phone its sometimes hard to click the correct person

1w Like



Robert Henderson

Dirk Poncho Tarman no worries. It happens. I've done it, too.

1w Like



Katherine Whittenberg

David Hadley I agree.

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

David Hadley You better start bugging ODOT because they were very clear that was not an option. Maybe with enough bugging they will reconsider.

1w Like



David Hadley

Dirk Poncho Tarman I don't have the time our the energy to educate the engineers at odot. There so full of there owe "stuff" theyll do as they please
~~with our tax dollars~~



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with our tax dollars

1w Like

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Kim Allen

this is so sad they are clueless and ignorant right up to the people in planning. especially those in planning. i wonder if they even come to the site? evidentially those in planning are the worst. those and those that won't let things be and keep bringing it up so they can continually post arguments about why it would be so lovely. some people love a good controversy and continual argument

6d Like



Gary R. Carl

What % of our population uses The Chat Forum? How about taking some leadership. Instead of simply eliciting responses (from an unrepresentative sample), as an elected official help determine what will be in the best long term interests of our community, then educate your constituents.

In the past there have been a large number of respondents opposed to lane reductions... so are you simply regurgitating this information (and to what purpose?), or leading the way forward for a better Oakridge for everyone?

1w Like

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Michelle Coker

Gary R. Carl

This is a good way to start again, people have said NO, yet we still have those whom keep wanting to shove this down our throats.

Thanks for posting Dawn



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throats.
Thanks for posting Dawn

1w Like 14 👍



Marsha Craft
Michelle Coker 100%

1w Like 4 👍



Jason Mason
Gary R. Carl there are probably more people watching on here on a day to day basis than at actual town mreetings IMO. Instead of asking a question that is obviously pointed at how unreliable you think this is. Dawn is doing something, how about you get mailers or go door to door and find the actual % of people that even care. Dawn does a ton from what I've seen.

1w Like 11 👍



Aaron Davis
Gary R. Carl how many times do you want to beat a dead horse exactly? This TOWN does not want the road diet. Only people with businesses that are catered to mountain bikes do. THATS IT. You are thinking only on your interests and not the towns.

1w Like 15 👍🗨️



Vanessa Tharp
Aaron Davis - I have heard so very little of this highway discussion to be about the mountain bikes or tourism that it brings us. Maybe Dirk Poncho Tarman can share additional details since he's been in contact with ODOT most recently & done extensive reearch on the topic, hearing from both sides & numerous perspectives.

1w Like



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numerous perspectives.

1w Like



Aaron Davis

Vanessa Tharp I've talked to residents in multiple other cities where this has happened, they all absolutely hate it, it will make 58 more dangerous, it will increase commute times for working families in this town as most of us are required to commute to have a living wage job as apparently no one here can bring in good paying jobs, the highway was expanded decades ago due to the influx in traffic on 58. Counselors listen to constituents not the other way around, an overwhelming amount of citizens have said on multiple occasions NO, yet it keeps being brought up. Focus on bringing some businesses to this town that will employ 20-30 people and can pay a decent wage.

1w Love



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Aaron Davis Ask Dawn and Michelle to quit bringing it up then. It will be brought up again when it needs to, because it's required to be brought up. So at that point it will be brought up.

1w Like



Aaron Davis

Dirk Poncho Tarman keeps citizens in the loop that this is still being discussed apparently. Instead of the citizens having blinders on so shit like this can be slid through under there noses. It doesn't need to be brought up



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noses. It doesn't need to be brought up again period the citizens said no.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Aaron Davis Keeps them in the loop of what exactly? You can't just pass a TSP under the citizens noses.

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Aaron Davis it will be brought up again because it's required by the state. Eventually we will need to discuss it.

1w Like

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Aaron Davis

Dirk Poncho Tarman you get the right officials in place sure you can, bills get passed every year that have no business being passed, the general public doesn't peruse 1000 page legislation.

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Aaron Davis I'm not 100% sure but I think we are required to do a public forum, etc. There is an entire process to get the public involved. I would need to look it up or ask the specifics.

1w Like

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Patch Pennywhistler

Gary R. Carl What do you care? You're leaving!

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman



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leaving!

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Patch Pennywhistler Gary told me he was just moving into a different house in town.

1w Like

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Robert Henderson

Dirk Poncho Tarman bummer. I got excited there for a moment.

1w Like

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Jason Mason

Robert Henderson you and me both. Gary Carl has been a pain since Gomez was CA.

1w Like

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Kristyn Dodge

Gary R. Carl and you wonder why you lost your re-election campaign. Behaving condescendingly and treating the people you want to elect you like they're a bunch of dumb hicks doesn't exactly inspire confidence in your leadership.

1w Love

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Dawn Kinyon

Gary R. Carl it sounds like you are suggesting that lane reductions is in the best interest of the city, and that I should educate people to agree with you? I personally like to assume that people are capable of having their own opinions, and I want to hear them. The purpose is to "hear" the people.

1w Love

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The purpose is to "hear" the people.

1w Love

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Kristyn Dodge

Dawn Kinyon THANK YOU! One of my biggest frustrations with City Administrators- especially our sitting mayor, a couple of current and former city councilors, and others from that camp- is that they seem to insist that we the people are too ignorant and stupid to know what we want and what is best for us. I am not some dumb kid. I'm 35, have two degrees, and research the hell out of everything that I need to understand better to vote my conscience. I greatly resent being told by the people who are supposed to serve us that they know better than the people whom they are supposed to represent. I would advise all of those currently in office to actually listen to us instead of telling us passive-aggressively to sit down, shut up, and let the grown-ups work. We know that's what is happening and that's why many of us don't trust our leadership.

1w Love

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Vanessa Tharp

Dawn Kinyon - what other methods will you use to "hear" the people?

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Dawn Kinyon

Vanessa Tharp when this topic comes back to the actual table, I'll get a formal petition and go door to door, so I can ask everyone what they think. I'll bring a copy of the ODO rules where they



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ask everyone what they think: providing a copy of the ODOT rules where they state they will not implement the lane narrowing without the support of the community and the support of the trucking industry, and a copy of their estimates of what it WILL cost the City.

1w Love 8 🍷👍



Chrissy Hollett

Vanessa have you checked into all the methods we did already do this last go around? Which one did we miss?

1w Like 2 👍



Chrissy Hollett

Dawn the only other method I can think of, is that it's never been put on the ballot. I still think that we should explore that more and see if it's an option.

1w Like 3 👍



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dawn Kinyon I would like to see that.

1w Like 1 👍



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dawn Kinyon Is there a specific reason you are making a Facebook poll today on this topic?

1w Like 1 🍷



Vanessa Tharp

Chrissy Hollett - many new people live here now & moved during the pandemic & are in the city leadership - never hurts to ask again and include everyone. Please send me the list & process, organizations involved



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... process, organizations involved & any data from the last time - I would love to see it.

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Vanessa Tharp

Dawn Kinyon - why did you feel compelled to bring it up again? What prompted this poll?

1w Like



Kim Allen

Chrissy Hollett when you put it on the ballot remember only those with in the city limits are being polled here. there are many many more people living in this area impacted besides the ones that live with in the city limits.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kim Allen I see people that live in Eugene and further who answered the poll.

1w Like



Kim Allen

Dirk Poncho Tarman i am not talking about the poll i am talking about specifically Chrissy Hollett's mentioning of putting this on the ballot. this would only be getting the opinions of those living inside the city limits.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kim Allen Sorry, your statement was confusing when I read it. It said that ~~only those within the city limits are~~

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only those within the city limits are being polled here. So I thought you were saying this poll only got people within city limits.

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**Chrissy Hollett**Kim yes. That's true. 

1w Like

**Vanessa Tharp**

Dawn Kinyon - thanks for explaining that.

1w Like

**Vanessa Tharp**

Chrissy Hollett - please show me where & how data & details are collected for community opposition in the past.

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**Chrissy Hollett**

Vanessa I joined Council in Jan of 2019 and the topic came up fairly soon, lots of work had already been done. There was multiple presentations by ODOT during city council meeting that were advertised for the public to attend. That includes power points with all sorts of data from ODOT. There are probably documents you get from city hall if you wanted to read through them provided by ODOT. You can do so by filling out a public records request. To find the many meeting go to the city's website and choose to search for meetings including "TSP". Use the date range of Jan 01, 2019 to April 30, 2020 (we ended in April). You'll find so many.

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You'll find so many.

ODOT also held 3-4 open houses with presentations from multiple speakers, mock-ups of what the highway would like with their top officials here in Oakridge to answer Q's. I know one of them was July 16th at the WAC, but there was more. They worked with city staff on the presentations and held them at both the WAC and the Greenwaters community building. These were intended for the purposes of engaging with the community, answering fears and also honesty of how changes would take effect. There was a tremendous amount of information and they were nicely done and well attended from both in favor and opposition. I attended all of them.

Multiple Planning Commission meetings over the course of possibly 2 years, you'd have to review their meetings. It was a big topic from Jan 2019 to at least April 2020. I didn't attend those because councilors are not supposed to. You can also find those meetings on the city's website.

Also a joint City Council / Planning Commission Joint Work Session Video available for Discussion of the Oakridge Transportation System Plan January 7th. I think there was actually another one too.

We were "Meeting'd to death" over this topic.

Survey Monkey Poll was sent out by the



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Survey Monkey Poll was sent out by the city. It was sent out in the city's water bill and also available for paper copies at city hall. We left stacks of surveys and several of the businesses in town. It was posted on the city's Facebook page Feb 21st, 2020. The link was shared and re-shared all over social media.

Facebook polls were never included in city data, although one could also probably find that here in this group or Oakridge Uncensored, or the group specifically intended to discuss .

Dead Mtn Echo also had information on this before they closed as well and I don't have access to that.

There was also 1-2 citizen protests on the highway in 2020.

Lastly the huge public hearing, unprecedented attendance, we held at the WAC in April of 2020. This meeting was open public comment and discussion. As I've said before the line was way out the door, 6 speeches in favor and over 60 + in opposition. This meeting ended at 11pm with people still waiting to speak in opposition.





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Patch Pennywhistler

Chrissy Hollett Yes. I was a part of the TSP committee as "Citizen at-large". Chrissy's recollection is quite accurate.

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Vanessa Tharp

Dawn Kinyon - are you "hearing" them for personal use or as a council member? This seems to be conflicting to saying this has nothing to do with current council or city work.

1w Like



Robert Henderson

Gary R. Carl you seem to have a misunderstanding of how representative leadership works. This is not the military. We do not elect our leaders so they can tell us what is best for us. It is not the job of city leadership to educate the population. We have schools for that, and almost everyone today has access to the internet, libraries, newspapers, and numerous other excellent sources of reliable information. I don't care what title someone has, they are not going to have any better input about what is best for this town than the people of the town



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for this town than the people of the town itself who actually have to live here with the results. Elected leaders are elected from the same pool of local folks that you are implying are incapable of having an educated opinion on their own, so they are no better or different than any of us. One day Joe the plumber, next day it is Mayor Joe. We elect our officials so they can listen to US, the people they are supposed to be representing, and transmute our will into action through the collective power of the municipality. That's the basis of our system of government. That is also the reason I didn't vote for certain individuals some time back. There are around 2,700 members on this Facebook group. Even allowing for the fact that the admins do admit people who just have a connection to the community, like people who used to live here and such, that is a very significant representation for a tiny little town of just a little over three-thousand citizens. Keep in mind that population includes those who cannot vote, like newborns and young children. I am not an admin, so I don't have the ability, laborious though it would be, to sort out the citizens from those who used to live here or have some other connection here. I would argue that those voices have value, but even after even sorting them out, this is definitely the best existing forum to reach the largest portion of the population. Very few citizens go to city council meetings or watch them online. Not that many of us read the local gossip rag, either. If anything, it is you who are out of touch here. We live in a modern world, even in Oakridge, and I applaud Dawn for using the modern tools available to solicit feedback from the largest available sampling of the local constituency



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available sampling of the local constituency. At least she is asking the people. If you REALLY want to hear our opinions on it, let us vote on it via ballots where everyone in town of legal voting status gets to vote. Oh, wait! We did that and now it is STILL under debate! That's why a lot of us are tired of hearing about this. We already officially said no and certain individuals think they know better than their constituents, so they keep beating this dead horse. The horse is gone at this point and they are beating a hole in the ground. When is enough enough?

1w Love

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Patch Pennywhistler
Robert Henderson Bravo!

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Kim Allen
Gary R. Carl there is a reason why your not on council any more. people got fed up with your malarkey. and listening to your pomposity.

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Vanessa Tharp
Gary R. Carl - what are the rules on a quorum by council members? 5 of them engaged in this post.

Why was this even asked about again if it's "not on the council's agenda?"

Many people have so many perspectives and thoughts & even some good & new ideas if we go through them. I truly hope some can be considered, a compromise will probabally have to happen - I hope we are up for that challenge.



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up for that challenge.

I hope we can all work together more frequently, with leadership leading the way & have it be ok to question or disagree & still get along.

More action, less arguing. Especially on an online community chat forum! 😊

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**Kristyn Dodge**

Vanessa Tharp except you're sewing quite a bit of discord yourself. I've been watching you all day taking digs at Dawn and Chrissy suggesting they're committing wrongdoing while trying to flatter them at the same time. At best you sound disingenuous, at worst you're talking from both sides of your mouth.

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**Vanessa Tharp**

~~Kristyn Dodge~~ - interesting perspective - I don't feel a straight answer has been given to why this post was made. I do know Dirk Poncho Tarman was asked by state leadership about his thoughts & efforts, etc. on Monday in a city meeting that some but not all council members were at & then this "personal curiosity poll" came up. Then the tune changed when I asked about a quorum. It's ok to keep people accountable. Look to find his comments on it.

I don't think "digs" were made - I can appreciate people's work and involvement in the community AND not



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involvement in the community AND not agree with them on every point.

Also - their use of this chat forum and mixing political business has been brought up several times as a conflict of interest, I now see this as a prime example & yes, I am speaking up. If it's not - then great, I want to better understand that - but it feels to me like it's walking an ethical line, so yes, I am calling them out by questioning.

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**Vanessa Tharp**

Kristyn Dodge - also, if I understood one of your previous comments, you said that when you went to the city council and gave opposing views or spoke your opinion, you were called a troublemaker or something. Basically I got the impression it didn't feel good. However, if I am in here and asking questions or possibly not agreeing with everything or everyone, are you not doing the exact same thing to me?

I continue to advocate that it is absolutely OK for everyone not to agree, to ask hard questions, and to ask for more transparency, communication, hold people accountable, and just being upfront about what people do and don't want, and that there is basically nothing in this community that we absolutely all 100% agree on as far as city politics.

I do standby that we all should operate with the best intentions and want great and even better things for our



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with the best intentions and want great and even better better things for our community of Oakridge.

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Gary R. Carl

Vanessa Tharp getting to the core of it now!

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Kristyn Dodge

Oh, and Nicole Ross, I don't care if my remarks ticked you off or not. I'm done with double standards and hypocrisy and I will call it out when I see it.

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Nicole Ross

Kristyn Dodge good to know 👍

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Kenneth Steelman

Absolutely not!

1w Like

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Michelle Coker

This has been voted down sooo many times.

1w Like

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Andrea Kristal

Michelle Coker exactly, why do they keep asking the same freaking question.. it's a no!

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Kim Allen

Andrea Kristal because one person is not happy with the NO answer.

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not happy with the NO answer.

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Scottina Marino
No

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Tami Jo Kephart
No

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Lisa Elaine Samuelson
No no no no

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Suzi Salcido
We should be focusing on actual infrastructure like drainage, road maintenance etc. Not fixing something that's not broke.

1w Like

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Sarah Frieze
Suzi Salcido amen!

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Nan McNatt
State funding for infrastructure like drainage, road maintenance, etc., is contingent on our town's coming into compliance with regulations that mandate lane reductions. Whether we want lane reductions is less an issue than whether we want monies for infrastructure like drainage, road maintenance, etc.--and we do, right?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Nan McNatt Yes, we do.



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Nan McNatt Yes, we do.

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Robert Leaming

Nan McNatt Now we're hearing from the 6%, WoW

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Suzi Salcido

Nan McNatt I'm confused at what any of the that has to do with city maintenance? 58 is fine(and what your talking about), but look at the other streets, most don't even have drainage, which cause potholes deeper than my cars clearance.

1w Like



Nan McNatt

If a thief tells me, "Your wallet or your life," Robert, I don't necessarily want to give him my wallet.

Poncho thinks lane reduction is a good idea. Maybe time will vindicate him; maybe not.

I think lane reduction is likely a necessary idea, in some ways akin to giving a thief my wallet. The State has said it will only allot funding for the kind of city improvements that Suzi mentioned, including stormwater and sewage pipes that run alongside and under Hwy 58, which are nearing end of their expected life and which the city doesn't have the funds to fix, if Oakridge consents to lane reductions.

~~These are funds that have been~~



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These are funds that have been collected over years, in part from Oakridge taxpayers. We're being told, "Your lane reduction or no funds." I think we're best off choosing "lane reduction."

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Nan McNatt Perfect example is Jones Rd. It needs storm water mitigation. Majority of the water that runs onto it comes from the highway. If the highway is redone, ODOT is responsible for getting rid of that stormwater on their own. That is a road that many people complain about and has issues from the water. It causes potholes etc. We could literally mostly solve a perpetual problem that people want fixed by allowing ODOT to do their job.

1w Like



Jason Mason

Dirk Poncho Tarman but only on "their" road. Once you move from the highway its just shit roads again. Ya know what. Im turning notifications on this post off and Im walking away. Which is what it feels like your goal is. Well congrats. Have fun. I really hope you have the city's best interests at heart but I have a feeling this is more of a gary carl, custer, brian thing. I cant compete with people that have a ton of money and no empathy for anything except their ideas of whats right. The little people are disappointed.

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disappointed.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jason Mason So we fix our road yet the water continues to pour from a road we don't own onto ours. I don't se how that is fixing a problem.

1w Like



Robert Leaming

Nan McNatt I like your analogy, it seems the State, ODOT, is using a form of fear and extortion to get Their Way. They are funded by the populous and are supposed to be working for The People. But if you don't do our song an dance ,No \$\$\$

We had one lane each way in 63 when my folks moved here. Then there was a turn lane added. Speed limit was 45 then 35 then 40. We actually had officers writing tickets.

Later we got two lanes each way and that took away parking from many _____ businesses.

I could go on and on but I believe the government should work for the people

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Chrissy Hollett

Nan "Your wallet or your life".... Excellent example.

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Chrissy Hollett

Robert "Extortion" was also the term I felt too. It has been difficult going the process and hearing multiple threats over the years. All that does is shut



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over the years. All that does is shut people down and there's no room for compromise. It's too bad. There could be some middle ground here but it won't happen from threats.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Chrissy Hollett I don't think I would call it extortion when it's not your property. As in the city.

1w Like



Robert Leaming

Dirk Poncho Tarman How is this not Our property, we all pay State taxes Gas tax and City an County Tax's. The hiway goes through Our town.

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Robert Leaming We don't manage it. We as a city own city hall and other properties. The state owns the highway. Your taxes don't go just to hwy 58. They go all over. So when we turn down money for upgrades, we turn down our own tax dollars and other peoples tax dollars and they go to some other community. So the final decision on what the final design of the highway isn't up to us. It's up to ODOT. Now if we owned it, we could do whatever we wanted that fell within street "codes" for a better word. But we don't, ODOT does so they need to follow the Federal "codes" and then they have to go justify their projects and the costs to get funding.



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and the costs to get funding.

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Dawn Kinyon

Nan McNatt is this something you have heard? Or seen it in writing from ODOT? Because I remember a very different version in our council meetings with ODOT.

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Nan McNatt

[Still Matthew here:] I'd welcome hearing you and Poncho talk this through with an ODOT official, Dawn. A clear answer to this question is **precisely** the kind of conversation that I think needs to be clipped to the city's website, so it can be referenced here. If what Poncho says (immediately above the question you're asking here) is correct... then it doesn't matter much whether Oakridge Citizens **prefer** the highway narrowed, if we can't pay for our infrastructure liabilities. (See my analogy above.) It matters whether Oakridge needs access to funds to pay for our infrastructure liabilities.

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Dawn Kinyon

Nan McNatt there is already a video of this conversation with ODOT and the city council back in Feb or March of 2020 posted to the city YouTube page. Councilor Tarman wasn't a councilor at that time, but these questions were asked and answered.

That's the part of transparency that I



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That's the part of transparency that I truly appreciate.

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Nan McNatt

The oldest videos I see are from 1 year ago, Dawn: <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofoakridgecouncilcommi8088/videos> . What am I missing?



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Nan McNatt <https://www.youtube.com/@oakridgecityadministrator1730/videos>



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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Nan McNatt There was another account that has older videos. I think a new account was made about a year ago.

1w Like



Nan McNatt

Thanks, Poncho; it turns out I was already "Subscribed" to that channel, but it wasn't coming up for me. On the City Administrator's YouTube, I was able to find the council's discussion of ODOT maintenance of the rest area, Dawn, but not yet any video discussion(s) with an ODOT official

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discussion(s) with an ODOT official about highway and infrastructure maintenance. Any leads?

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**Dawn Kinyon**

Nan McNatt oh dear. If I had the time today I would look through all the agendas and minutes from about Dec 1 2019 to April 2020 and find the exact meeting date, through the city website, then there should be a link to the video right there. I may have time this weekend, unless you want to go that route before then? Also it's hard to sort on you tube because the names of each video are not consistent, and it's possible that the video is just not posted. But if that is the case, we can request it to be posted.

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**Nan McNatt**

[Nan's husband, Matthew, again:] No rush, Dawn; I really appreciate your willingness here. I devoted over an hour yesterday to looking but, having not been in the meeting when it happened, I don't have the same sense of what I'm looking for. To the extent there's a discrepancy between what you and Poncho are taking away from conversations with ODOT, I'd definitely appreciate more data points.

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**Dirk Poncho Tarman**

Nan McNatt The people at ODOT are pretty open and willing to discuss things also. Our local area manager



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pretty open and willing to discuss things also. Our local area manager actually lives here in town. Well I think right outside of city limits.

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Nan McNatt

Thanks, Poncho. I think unless we can surface a past, public conversation that led Dawn (and perhaps others) to one impression, we'll be missing data points in future conversations with the folks who left you with another impression. I'm all for more {recorded, indexed, publicly available} conversations in the future!

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Nan McNatt No problem. Since it's not moving forward to a council decision at the moment, there have been no public meetings on it recently.

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Dawn Kinyon

Ok, I popped into this site and it changed my mind on the date range to search for...<https://oakridgetsp.com/>



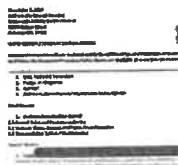
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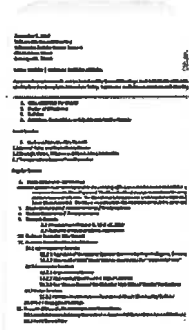


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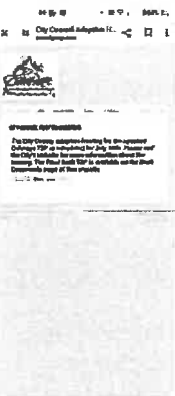
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Nan McNatt my only other thing to say



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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Nan McNatt My only other thing to say is, I have no idea if things have changed in what they can do since it was last discussed 4 or 5 years ago. I think we should look at what is said in the past and then bring it back up again to see if the same answer sticks. My main emphasis was how to get a bunch of stuff fixed for our town but keeping the cost and maintenance off of Oakridge. Because things like the crosswalk that keeps getting ran over being our problem, I don't like.

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Nan McNatt

Thanks, Dawn. Here's the video from the 2020.06.16 meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UL8kAi1iZic> . I don't see a video of the Planning Commission and City Council from October 7, 2019, posted to the City Administrator's YouTube channel.



2020-06-16 Planning Commission Public Hearing
youtube.com

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It may be this one? <https://youtu.be/iBvXkubqYk4?feature=shared> but I have to head to work now so I can't review this video right now.



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Vera Blackwell-Weddle

I'd rather see road REPAIR!

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Vera Blackwell-Weddle That is one giant road repair on a road we don't own.

1w Like

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Robert Henderson

Dirk Poncho Tarman 58 isn't that bad. It's the roads in town, the ones owned by the city, that are so desperately in need of repair. We have potholes that should have their own addresses in this town.

1w Love

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Robert Henderson I agree that other streets that we own need attention. 58 we don't own and don't need to pay for. Now yes, somebody will say, but we do need to pay. But that all depends on what extras you ask them to do. ODOT is aware we don't have money for those so they have grant writers that help you to secure the money. 58 is not in great shape. When it rains I have friends who live along it that have their yards flood from the run off. They would like to see it redone and have that stormwater taken care of by ODOT

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taken care of by ODOT

1w Like



Vera Blackwell-Weddle

Dirk Poncho Tarman I'm not talking about 58, I talking about city streets.

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Vera Blackwell-Weddle I know that.

1w Like



Jason Mason

Dirk Poncho Tarman if we don't own it. Then why are you so concerned about it? Makes no sense. Odot is going to circumvent oakridge UNLESS we restrict access? People are coming through. Alot of them. I worked during the pandemic and I work now and I have seen the traffic increase. It just doesn't make sense that they will go around unless we make it harder. And If it isn't our road? Why do you keep pushing that agenda. Quit fighting with the citizens and start working FOR them. I know, I know. You are. But you aren't listening to the people. You are just trying to force your opinion on the populace. Quit beating the same dead horse and start working on a live one. Almost like you have some hidden agenda. You getting a pay out if it happens? Last time that happend gomez and hanson were dipping in each others puddin. My point is you aren't looking very good trying to force everyone to see your view. Civil servant. Not Civil gaurdian. Not civil parent. NOT CIVIL BOSS. Servant. Listen.



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parent. Not civil boss. Servant. Listen.
To. The. People.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jason Mason I guess I can ask the same question. If we don't own it then why do you care what ODOT does with it. What happens when ODOT gets tired of us kicking the can down the road. That's when they bypass you, not when you try to work with them. There are more people speaking up to me about wanting it changed than I see on Facebook. So who do I listen to. The majority I hear in person that say they don't want to speak up on Facebook because the hate and name calling that they receive or do I also speak for the people who ask me to continue. Once again, I didn't bring this to Facebook for everybody to get all worked up. But yet here we are.

1w Like

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Kathy Felty

No!!!!

1w Like

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Jason Mason

How about we clean the roads and junk the RVs before we try another scheme to narrow roads.

1w Like

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Robert Leaming

Jason Mason the Moter homes and trailers along the street slow traffic, especially if you don't want to have a head on with other drivers.

The idea of 3 more lights that have



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The idea of 3 more lights , that have crosswalks is a great way to slow the traffic. I'm thinking that would work better than the ran over flashy thing by the liquor store. That had more hits than a crash test dummy. I'm saying No to narrowing the hiway!!!. Enforcement would really help too. Speaking of beating dead horses, just forget the foolish idea of Narrowing the hiway..

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Jason Mason

Robert Leaming I've never been against lights and other safety measures. Just the handful of people that are more concerned about bikes and lane narrowing than citizens. These are the same people that painted "Welcome to Oakridge" on the water tower but they aim it at the people up the hill with the money. No one traveling through even notices it. And all because someone threw a tantrum and painted it anyways. So it's not tourists or anyone else we are welcoming to Oakridge. Just the money on the hill. Really shameful in my opinion. And I would love to forget about it. You have to convince Poncho and the others to forget it. But everyone needs a legacy and I guess this is theirs. 🗨️

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Robert Leaming

Jason Mason Their actions are very visible.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman



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visible.

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jason Mason So who brought this up today on Facebook? Was it me? no it wasn't. I haven't been rude to anybody, I hear what people are saying. I'm allowed to represent all people. Even the people you don't agree with. Do I think it's really bad form for us to take all mention of Hwy 58 out of the TSP and have zero plans, yes. That's why I ran and I was very clear about it. Are there multiple councilors, and it's almost as if we all vote and the decision gets made then, yes. Why can't you accept that others have different opinions than yours and they also get to be heard through their representatives?

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Vanessa Tharp

Jason Mason - is ODOT working on a program to do that?

1w Like



Andrea Kristal

No, why would anyone even support this?

1w Like



Michael Dopkus

The worst part is our votes won't matter. The highway gets super busy but we are small. The people that will benefit are the only ones that get heard.

1w Like



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Sarah Frieze

Michael Dopkus yup! So true unfortunately

1w Like



Michael Dopkus

Sarah Frieze yea. It's normal but small towns are the worst for this

1w Like



Kristyn Dodge

Michael Dopkus I think that's why more of us are making more noise instead of sitting back and letting them do whatever they want.

1w Like

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Michael Dopkus

Kristyn Dodge I wish that made a difference but it hasn't for years

1w Like



Kristyn Dodge

Michael Dopkus I get that and even feel it to some degree. I find comfort in the knowledge that even if it amounts to nothing I can at least say I used my First Amendment Right to let my representatives know how I feel about their garbage lol.

1w Like

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Michael Dopkus

Kristyn Dodge I totally stand with you on that. Just knowing how this town runs... they don't care about any of that sadly

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Kristyn Dodge



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sadly

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Kristyn Dodge

Michael Dopkus Don't I know it. All Cutchen and Co does is sit on their posteriors and try to push policies to maintain the status quo and I'm beyond sick of it.

1w Like

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Trudy Hammond

Michael Dopkus there are vacant city council seats coming up. Taking action is better than just talking but that works best for those who will "agree" on things. I've seen it from both sides of our current divided council!!! I served on several committees for years and applied for a council seat three times. But another person for two times was solicited to apply and received the votes. One of those apps I had to withdraw because of family matters. But still, I would not have received the votes. Lol. This is going to be the craziest election year ever, imo. I will not sit on council unless the public writes my name in.

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Vanessa Tharp

Michael Dopkus - we could work on working with ODOT vs against them. Sounds like a better use of time since they own the highway & we dont.

1w Like

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Michael Dopkus

Vanessa Tharp I get what your saying



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Michael Dopkus

Vanessa Tharp I get what your saying and respect your thoughts on this but nothing ever goes how they say it will and I could think of way better things for our tax money to be used on.

1w Like



Vanessa Tharp

Michael Dopkus - it may not be up to us. I would take improvements & safety over losing it. It's state money & state organization. Which yes, is in still a part of our tax money.

1w Like



Kim Allen

Vanessa Tharp odot is not pushing this one councilor is.

6d Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kim Allen I'm not pushing for it to be voted on. I'm just on a campaign to make people understand what's involved. Because when I understood what was involved it made me realize we may have made the wrong decision.

6d Like



Raquel Erdman

No

1w Like



Marty Clark

Who keeps pushing this?


1w Like




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 **Marty Clark**
Who keeps pushing this?


1w Like 3 👍

 **Robert Leaming**
Marty Clark nobody with any common sense!!!


1w Like 9 👍👍

 **Michelle Coker**
Robert Leaming
100%


1w Like 3 👍

 **Vanessa Tharp**
Marty Clark - ODOT is my understanding - the people who actually own the highway.


1w Like 1 👍

 **Marty Clark**
Vanessa Tharp odot hasnt been posting on facebook. Maybe they should

1w Like 1 🙄

 **Vanessa Tharp**
Marty Clark - I hope that they have a lot more to focus on than the Oakridge Chat Forum. 🙄

1w Like 1 👍

 **Marty Clark**
Vanessa Tharp true. I hope they put out something that allows all our voices to be heard. Unless, of course, its some law they are abiding by. Cant deny the law

1w Like 1 👍



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...of course, of course, no some law they are abiding by. Cant deny the law

1w Like



Chrissy Hollett

Marty it's not being pushed again by ODOT. The Lane Reduction was left out of the last TSP plan in 2020. We have one city councilor that would like to see this happen and stated he's in contact with ODOT. He would like to see it happen, but it hasn't been pushed at a Council level.

1w Like



Marty Clark

Chrissy Hollett thanks.

1w Like



Marty Clark

Chrissy Hollett i think he should canvas his constituents, all of them, and push what they want

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Marty Clark that's what I'm doing, or at least trying to do. We spoke, I know how you feel.

1w Like



Marty Clark

Dirk Poncho Tarman are you going to change your objective if consensus is to not change the road?

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Marty Clark it all depends on what the final plan involves. That's why there



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final plan involves. That's why there are 7 of us. It won't pass if the majority don't want it.

1w Like

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Kim Allen

Chrissy Hollett i remember after their conversations with custer. just perfect. reminder to all of you down there be careful who you vote for. isn't the city suppose to come up with matching funds or money? i know one of the people working on this from country fair. david helton. this is not in the best interest of businesses thriving or surviving in this town. as a councilor to go out on your own and pursue and promote this with odot and people who work for odot in coming up with the plan david. seems sort of wrong. as a group if you all wanted to get more info wouldn't you all discuss it and decide a contact person rather than pushing something going sort of lone and rogue on your own. are you folks a group?

6d Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kim Allen So there are things that councilors work on during their own time. It's completely allowed. Our city staff is so small and over-worked, that if we didn't help, pretty much nothing would get done. If we had public meetings for everything that councilors discuss, or what the mayor discusses then we would be having meetings probably multiple times a week. Everybody is a volunteer. What you do is go gather info, work through that,



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is go gather info, work through that, when it gets to a point then you bring it forward and council then gets to go through and look at the info and decide. Once again there is an entire council to vote on this. You act like I could just make a change and presto, new highway. That's why we have the city government we have. So things like that don't happen.

6d Like



Kenneth Hopper
Nope

1w Like

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Jayda Olsen

It amazes me how many times the community will voice their opinion on something and vote no against it, just for it to be asked over and over again like we're going to change our minds. It's like a toddler repeating themselves over and over again to get what they want. It's a no, it's been a NO leave it at that.

1w Love

43 📄 🗨️



Paula Solis
Jayda Olsen this right here 🗨️

1w Love

5 📄 🗨️



Jayda Olsen

Paula Solis how many times are they going to have us vote no, until they just do it anyways. Just like the safety fee.

1w Like

13 📄 🗨️



Paula Solis
Jayda Olsen totally agree, like you want me to tell you in English and Spanish?



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Jayda Olsen totally agree, like you want me to tell you in English and Spanish? "NO & NO"

1w Haha 9 🗨️👍



Amy Buchmeier
Paula Solis that was good

1w Like 4 🗨️👍



Jaron Stubblefield
Jayda Olsen I note that the guy who pushed for an even bigger safety fee than was imposed, won election to the mayor's office with more votes than anyone in at least 40 years.

1w Like 3 👍



Dirk Poncho Tarman
Jaron Stubblefield



GIPHY

1w Like



Ashlee Renee
Jayda Olsen it blows my mind they even would suggest it it wouldn't work during



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would suggest it it wouldn't work during summer months at all... all the additional travel and campers ect it would make it so congested.

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Georgeneh Bullman

Ashlee Renee plus at least 30 big rigs a half hour. Picture that traffic jam.

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Georgeneh Bullman La Pine actually gets a little more than we do.

1w Like

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Jeryka Cornella

Dirk Poncho Tarman and?

1w Like



Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jeryka Cornella it's not a traffic jamb.

1w Like

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Holly Tarman

Jayda Olsen it amazes me how people don't understand that we don't own the HWY.

1w

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Jayda Olsen

Holly Tarman a wild concept, they'd keep asking the community how they feel about it just to ignore them. Why even ask then?

1w Like

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Holly Tarman

Jayda Olsen because it's going to happen! They would just like our input.



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happen! They would just like our input.
No is not a option 🤔

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Jayda Olsen

Holly Tarman exactly. It's to make face. Try to look like they actually care about the community and how it'll be affected, in all truth they couldn't care less.

1w Like



Holly Tarman

Jayda Olsen it's because they need to upgrade codes and infrastructure. Sorry you can't grasp that.

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Jayda Olsen

Holly Tarman how does adding a second lane to the highway through town upgrade anything honestly? Besides car accidents, traffic, and build up? Especially since OPD can't even keep track of one lane properly. Where will the merge happen? Where will the passing lanes end for the one crosswalk that's been ran over multiple times already? Or are these points to hard to grasp? How long will the roads be full and closed for people to drive on, where will the detour start? What of the people who live on 58 and the businesses that will be forced to stay closed during this, what will come of the revenue list to them so this caos can be started. There's no reason it's NOT up to the community, we build this town, we pay the taxes, damn, we even pay for the mess ups of the ones



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pay for the mess ups of the ones asking us for our input. Maybe they'd be smarter to actually listen to us so there's not another fee we're stuck paying for.

1w Like

8 [Like icon] [Reply icon]



Holly Tarman

Jayda Olsen When ODOT fixes the Hwy through town they will have to meet updated codes. I'm not gonna pretend to know all of the codes that they will have to meet. Maybe Dawn could further educate us on that. From what I understand the city would have to update their infrastructure that lies under the Hwy at the time of the ODOT fix. It's also my understanding that ODOT was and possibly still is willing to help Oakridge procure funding to help offset the cost of their upgrades. Again, maybe Dawn could educate us further. Eventually, probably nowhere in the really near future the Hwy is gonna need 'major'-repairs. It would be better for the citizens of Oakridge to have some input on the design of the new one than to just let ODOT design it without our input.

1w

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Kristyn Dodge

Jayda Olsen at least the toddler is adorable!

1w Like

1 [Like icon]



Jayda Olsen

Kristyn Dodge sometimes [Smiling face with tongue out icon]

1w Like

1 [Like icon]



Kristyn Dodge



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Jayda Olsen
Kristyn Dodge sometimes 🤔

1w Like



Kristyn Dodge
Jayda Olsen well yes, that's true.

1w Like



Leona Boerste
No!!!!

1w Like



Tammy Barton
Absolutely not

1w Like



Larry Sweet
No NO AND No

1w Like



Ja Schindler
Is there community awareness that ODOT is planning the first phase of this by adding a westbound passing lane near the west end of Laduke between Harbor and the old logging scale? It's going to make that stretch more dangerous, and make it harder to turn on or off westfir rd, and is going to heavily impact LaDuke rd property access

1w Like



Ja Schindler
I live across from LaDuke where the proposed project would take place, we are opposing it but need help. It's a horrible plan, a curve in the road and a wetland

1w Like



Amy Buchmeier



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Amy Buchmeier
Ja Schindler and the elk are if I remember right.

1w Like

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Patch Pennywhistler
Ja Schindler And, to add insult to injury, the passing lane will benefit traffic AFTER it passes through Oakridge, just to make sure we don't miss out on any of the gestures or colorful language commonly associated with road rage.

1w Like



Dawn Kinyon
Ja Schindler yes, I've known that was coming for a few years. They also sent a mailer to all homes in Oakridge recently, with links to websites about the new passing lanes. If I remember correctly, their goal is to reduce the amount of speeding and passing while in Oakridge.

1w Like



Ja Schindler
Dawn good to know. Doubtful it will affect the way people drive in Oakridge, but virtually guaranteed to make it more dangerous for Westfir. We are trying to get them to move it one mile west on the straight stretch between scales and westridge rd where an extra westbound lane would be beneficial

1w Like




Darla Nelson
No


1w Like


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 **Daria Nelson**
No
1w Like 1 🗨️

 **Marissa 'Mar' Lopez**
No. It's hard enough to pull out on hwy 58 as it is. (Also, thank you for doing a poll! I personally appreciate it)
1w Love 12 🗨️

 **Michelle Coker**
Marissa 'Mar' Lopez
This!! My husband and I both work off of 58 daily and cross it multiple times, it's a nightmare sometimes now, I couldn't imagine 2 lanes!!
Not much brains or thought have gone into this but certain people whom support this just want "the looks" that it will change and they don't care about the safety factors.
1w Like 6 🗨️

 **Marissa 'Mar' Lopez**
Michelle Coker yes, I pull out on it every day... multiple times a day...
It's already a challenge. There are ways to 'beautify' it still. For instance, Sweet home has two lanes going each direction, it's charming looking! Lots of flower baskets and plants. A little bit of a walk way. It can be done.
1w Love 2 🗨️

 **Kristyn Dodge**
Marissa 'Mar' Lopez and that is the type of improvement I would gladly open my pocketbook for and it might even bring more folks to us. I've had friends drive down 58 on their way to other places and tell me that the visible



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other places and tell me that the visible parts of Oakridge are... less than inviting... If anything, the lane reduction would make the effect even worse.

1w Love

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Marissa 'Mar' Lopez

Kristyn Dodge exactly, I hear that all the time at The Campfire. When people get 'lost' off of 58 and discover mcFarlin or the fish hatchery, they are always flabbergasted that our 'frontage' looks the way it does.

I mean, even a row of tall arborvitae's to offer the mobil home parks some privacy would be amazing!

1w Like

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Linda Swisher

Michelle Cokerdont think I have any thing to say is , what's going to happen if that TV Butte gets passed what is going to happen with all the trucks that's coming up and down this highway with a one lane .nobody's getting out on highway 58 off the side streets ..just saying any one thinking of this ????????

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Linda Swisher That adds 100 vehicles a day. We currently get 5k-8k a day. The cutoff to even consider a 4 lane highway is 20k a day.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Marissa 'Mar' Lopez Changes like that



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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Marissa 'Mar' Lopez Changes like that require private citizens to make the changes since we don't own the highway. Plus it's not in our TSP so it won't happen from ODOT, it will need to be on private property and those owners will need to do it.

6d Like



Katherine Whittenberg

It ticks me off , they collect and use our tax dollars and then refuse to resurface the road and make the changes we do want. System built to force compliance.

1w Like

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Jake Ripley

Yes, also add 2 stop lights.

1w Like

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Vanessa Tharp

Jake Ripley - definitely could help with speeding! 🍌

1w Like

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Josh Corley

Yet we keep electing people who want it.

1w Like

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Kim Allen

yes. exactly. you folks down there need to be more careful about who it is that is on council. please.

6d Like

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Krystal Dewhirst

No

1w Like

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Krystal Dewhirst No 1w Like 1 [Like icon]

Marsha Craft Krystal Dewhirst 100% agree 1w Like 1 [Like icon]

Larry Roberts This put me down as a yes vote when I looked to see how many yes votes were recorded. I had voted no a couple hours earlier. 1w Like 3 [Like icon] [Sad face icon]

Scottina Marino Larry Roberts wow 1w Like

Chrissy Hollett Larry just click on the other one you want and it will uodate. 1w Like 1 [Like icon]

Jaron Stubblefield Larry Roberts-I noticed it is easy to accidentally change my vote when I'm merely looking to see what the current vote count is and who voted which way. 6d Like

Denis A Nielsen If they do that there'll be more accidents in town 1w Like 3 [Like icon]

Sandy Greene NO!! 1w Like

Trudy Hammond

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Trudy Hammond
Would like additional pedestrian crossings. Obviously the one existing is in an inappropriate location since it has been smashed twice that I know of... 😊

1w Like 2 [Like] [Love]

Vanessa Tharp
Trudy Hammond - yes! Another good potential need!

1w Like

Frances Reinhardt



1w Like 4 [Like]

Rodney K Samuelson
[Hand icon] NO

1w Like 1 [Like]

Dirk Poncho Tarman
I'm for it but I'm sure everybody knows that already.

1w Like 2 [Like] [Love]

Shane Stephenson
Dirk Poncho Tarman why though? I don't see a reason for it just see more hassle than anything

1w Like 1 [Like]

Dirk Poncho Tarman
Shane Stephenson If you want I can have a beer and explain it. It's extremely complicated and involved on



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extremely complicated and involved on why it's important for the longevity of our town. The number one reason though, not our road, we don't own it. ODOT is bound by the courts to not be able to do a full repave on the highway until we come up to the federal highway code. They also are extremely limited on repairs and upgrades until we meet code. Also our old infrastructure runs the entire length of the highway, water, sewer, power. ODOT can help with access to grants to replace that while the highway is out and we could have the backbone of our entire infrastructure brand new and buried out of the way of, fire, tree fall and other disasters. But there are about 15 other reasons that it's important also.

1w Like

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shane Stephenson Oh yeah, also stormwater. ODOT is responsible for all stormwater on the highway. This would allow them to take care of one of the things I see people asking for in this thread and other threads.

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Shane Stephenson

Dirk Poncho Tarman yeah we should definitely do that

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shane Stephenson I think people look at it to black and white and don't think big picture sometimes.

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big picture sometimes.

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Shane Stephenson

Dirk Poncho Tarman if you're for it I know there's a reason

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shane Stephenson I have a ton more reasons. I just keep explaining one person at a time.

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Dianna Lamb

This is all the rage of the 15 min city folk.

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Kristyn Dodge

This topic needs to go to Hell and never come back. People have said no and get ignored as per usual. I don't know if the people pushing it are hoping for some sort of kickback or what, but when your own constituents say no, you had damn well better listen to them or you won't have a position at all.

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Vanessa Tharp

Kristyn Dodge - some constituents do say yes or maybe and many haven't been asked - as indicated in this thread. We don't all agree.

Accuastions for people to recieve a kickback are out of line. Especially for you claiming that I'm here making "digs" to people.

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people.

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Kristyn Dodge

Vanessa Tharp I didn't accuse anyone of anything, lady. I just don't understand why it's being pushed so hard when the majority voted NO in 2020. But I also know what side butters your bread so I can't be surprised you're trying to put me in a "gotcha!" situation. Have a nice night.

6d Like



Kristyn Dodge

Oh, and don't bother replying. I turned notifications off for this post this morning and will do so again now. I have nothing more to say on the subject and I've had my fill of interacting with you and your buddies. Take care.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kristyn Dodge You did say that people who want lane reductions must be getting kickbacks. That's an accusation of somebody doing something illegal. I believe it's also called slander if it's false and unproven.

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Karin Thompson

I'm less concerned with lane reductions, but very, very interested in having a traffic light next to the shopping center that includes the pharmacy, Lion Mtn. K's Flowers, etc. I know this has also been discussed to death with DOT, etc. but I am so sick of the horrible driving on 58



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but I am so sick of the horrible driving on 58 through Oakridge. I take my life in my hands every time I pull out from the street I live on. We need a traffic light to slow down semi's and some others who drive 50-60 through town.

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Vanessa Tharp

Karin Thompson - your experiece & many others is a huge reason I think a dialogue & compromise needs to happen - SAFETY for those needing services, walking, biking & more. My care for helping others is worth me taking 3 more minutes to get through town.

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Jeri Allyn Reed

I have a daughter that wants to be able to ride her bike places. I don't feel comfortable riding with her along the highway or walking with her along the highway. Without sideways it is very dangerous.

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Vanessa Tharp

Jeri Allyn Reed - this is a huge reason I do think I am more for this possiblity than against it.

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Kristyn Dodge




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 **Kristyn Dodge**
Just in case my position on this topic wasn't clear. 😊


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 **Jaron Stubblefield**
To hear this forum in the months leading up to the 2022 election, you might have thought former mayor Hollett was going to win a full term as mayor in a landslide. That is what I expected (not that I am somebody who knows much). But not only did she lose, the winner got more votes than anyone in recent memory - maybe ever. And I have to think they knew his position on things like lane reduction. Not that I am trying to put Hollett down (she got plenty of votes too in an election that was UP on participation), but I think it's a good example of why the vote of this forum might not be a great bellwether of a vote of the whole town. I won't say what my thoughts are on lane reduction, but I honestly would not be confident that the town is overwhelmingly against it just by the vote in this forum.

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 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
Jaron Stubblefield I agree with that statement.

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 **Jaron Stubblefield**



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statement.

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Jaron Stubblefield

The rest of my family is probably a solid no on lane reduction from what I have gathered when I asked some of them, in case anyone gets mad at THEM based on MY opinions, which may be different than theirs. As far as I know I am the only one who would vote "maybe" on a question like this.

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Kristyn Dodge

Jaron Stubblefield I don't see the need to get mad at anyone just because of where they fall on the issues. I only get angry when someone says something to the tune of "If you disagree with me then you are too stupid to know better."

1w Love

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Jaron Stubblefield

Kristyn Dodge Well, I think elected officials should listen to the people and strive to be respectful of them even if they disagree, even if some people are truly ignorant of the facts and argue just to be arguing sometimes.

But sometimes I think Oakridge is a good example of how pure democracy doesn't always work very well.

It seems like the majority of the people would complain about the lack of police while at the same time voting against every money measure proposed for the purpose of paying for police. It makes no sense. If every



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police. It makes no sense. If every decision were made by way of a pure democratic referendum, I fear the town would be an even bigger mess than it is.

Come to think of it, take the decriminalization of drugs in Oregon as an example. The voters voted to decriminalize drugs. Now the legislature is voting to re-criminalize drugs after decriminalization didn't turn out to be such a good thing.

So I find myself agreeing with those who say that sometimes leadership involves listening to the populace while being willing to make hard unpopular choices if they are needed. Of course we have the option of voting them out of office in the next election if their actions didn't work. This is not like Russia, where the leaders don't have the same fear of losing an election.

But I don't know. Maybe we are not in the same desperate need of lane reduction that we are in need of police and other services. Maybe this is not the same kind of hard yet needed decision that some other decisions might be.

I think the highway proposals that include lane reduction have good points and possible drawbacks. When I first heard about lane reduction, I was against it for many of the same reasons that opponents are against it now. But after listening to the proposals more in depth, I am not as certain that the

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depth, I am not as certain that the proposals are as bad as I thought at first. They actually have some good points. It would slow traffic down. It would make the area seem more busy. It might help businesses on the highway. There could possibly be extra lanes outside town that mitigate any problems that might arise from fewer lanes in town. I'm at least willing to listen.

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**Chrissy Hollett**

Jaron I don't think anyone uses social media as a one source factor. It's just one way to source opinions quickly from the community where people can very freely speak their opinions, mostly uncensored. That doesn't happen from surveys and public forums.

I think that's there's many factors with the Mayoral Election and the two comparisons are vastly different when looking at the communities majority. Campaigning is a big deal, even in a small town, and I greatly missed the boat. Raising money for yourself is big.... I could go on but it's not important. I think this topic is so divisive in our community I wish we could find compromise and everyone put their egos aside and come to the table with open minds to find middle ground.

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**Jaron Stubblefield**

Chrissy Hollett Well, you may be right in that the mayoral vote vs. the vote on "lane reduction" could be two different things in terms of how indicative they



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things in terms of how indicative they are of the opinions of the whole town. I admit the 91 percent who voted "no" here is a pretty high percentage, enough to make me worried if I were actually pushing seriously for the highway improvements that are commonly referred to as "lane reduction." If the 400 or so people who voted "no" are actually registered Oakridge voters, then you have to hope the rest of the town breaks in sufficient numbers in favor of lane reduction to cover the ground.

But I don't know. The town elected Poncho to the City Council knowing full well what his views were. Maybe the town as a whole is more open to changes to the highway than this forum would indicate.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Jaron Stubblefield You would be amazed at the amount of people who talk to me in person about this topic. They say that they won't post on Facebook about it because of the nasty comments and also they just don't like to use Facebook for political stuff. They also deserve to be represented. ODOT owns a giant road through our town that they operate. They might be the biggest land owner next to the railroad. We should be talking to them often and making plans for the future. Currently we have zero plans. It just seems like really bad running of a city to do it that way.



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to do it that way.

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2  **Chrissy Hollett**

Jaron yes I would agree that this poll is skewed because all people in this group are not registered Oakridge voters. Most live here, but truly not all. I also see people on both side of the votes who don't live in Oakridge, but that goes on the 6% side, so the percentage is smaller than 6%.

Yes Poncho was was forthright that he was in favor of a lane reduction while he ran on the ballot. Keep in mind that if you look at the poll numbers, he was not the front runner in the Councilors race. That was both Jan Hooker and Michelle Coker whom have been opposed to a Lane Reduction. But there was third open Councilor seat so there had to be a third one elected. No matter if he was opposed or in favor of lane reduction, the way the election works, the third person with the highest votes also wins. Poncho was third place. There was also a 4th person that was in favor of lane reduction, and they did not win because there wasn't a 4th seat. So if you were to look at it that way, all the pro-lane reduction candidates fell to the bottom of the votes. Poncho was also part of Bryans PAC with money and campaign things going on.... So I guess my point is that I think there's so many factors that come into play during election time, even in our small town. I also see your point as well that social media is not the end all source of info. I think most people just



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source of info. I think most people just use it as a quick gauge of their audience. The only true way is putting it on the ballot, but I think we looked into that and it was a not possible.

Thank you for your tact. It is much appreciated 😊

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Jaron Stubblefield

Chrissy Hollett I knew Poncho came in third place. But if the current Mayor is in favor of lane reduction (is he?), then the pro-lane reduction candidates were at the very top AND the bottom of the winning votes. With the antis in between.

I admit I am one of those people in the forum who don't actually live in Oakridge. I'm in the forum because I grew up in Oakridge, and when I joined the forum, I was still coming to Oakridge to see the doctor and visit family and do other things, and I was very interested in following elections and other drama going on at the time. Maybe I really shouldn't be commenting and voting on these things when I'm not even a resident technically, but I do care about Oakridge and consider it my hometown. I TRIED to move back to Oakridge about a year ago but couldn't find a place I liked that would let me have cats.

I take it you are opposed to lane reduction?



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reduction?

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Chrissy Hollett

Jaron I am opposed to working against the will of the citizens. I believe the majority of our community is opposed to it. I have watched this first hand for over 5 years as a Councilor and at least a decade before that as a citizen. I sat through a meeting from 6pm to after 11pm (we cut it off) hearing 6 speeches in favor and a whopping 60+ speeches in opposition. That was overwhelming. I truly listened to people that elect us. Citizens have valid concerns. Their thoughts and opinions were heard. I am here as a voice of the citizens, it is not and will never be my goal to try and convince people that I'm smarter and my way is best. And that is sincerely what I've seen from prior councilors and Mayors. This FB poll here is just a reiteration of what we've already seen through public hearings, community surveys and multiple open houses showcasing expertly done diagram mock-ups of a new beautiful highway proposal. It was a landslide no, and if that doesn't tell a person that our community isn't ready for this, a person is intentionally not listening to their constituents. Period. I have bigger issues to focus on for Oakridge that can greatly impact our growth and sustainability. Wouldn't it be better to put this SAME amount of time and effort in uhhhh HOUSING or fixing our own city-owned and residential areas that NEED sidewalks too? My street is terrible with no sidewalks too. We



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that NEED sidewalks too? My street is terrible with zero sidewalks too. It's terrible all over. I would much prefer to see kids riding bikes in the residential areas far greater than I ever care to see them riding their bikes in a transportation hwy, hwy 58. That comes from my mom hat, my City Councilor hat as well as my emergency responder hat. That is not because of the speed or because it's 4 lanes, 2 lanes or 8 lanes.... It's because it's a "transportation hwy" that hundreds if not a thousands semis cross each day, not to mention other very large big rigs. Those vehicles have a difficult times seeing over the top of their cabs and the potential for not seeing a small child riding their bicycle on the highway is greatly increased... add in some environmental factors like weather, and human errors, and I see increase of accidents. I drive fire trucks and ambulances for over 20 years. I know this. I feel this is a far greater safety concern and I honestly don't care to play tit for tat and argue with others, but Im well aware not everyone will agree with me, and that's okay. We don't all have to agree, this perspective comes from my years of boots on the ground, working in the highway accident field.

With all that being said, I would like to see a new TSP committee formed with both ends of the spectrum, not a hand picked committee. I think there is work to be done on the hwy and improvements needed. I also do not believe that the only way to do that is



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believe that the only way to do that is by lane reduction. At one point ODOT had an offer on the table to only narrow half of Oakridge and that was taken off the table. I've seen that ODOT has not allowed for flexibility and I find that very frustrating knowing many of the current lane reductions throughout the state have left multiple towns very unhappy, which are still fixing issues caused by the narrowing, bump-outs and all sorts of now needed reconfiguring their brand new lane reductions. Sounds like these other cities need to work out the bugs before we start designing ours. I personally polled multiple communities around the state and listened to their feedback as well. There are also maaaaany towns across Oregon going through the same with ODOT and unwilling to look at Lane Reductions because of the same reason Oakridge is not. This topic is so divisive that I wish we could leave it alone for a few years.

Whew... that was a lot 😊😊

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Kristyn Dodge

Chrissy Hollett but also very well said. I know as a constituent, I often don't feel heard or valued (not by you, Michelle, or Dawn, of course) by elected officials. I've been called a troublemaker at City Council meetings for expressing concerns about wages during a budget crisis. Also, when we all voted down the bond for the Safety Fee and it was implemented anyway, I felt deeply

betrayed by my representatives. Cira

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implemented anyway, I felt deeply betrayed by my representatives. Since then I've been fighting even harder to be heard and am honestly on the verge of giving up. The PAC has a wall built and they don't want to hear anything that they disagree with. Heck, I was called a liar on this post last night because I disagreed. Then again, I'm hoping to move away in the next couple of years, and then Oakridge's fate will no longer be my concern. In the meantime, my significant other and I are trying to leave Oakridge in better condition than we moved in.

All of which to say, I really appreciate that you try to listen to us and represent us instead of having an agenda. You're one of the very few reasons I haven't thrown my hands up in the air and let the ashes fall where they will.

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**Jaron Stubblefield**

Chrissy Hollett I think City Councilors and Mayors should listen to their constituents. If it turns out that the populace in Oakridge is just too overwhelmingly against the proposed highway changes, then it will have to be abandoned or modified.

But spending too much time listening can be paralyzing. I think being a great leader involves more than just listening. Voters can be fickle and act like people who need, well, a leader. Sometimes being truly great involves pushing for



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being truly great involves pushing for unpopular changes and being willing to push through opposition to see it done. If you want to accomplish anything, you cannot be someone who takes the first "no" for an answer or who is afraid to risk failure.

I personally think it's good to have people in City Council who fight to get improvements for Oakridge, and who have a spine when it comes to dealing with opposition. Some of the opposition to the highway proposals comes from people I respect, but some of it comes from people that strike me as saying no to everything and having no proposals of their own.

If I were on City Council, I'd find it intimidating to have to vote for a tax or some other thing that was unpopular, especially if people in my own church or family were the ones against it. So I hate to criticize the actual City Councilors too much. They have a hard job.

But I think we need people on City Council who can make hard, unpopular decisions, take the likely immediate blowback, and be willing to wait for vindication that might come at a later date. In a nutshell, I guess there is a time to stop listening and just do the right thing.

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Vanessa Tharp

Jaron Stubblefield - well said. That is the same point I was trying to convey as well




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same point I was trying to convey as well.


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 **Dan Craft**
Stupid idea! NO!!!
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 **Marsha Craft**
No!!!
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 **Natasha Solomon**
Id rather see speed cameras and intersections. We used to be known as a place you couldn't speed. Revenue from tickets would fund all kinds of things.
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 **Vanessa Tharp**
Natasha Solomon - another great idea and why we do need up to date discussions.
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 **Faith Adams**
I know this is a contentious topic, but I wholeheartedly agree with the proposed changes for safety, aesthetics, and what these improvements could mean for attracting tourists and business — but especially for safety. We need sidewalks and crosswalks.

Has an impact study on traffic been performed? I know that similar changes to thoroughfares in cities have actually seen reduced congestion - because it created a left turn lane where there was none. (Not 🍏 to 🍏 because sections of 58 have a turn lane.)

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have a turn lane.)

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Vanessa Tharp

The "polls" & views in the Oakridge Chat do NOT correctly reflect accurate & factual community engagement or responses.

It seems to divide us more, a chance to make blanket statements, & assumptions.

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Kristyn Dodge

Vanessa Tharp I wholeheartedly disagree. By putting up the poll, Dawn is doing what the rest of the Administration should have been doing from the get-go. She's giving Oakridge's constituents a chance to give a quantifiable expression of their views. Polls were invented for that reason. She is trying to check to pulse of the community instead of hiding in the ivory tower that is Oakridge City Hall and I applaud her riotously for it because all I've heard from Cutchen and Co. are blanket statements and assumptions.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kristyn Dodge So who would have won as mayor in the last election if it was decided by Facebook?

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Kristyn Dodge

Dirk Poncho Tarman in my opinion, the worthier candidate would have won. But nice cherry-picking.

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But nice cherry-picking.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Kristyn Dodge And they did. The people spoke and we have a new mayor.

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Vanessa Tharp

Dirk Poncho Tarman - yep. The "tone" Of this chat group was not truly or at all reflective of what the majority of the citizens voted. A true "poll" of the communitie's views on the highway would take months of planning, outreach, methods, town meetings & more. Not just the keyboard warriors who can "talk" the loudest. I hope a true exploration commitee is formed to get community input but ultimately, I'm for more accesss & safety for those in need, especially kids.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Vanessa Tharp Completely agree. I tried to post an article about people planting trees the other day. It turned into me forcing my opinions on people, calling me a dictator, coming up with conspiracy theories. I just thought it was an interesting article and a potential use for problem streets.

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Vanessa Tharp

Kristyn Dodge - what he's trying to convey is that when it came down to actual votes & representation - the



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actual votes & representation - the person who was favored in this chat group did not win - therefore there's clearly far more, at least a few hundred more, votes & views who don't express their views in this platform. Ultimately showing this chat group does NOT represent all or even a majority of the town.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Vanessa Tharp It's almost as if there is a festival in Oakridge every year, I can't put my finger on it, but it's something we are known for. I'll think of it later.

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Vanessa Tharp

Dirk Poncho Tarman - yes, becoming an official Tree City is an effort the Tree Planting Festival - which has been happening for 71 years - supports! Hope to see everyone out joining in the fun & the experience! 🌲 🌲 🌲

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Kristyn Dodge

Dirk Poncho Tarman that's not entirely true. I said that I found the idea interesting and brought up concerns about narrowing an already narrow road. What had started as a good faith gesture on my part turned into you being condescending towards me and playing word games which I as a constituent did not appreciate. Like everyone else, I am well aware the TSP is a pet project for you, and like I suspected it came up. That's not



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suspected, it came up. That's not spouting conspiracy theories, it's recognizing an existing pattern and watching it come to fruition.

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**Kristyn Dodge**

Vanessa Tharp I get what he is saying but he asked how the election would have turned out if Facebook opinion had been the deciding factor. I was pointing out that it would have been in Chrissy's favor as someone else had pointed out, she had the most support online. My understanding is that Cutchen did door-to-door campaigning and specifically targeted demographics who don't have access to the Chat Forum. I'm not saying he was wrong to do so, given his reputation online, but that seems to be what made the difference.

1w Love

**Dirk Poncho Tarman**

Kristyn Dodge There was over 200 comments on that post. I didn't say everybody was against it. But you gotta admit it was a majority. You were actually against the thing that's already been voted on and passed by a council that I wasn't on, nor did I even live here. Did I bring up the highway? No. When there is something to bring up then I will bring it up. How was I condescending? Saying painting lines on a road doesn't narrow it? I've had you call me names and fabricate lies in the past. Do you think that's a good thing to be doing? Then you even said I



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thing to be doing? Hell you even said I was bull of Bullshit. Very polite of you.

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3  **Kristyn Dodge**

Dirk Poncho Tarman wow you're such an asshole. I have never lied and yes, I do call you out on your bullshit because it is bullshit. From the time you were elected, you have lashed out at anyone who disagrees with you or worse have sicced your mother on them because her baby boy has been offended. But, I'm done with this discussion and you. I was trying to be polite but clearly, you don't have the emotional maturity to conduct yourself accordingly. So, I'm done. Goodbye.

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3  **Vanessa Tharp**

Kristyn Dodge - I know many long time residents, of all ages, that voted for Brian Cutchen.

I also appreciate things Chrissy has done. My point, which clearly you see, but I worry not everyone else does - is that this chat group & comments are not always an accurate or true reflection of what the entire town feels. I don't really have a strong "narrow the highway" stance - I am for safety & better access, plus letting ODOT just do their job. Which may happen no matter what we think or want - from what I hear.

But mostly, I want to see proper, ethical, fair, data collection by all in our community which would take months &



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community which would take months & a clear process & many steps. If it's more a "no" - than a "yes" - so be it - then there's better research behind it. Also, where does that leave us if ODOT will be just doing it anyway? 🤔 Maybe we should've stopped complaining and arguing & said - WHEN it happens - here's what we want & the best outcomes for the community. Perhaps we aren't focusing on the right question?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Kristyn Dodge Good talk.

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Kristyn Dodge
Vanessa Tharp I actually do agree with you on those points. I often lament how divisive Oakridge politics are. But, for now, I need to step back as I am severely disregulated which means that even friendlier discussions are not finding me at my best. But I am willing to discuss this further when I've had time to cool down and sort my thoughts. I'm usually not this fired up.

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Vanessa Tharp
Kristyn Dodge - I totally hear you & respect that. I hope the calm finds you quickly & that we can continue dialogue even if we don't agree. I wish that for everyone in our town.

I believe in kindness first & that we almost all love Oakridge for many



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almost all love Oakridge for many similar reasons. I continue to look for places where we can agree & find solutions & compromise. Rarely is it all one way or another. Take care.

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Gary R. Carl

Kristyn Dodge WHAT!

Why is she "trying to take the pulse of the community"?

This most recent "POLL" came out of nowhere.

Why did this issue come up again? And Now?

To coin a phrase... i think there's something funny going on with our City Council!

Just remember, this whole kerfuffle started with (another) POLL launched by Councilor Dawn Kinyon.

Other Councilors piled on along with the usual array of talking heads.

And contrary to the assertion that i only care about my business... news flash...

I'm retired !

My only business now is ,

Monkey Business, LLC

soon to make it's appearance in

Uptown at the Oakridge Community Farmers Market.

Right On!

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Shelby Tarman

Kristyn Dodge Who doesn't have access to the chat forum? Chrissy doesn't not let certain people be in here. If someone isn't it's because they broke a rule or don't want to be.



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broke a rule or don't want to be.

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Jeryka Cornella

Vanessa Tharp That is very true but it does give a pretty general idea of the mass view on this. 91% of the people who could see this and decided to chime in have said no which indicates heavily that the majority of us aren't in favor of it thus far. However, this is not an accurate and fair way to get proper documentable input. I feel like this poll is probably just a way to ascertain if it's worth looking into further though. I'm probably wrong but that's my assumption.

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Vanessa Tharp

Jeryka Cornella & Kristyn Dodge - unfortunately Facebook "polls" in a chat group, where not even half the community are active, and some people are kicked out or removed for opposing views & a huge majority don't engage in posts is the equivalent to the person who yells the loudest represents the majority. If you looked at this chat group on the last election for mayor - it was non-stop bashing of Brian Cutchen, yet he won by 200+ votes. If an accurate, fair, & responsible & recent survey was done to the entire community - which would take place in many ways & methods, times & locations - as proper & ethical research for community input does & is required showed true data one way or another - then & only then "has the community" spoken, been represented, & been heard. This is not the format or



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& been heard. This is not the format or way, it's one way but not equitable or factual.

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Kristyn Dodge

Vanessa Tharp and before that everyone was crapping on Chrissy and the god-awful hacks at the Highway 58 Herald were publishing hit pieces on her regularly. Cutchen's problem is he tried to bully people into submission towards his agenda, failed, threw a temper tantrum like an ill-adjusted toddler, quit his job as CA, and then ran for mayor. That killed any confidence or respect I had for the man. Since being mayor, things have gone back to "the good old boys club" and yes, I am well aware that you are associated with that club.

So, I find it rather curious that you are trying to discredit Dawn's efforts when your associates have been employing low-brow tactics for years. I can appreciate your work and that you want things to get better for Oakridge, but I also think Dawn is trying to do the same thing from the other side of the aisle.

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Chrissy Hollett

Vanessa what are you talking about people are "kicked out for opposing views" lol... this whole topic comes up over and over and no one is kicked out, among other topics. Proof please, not rumor. Dancho has been extremely



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rumor. Poncho has been extremely vocal and not once has he been kicked out or even slightly asked to pipe down.

Yes I lost the Mayoral race to Bryan Cutchen, and it was actually 160 votes, I also did not campaign even close like he did. He ran for Senate in Maine, he is a career politician. This is what he has set his sights on doing. He's been vocal of this since day 1. I am not a career politician, I'm here for the community. I held no soirées to local businesses asking for money, no private events with the elderly and church groups and also made no promises I couldn't keep. I didn't make up garbage things about anyone during the elections, that was definitely done to me. I also didn't ask people for money to the tune of \$4k. It sure was convenient that his PAC leader also coordinated the Candidate Forum, and when the date was changed last minute, NOT one person from the event even mentioned why I wasn't there... because I had a scholarship and couldn't drop that prior commitment. There was a lot of factors involved and I think it's highly unfair of you to use this in an incredibly DEVISIVE topic of highway-reduction. Oh yeah, and not to forget I've had the Herald trashing me for how long, with comepele lies... oh and did I mention that Cutchen Consulting is a donor to the Herald 58.... Yeah soooo, lets get real here. There was lots of things going on behind the scenes and I could go on, but I'll stop because I KNOW I was busy trying to focus on a 130k acre fire in our



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but in deep because I know I was busy trying to focus on a 130k acre fire in our backyard. And trying to take care of people in town instead of playing dirty politics.

As a city we've offered many times for the community to come speak and it's always been overwhelmingly opposed to a lane reduction, but each time, the citizens voice is just never good enough. We HAVE surveyed the community, we HAVE had a very large public hearing that a whopping 60+ citizens spoke in the wee hours opposed to the lane reduction and yet only a small handful in favor..... among other outlets.... But no matter how the citizens say "No", it falls on deaf ears and this is just crammed down everyones throats over and over and citizens are condemned for having their own thoughts and opinions that don't align with engineers.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Chrissy Hollett I would say I haven't been kicked but I have had some serious name calling and allegations cast upon me. Not by moderators. The reason it keeps coming up is because that road is still not ours and once again ODOT will ask what we want to do with it. I promised that I would continue to educate people on the importance of working with ODOT to come up with a plan for the highway. We can't kick the can forever. I will continue to do that. I see so much misinformation out here that we need a



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continue to be that I see so much misinformation oh here that we need a several years of education on what this is about. That's what I said I would try to do. People may get mad about it but there is definitely a lot of people who do want it and don't speak up. I thought I was pretty clear when I was running that this is something that I wanted to work on.

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Kelly Brewer

Chrissy Hollett Bravo!!!! All true. All sad. All infuriating

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Vanessa Tharp

Chrissy Hollett - I am not debating how either of you campaigned.

I am simply sharing that "this chat group" is NOT the end all, be all - as some seem to view it - for the views of Oakridge. The election is a prime example of that.

If nobody has been kicked out of this group - great, I stand corrected.

I still want to see documented proof, testimony collections, community meeting & outreach plans - from a faciliator or unbiased group - of actual community feedback & collection & more in 2023 or 2024. A process that I would expect is like the WAC outreach & also efforts for the city facilitated by SWFC in the past.

That is what seems to be required to

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That is what seems to be required to truly get the whole city - not just 60 people or a chat post to collect fair & accurate data.

Also - maybe getting all the community engaged - is better in asking what will happen vs a straight up "No - we aren't working with you" which doesn't seem to be effective - as ODOT owns the highway & from my understanding & can make this happen anyway. We may as well work with them than against them.

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**Chrissy Hollett**

Vanessa I joined Council in Jan of 2019 and the topic came up fairly soon, lots of work had already been done. There was multiple presentations by ODOT during city council meeting that were advertised for the public to attend. That includes power points with all sorts of data from ODOT. There are probably documents you get from city hall if you wanted to read through them provided by ODOT. You can do so by filling out a public records request. To find the many meeting go to the city's website and choose to search for meetings including "TSP". Use the date range of Jan 01, 2019 to April 30, 2020 (we ended in April). You'll find so many.

ODOT also held 3-4 open houses with presentations from multiple speakers, mock-ups of what the highway would like with their top officials here in

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like with their top officials here in Oakridge to answer Q's. I know one of them was July 16th at the WAC, but there was more. They worked with city staff on the presentations and held them at both the WAC and the Greenwaters community building. These were intended for the purposes of engaging with the community, answering fears and also honesty of how changes would take effect. There was a tremendous amount of information and they were nicely done and well attended from both in favor and opposition. I attended all of them.

Multiple Planning Commission meetings over the course of possibly 2 years, you'd have to review their meetings. It was a big topic from Jan 2019 to at least April 2020. I didn't attend those because councilors are not supposed to. You can also find those meetings on the city's website.

Also a joint City Council / Planning Commission Joint Work Session Video available for Discussion of the Oakridge Transportation System Plan January 7th. I think there was actually another one too.

We were "Meeting'd to death" over this topic.

Survey Monkey Poll was sent out by the city. It was sent out in the city's water bill and also available for paper copies at city hall. We left stacks of surveys and several of the businesses in town. It was posted on the city's Facebook



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It was posted on the city's Facebook page Feb 21st, 2020. The link was shared and re-shared all over social media.

Facebook polls were never included in city data, although one could also probably find that here in this group or Oakridge Uncensored, or the group specifically intended to discuss .

Dead Mtn Echo also had information on this before they closed as well and I don't have access to that.

There was also 1-2 citizen protests on the highway in 2020.

Lastly the huge public hearing, unprecedented attendance, we held at the WAC in April of 2020. This meeting was open public comment and discussion. As I've said before the line was way out the door, 6 speeches in favor and over 60 + in opposition. This meeting ended at 11pm with people still waiting to speak in opposition.

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Vanessa Tharp

Chrissy Hollett - thanks for sharing this.

The world & Oakridge has changed a lot since 2019 - so 5 years ago. Clearly new information & data would need to be collected if anything current or in the future was to come up.

I would like to look more at this information & advocate for a similar, if

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information & advocate for a similar, if not more robust process, if it was needed for this topic.

I'm still really curious on why this topic was brought up again - especially if it's not on the current council's agenda? Was it connected to city or council work or meetings? Was it just a random poll Monday? Was it to rile up the community about something "that's not happening?" It all just feels a little weird or lacking transparency to me.

At the end of the day, I'm just here to speak up & represent many of the quality people in Oakridge and to say that we see right through some of these "issues & polls" that happen online and this sure seems like it has nothing to do with how many lanes we do or don't have. But as it's often said here in this group - that's just my opinion.

As you know, I've called out all council members & their leadership in the past & also given plenty of credit & gratitude too.

I'm sharing here to prove & remind our community that it is OK to disagree or ask hard question or speak up for your views & there may be many others who also agree with you & don't or won't engage in this chat group.

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**Dawn Kinyon**Vanessa ~~Thorn~~ I never assumed that this



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Dawn Kinyon

Vanessa Tharp I never assumed that this poll would reach every adult resident in our community. My impression of these responses is strictly that of these 450 people that have responded so far, 90% are not in favor. That's a lot.

I've never seen a list of 450 people where 90% of them were in favor, but even if one turns up, that to me would mean it's pretty safe to say we have a community that is split down the middle.

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Vanessa Tharp

Dawn Kinyon - it's definitely great to see community engagement. But why did you feel the need to post this "poll" in the Oakridge Chat group at this point in time if it wasn't connected to you or others work, meetings, focus on council?

As you know, our community is made up of way more than 450 people, so yes - definitely many won't & don't & can't engage in this type of "poll".

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Dawn Kinyon

Vanessa Tharp some people sit around a table in a bar or restaurant talking about community issues, and others visit in their homes or clubs they are involved in. This chat forum is the largest get together and visit location, of friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and perfect strangers. The people here are real and have valid honest opinions. This is where I hang out and talk with and listen to the ones

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honest opinions. This is where I hang out and talk with and listen to the ones who can, or want to have conversations about all things Oakridge.

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**Vanessa Tharp**

Dawn Kinyon - you don't feel it is a direct conflict of interest that you & Chrissy Hollett are also both council members & both the admin/moderators of this group?

Also do you think having council members commenting on the same post does or does not create a conflict as well? As since this topic (the highway) seems to be one often connected to the past & current city leadership & council - so does it not create a quorum?

If you all comment on your favorite ice cream - to me, that's personal, but an issue like this & intermixing council history & what constituents do or don't want - well that doesn't seem to be personal, but in your professional capacity.

If I was understanding Chrissy correctly last week & Poncho even on this thread - is that these actions or comments or mingling of roles is an issue of concern & violates some of the the ethics & rules council members need to be upholding. I'm all for that for everyone.

I still haven't heard or understood why your curiosity took up this topic again with so many other crucial issues



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with so many other crucial issues happening.

Please know that I do appreciate your dialogue & long history of city involvement in service & even in sharing history on this specific issue. I also realize it's a thankless & challenging job - there's a lot that's been done to help our community & so much more we can all do. I'm sure there's parts of that we agree on.

I also believe it's OK to ask questions of our representatives and leaders (at all levels) and that's what I did in this chat thread - because I hope we can disagree & also still be working for collaboration & compromises.

And I do love that this group has a many great members in it & a place to share opinions. I do worry opinions are often viewed as facts - which happens in so many forms of media these days.

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Shawna Staff

The entire idea is backwards thinking, this project costs millions of dollars? And is probably going to be a nightmare bottle necked construction zone, for I'm guessing a good 8 years at the rate I've seen projects finished and that's a generous assessment. Which in itself after construction is done will remain a bottle neck forcing all traffic into one lane will create more accidents as people will have to force their way onto the highway, that won't be good for the little businesses that don't cater to the bicyclists... And the end result will ultimately be the realization that the population and amount of



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bicyclists... And the end result will ultimately be the realization that the population and amount of traffic will have significantly grown throughout the duration of the road construction. I have no problem suggesting that if it is city officials that keep bringing it up their entire aim is to build either their friend or families business at the expense of others which is taking advantage of their position, imo

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Nicole Ross

Shawna Staff actually ODOT's reports showed that both Pleasant Hill and LaPine received 2-3 times as much traffic as we do and neither have 5 lanes through town. So yes, our town and our highway can more than handle a lane reduction.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shawna Staff my parents are retired and my friends that have businesses are in Uptown. The rebuild would take 1 maybe 2 long summers. There would be zero financial gain for me or anybody I know.

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Shawna Staff

Dirk Poncho Tarman that is a nice reflection but if I recall correctly part of the original pitch for this project was to cater to the cyclists which coincidentally happens to be a large part of the target demographic of the businesses in uptown...

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shawna Staff it's not to cater to



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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shawna Staff It's not to cater to cyclists, it's a requirement to have bike lanes. Same with ADA compliant sidewalks.

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Shawna Staff

In Oregon, there isn't a statewide law mandating bicycle lanes or sidewalks on all streets. However, local jurisdictions may have their own regulations or guidelines regarding the construction and maintenance of bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

So if it is a requirement then that would be a local mandate/req and in that case why is a vote even being presented.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shawna Staff It's a Federal mandate for highways to have ADA compliant sidewalks through towns. When they hit a level of change then they are required to also install bikelanes. If they don't, then they don't get funding. As a matter of fact they were sued and they are actually no longer allowed to repave a highway until it is brought up to these standards. So if we want money and paving for our highway, we need sidewalks and bikelanes. Otherwise no money from the government and we are stuck with the costs.

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Shawna Staff



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"It's a Federal mandate for highways to have ADA compliant sidewalks through towns. " yes that is true and provides inclusion but not bicycle lanes... those are not required.

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**Shawna Staff**

Actually upon further inspection it is not a mandate nor a law that is a plausibly intentional flaw in your wording, it can be a requirement to obtaining certain grants but there is no laws federal nor statewide as you had erroneously stated

6d Like

**Gary R. Carl**

OK... Let's take a 90 minute drive to LaPine. Drive along Hwy 97 through LaPine. I've personally done this numerous times & never experienced traffic delays... never. Then, let's contact the LaPine Chamber of Commerce & ask them one simple question..." How's that Highway Road diet thing working out for ya'll? I've done that. Would you like to know what they said? But that's what I think our elected officials should be doing & telling us.

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2  **Kristyn Dodge**

Gary R. Carl there's a problem with your narrative, though. I grew up in Central Oregon. Lived there most of my life. I also know a lot of folks who live in the LaPine area and commute 97 regularly. When I asked them for their views. They told me



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asked them for their views, they told me that the locals hate the changes. I drove through LaPine on my way to Redmond several times last year and experienced the bottlenecking traffic for myself. This is why it is important to listen to the constituents and not just the politicians. Of course, the Chamber of Commerce is going to give you a glowing review, it's a bit of a PR problem to admit if something has gone wrong.

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Judi Jeanotte

Gary R. Carl I had been against the lane narrowing. However after carefully reviewing the tsp I think some of the recommendations might be improvements. The problem is there are many scenarios some I'd be opposed to, perhaps a committee to look into the options then make recommendations to the council then put out for vote would be beneficial to everyone.

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Shelby Tarman

Gary R. Carl I am pretty sure Poncho did reach out to them to get proof that it hadn't affected much. I could be wrong. But I am pretty sure I seen him post about it before.

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Shelby Tarman I've spoken to Lapines CA and some councilors and I've stopped and talked to business owners about it. I did have one business owner who said the change made the spot where they lived harder to get on the highway but they know that ODOT was

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...where they lived harder to get on the highway but they knew that ODOT was already working on a fix for that intersection. They did say that the change made their business much better and they were seeing much better margins than before. I know you do some work for Chuck who bought the yellow building across from me. He owns several properties in LaPine. Ask him how his businesses are doing.

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Michele Proffer
We said no to the public safety fee and how did that work out.

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David Lindsay
No

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Leslie Davidson
Not a good idea!

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Joshua Anderson



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Holly Tarman
Dawn Kinyon Is this actually up for debate again? If not, then what is your purpose for this post?


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Dawn Kinyon


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If not, then what is your purpose for this post?


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 **Dawn Kinyon**
Holly Tarman if you are asking if this is a matter being discussed again between ODOT and the city council, the answer is no. However, it is something that your son, Councilor Tarman has touted that this community now supports, so I thought I would check in with the FB community chat again to see if it's true.

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 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
Dawn Kinyon I didn't realize you were in talks with me and ODOT. I haven't had a meeting with them in quite a while. What i did say is that I've been talking to people and getting people to understand why it's important and it's not just black and white.

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 **Dirk Poncho Tarman**
Dawn Kinyon What I did find strange was at the governors meeting the highway was brought up and I talked about how that is something I was working on because I would like to see a way to get all of our sewer water and power lines updated and buried to help with wildfire and disaster resiliency. You were not at the meeting but then almost miraculously I see a poll for lane reduction get posted very shortly after.

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 **Dawn Kinyon**
~~Dirk Poncho Tarman~~ never said I was

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Dawn Kinyon
Dirk Poncho Tarman I never said I was present in any of the meetings you have had with ODOT. I said ODOT and the city council are NOT discussing this. The city council is a body of 7.
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Holly Tarman
Dirk Poncho Tarman Haters gonna hate
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Dirk Poncho Tarman
Dawn Kinyon I know, but you claim to know what I'm saying to ODOT and what I'm stating. It's almost as if you are making false statements.
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Holly Tarman
Dawn Kinyon Yes, the city council is a body of 7. And you are trying to convince us that 1 councilor will be to blame when ODOT decides (with or without any input from our city representatives) to do what they wish with the highway? Or is your thinly veiled attempt to deride councilman Tarman to be considered your Swan Song?
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Dawn Kinyon
Dirk Poncho Tarman I have no idea what you have said to ODOT. What are you talking about?
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you talking about?

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Dirk Poncho Tarman

Dawn Kinyon "However, it is something that your son, Councilor Tarman has touted that this community now supports, so I thought I would check in with the FB community chat again to see if it's true." You must have meant I was telling the community as a whole that they support it? I said there is a larger group than people realize and it's growing. Last time I spoke about it was when you brought it up last time. I'm happy to talk about it if you bring it up. I'm just not sure why you bring it up sometimes.

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Dawn Kinyon

Holly Tarman I was made aware by ODOT back in 2020 that it is their highway and when the time comes, they will update it to their required standards. The lane reduction portion is not a requirement. So when they put it in their budget, which is always planned 2 years in advance, they will come and update the highway. That is not going to be anyone's fault.


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Holly Tarman



Dawn Kinyon Nevertheless you decided to deride, throw shade or whatever you wanna call it in the direction of councilman Tarman. Got it, mission accomplished. Enjoy it... (Dirk Sr)



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accomplished. Enjoy it... (Dirk Sr)
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 **Vanessa Tharp**
Dawn Kinyon - but 5 of you have engaged in this "poll" - seems to walk a line worth questioning. And again - why now??
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 **Holly Tarman**
Dirk Poncho Tarman maybe she read the text wrong?
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 **Vanessa Tharp**
Holly Tarman - I see some claiming it's just a "personal" inquiry but yet also justifying it as what their constituents want - so that's their role as council members. So which is it? Why is this even being brought up again?
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 **Holly Tarman**
Vanessa Tharp I would like to know what she has accomplished if anything?
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 **Holly Tarman**
Maybe because Dirk Poncho Tarman(you know him? My son) was asked what his plan was at the meeting?
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 **Jennifer Pierce**
Road repairs please!!!
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Jennifer Pierce
Road repairs please!!!
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David McManis
No the speed limit enforced would be great. To many kids and adults cross that hwy at the risk of getting hit by some one that thinks Oakridge is a race track. The Hey needs these doted lines on corners taken away or widened just my opinion.
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Renee Bowles
NO
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Dylan Sample
No
1w Like

Dawn Kinyon
When someone can show me a list of around 400 people who want lane reductions in Oakridge, then I'll believe we have a split community on this topic. I'd have to see about 700 or more in favor to believe that the majority of this community wants it.

Unfortunately, this question can not be put on an actual legal ballot for the voters.

I want everyone to know that I really appreciate your participation in this fb poll.
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Nikki Crawford
Dawn Kinyon I appreciate that you care what the citizens wanys. Thanks Dawn

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: TV Butte/Old Hazeldell
Quarry Opposition Letter & Old Dunning
Road Landfill Issue

Proposed Council Action: A motion from
the floor to approve

Agenda Item No: 10.8

Exhibits: Original 3/16 Draft and new Revised
Draft of the Opposition Letter

Author: CA

ISSUE:

In 2011, the City of Oakridge sold property on TV Butte (located next to the Oakridge Industrial Park) to "Crown Properties, LLC," an investment company owned by Ed King. He then began buying additional property on the butte (223 total acres to date) through other companies he controls including "Stonebroke LLC" and "Old Hazeldell Quarry LLC," then eventually applied to Lane County to amend the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan and rezone this forested land (zoned "F2"), to be able to operate a gravel mine there for 50+ years.

Part of the land includes an old landfill, which had been operated by the city and Lane County before the garbage was burned & buried without any meaningful environmental testing. In the 2011 Sales Agreement for the land that included the landfill, the City agreed to the following, which after review by the CA and the City Attorney, appears to imply that the *City* could *potentially* be liable (at least in part) in the future for some or all environmental issues stemming from the old landfill:

11.3 The parties acknowledge the possibility of Hazardous Substances existing on the Landfill Portion of the Property prior to Buyer's possession of the Property. Therefore, Seller agrees that it shall indemnify and hold Buyer harmless to the extent allowed by law for any loss, liability, claim, damage, clean up cost, fine, fee, penalty or the like suffered directly or from a third-party claim or any other persons or property arising out of or related to the existence, placement or contamination resulting from Hazardous Substances on the Landfill Portion of the Property. The term "Hazardous Substance" shall mean any hazardous, toxic, infectious, or radioactive substance, waste, and material as defined or listed by any "Environmental Law" and shall include, without limitation, petroleum oil and its fractions. The term "Environmental Law" shall mean any federal, state, or local statute, regulation, or ordinance or any judicial or other governmental order pertaining to the protection of health, safety, or the environment.

A group of concerned citizens started an organization called "Save TV Butte" to lead the effort to oppose the first attempt to build the quarry. In 2016, the rezoning effort was denied by Lane County. In late 2023, a *new* rezone petition was filed. The "Save TV Butte" group reorganized and changed their name to "Oakridge Strong" and started a petition in opposition. On 3/11/24, the group hosted a "townhall meeting" at Oakridge High School to further discuss the issue and their reasons for opposing the new application to rezone the property to allow for a rock quarry. More information on this group can be found at: www.oakridgestrong.org/ and www.facebook.com/groups/NoOldHazeldell/

The Oakridge City Council wrote a letter of opposition to the first proposed quarry back in 2016. At the request of the current City Council at a prior City Council meeting, Councilors Hollett, Brewer, and Tarman* drafted a new letter of opposition to the current proposal for City Council's consideration. Their draft letter was discussed during the 3/21/24 City Council meeting and it was decided that some additional revisions should be made by the CA and then presented back to City Council for consideration at the next City Council meeting on 4/4/24.

The only major changes from the initial 3/16 version of the letter (included as an exhibit) are in the first 2 paragraphs which were added by city staff, and the **removal of Michelle Emmons' letter** which was initially included as an attachment to the City's letter, as it seems more appropriate for her to submit her letter *separately*.

The Westfir City Council will also be submitting a separate letter of opposition. A Lane County Planning Commission hearing date on the application is set for **April 16th at 6pm**, but a staff report to the LCPC Commissioners is scheduled to be published on **April 9th**, so time is of the essence if we want the letter included in that Staff Report.



Photo of TV Butte, with the Oakridge Industrial Park in the background

The current application is here: <http://apps.lanecounty.org/LMDPro/FileViewer.aspx?ID=25353069>

A link to the 2016 application is here:

www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/public_works/land_management_division/land_use_planning___zoning/old_hazeldell_quarry_project_page

**Councilor Tarman replaced Councilor Bjarnson as 1 of the 3 Councilors tasked with drafting the new letter of opposition.*

FISCAL IMPACTS: UNK

OPTIONS: Approve, Deny, or request additional edits to the draft letter of opposition

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve

RECOMMENDED MOTION: *"I move to approve the letter of opposition and submit it to the Lane County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners."*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 1 (Safe Community), Goal #1: Ensure a safe community by partnering to protect people, property and the environment.

Theme 3 (Strong Economy), Goal #1: Improve the City's economy by focusing on increasing living-wage jobs, training, and education opportunities for Oakridge residents.

Theme 4 (Community Livability), Goal #3: Seek opportunities to revitalize the City's business corridors and neighborhoods to provide safe and beautiful places to live and work.

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Phone 541-782-2258 Fax 541-782-1081

DATE: April 4, 2024

TO: Lane County Planning Commission and Lane County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Oakridge City Council

RE: Opposition to Hazeldell Quarry (**Planning File 509-PA23-05454 / Ordinance No PA 1385**)

Dear Lane County Planning Commission & Lane County Commissioners;

Recently an astounding number of Oakridge citizens have approached Oakridge City Council to voice concerns and opposition to the proposed "Old Hazeldell Quarry" mine project, which if approved, would be located a mere **365 feet from the City's nearest aquifer protection area** along Salmon Creek (source: *City of Oakridge 2020 Drinking Water Protection Plan*) and **894 feet** from city limits.

Through public comment at city council meetings, phone calls and emails from citizens to city staff, committee meetings, and opposition voiced by the "Save TV Butte/Oakridge Strong" citizens group, it is clear that Oakridge citizens are overwhelming opposed to this (or any other) gravel quarry operating so close to our city and our drinking water. In fact, this is not the first time that the Oakridge City Council has voiced opposition to this project. In 2021, the Oakridge City Council also submitted a letter of opposition. In response to our citizens' concerns, on April 4, 2024, the Oakridge City Council voted **unanimously** to renew our opposition and submit this letter of opposition to the Lane County Planning Commission & Lane County Commissioners for the following reasons.

Oakridge residents often boast of the peace and tranquility found in our remote mountain town. Many have invested a lifetime into their homes, some having built them personally from the ground up. Clean air, fresh spring waters, quiet forests, and abundant wildlife are often mentioned as catalysts for people moving to the Oakridge area. The locally known "Dunning Road Elk Herd" have their calving grounds located on this proposed mine site and would be displaced if it is approved. This was the reason the application was denied back in 2021, but there are many additional concerns as well.

Most concerning to the City of Oakridge is that part of the proposed site was used for decades as a landfill operated by lumber companies, the City, and the County, before the garbage & waste was burned and/or buried. These unknown buried materials could *potentially* contain toxic waste hazardous to human health. Comprehensive environmental testing of the

land has *not* been done. In fact, the exact locations of the burial sites are not even known. If toxic materials are buried there (as multiple longtime residents have previously testified they believe are), disturbing them could severely contaminate the City's nearby water supply.

For the City of Oakridge, the potential *financial* liability for any future environmental contamination is even worse. According to the original 2011 sales agreement, wherein the City sold the 29-acre former dump for \$123K to "Crown Properties, LLC" (another entity owned by Ed King), for inexplicable reasons, **the city agreed to be financially liable for "any loss, liability, claims, clean-up costs, fees or penalties that arise from this landfill and or its contents."** So not only could the city's water become undrinkable, the city could also be liable for *millions* of dollars in damages and fines. This leaves the City extremely vulnerable, both environmentally and financially.

Quality of life is incredibly important to our citizens. As a community, we value the lifestyle afforded to us by being surrounded by the Willamette National Forest. Over the last decade, we have worked tirelessly to protect our environment and increase tourism to become the "Mountain Biking Capital of the Northwest," a branding created and promoted in partnership with Travel Lane County. This is premised on our ability to offer tourists a slice of the peace and tranquility we enjoy every day, while they are enjoying the various outdoor pursuits that attracted them to our area. No hunter, fisher, skier, mountain biker, birder, hiker, or any other type of outdoor enthusiast or tourist wants to come visit a town right next to gravel mine to "experience" explosions from blasting, or the rain of silica dust from the operations and the estimated 86 giant gravel trucks rumbling through town per day.

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded Oakridge a \$4.9M Targeted Airshed Grant to "reduce air pollution in areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM 2.5 ambient air concentrations." Given our geographic location and the yearly threat of wildfires, we have always been acutely vulnerable to air and water pollution. We have gone to great lengths to improve our air and water quality. The silica dust pollution created by the quarry, despite mitigation efforts, will simply not prevent all the harmful particulate matter from contaminating our air. With an expected 85 dump trucks per day driving up and down our roads, there will be no escaping these airborne toxins.

As mentioned in Goals 5 and 6 of the Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, which correspond to the federal Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, research shows that gravel quarries and mining operations create multiple health hazards, despite regulatory efforts. As you may know, the applicant will *not* be the entity operating the mine. They intend to sell it to an actual mining company, which are notorious for ignoring compliance rules and in some cases have even budgeted for the fines they know will be imposed on them. There is simply no amount of potential testing, monitoring, and other promises that can guarantee that this type of mining operation, at this location, will not have detrimental effects to our environment and our natural resources. The City of Oakridge and its residents are already struggling with barriers relating to poverty. We simply cannot afford or withstand the negative impacts this proposed mine would bring with it.

The Oakridge City Council has an ethical and legal responsibility to ensure our citizens receive an adequate supply of safe drinking water, clean air, safe roads, and a viable economy. The Federal Government, the Lane County government, our city government, and a plethora of additional community partners & organizations have made great strides to improve our economy and safeguard our environment. Allowing a gravel mine will undue all of that progress.

We urge you to stand with the citizens of our community (including the citizens of nearby Westfir, whose City Council voted on April 1st to submit their own letter of opposition) and vote "no" on the proposed land use change which would allow this quarry to be built. The risks to our health, safety, and environment far outweigh the benefits of a handful of jobs. For these reasons, on April 4, 2024, the Oakridge City Council voted *unanimously* to formally continue to **oppose** the Old Hazeldell Quarry. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Submitted respectfully on behalf of the City of Oakridge and the Oakridge City Council,

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DATE: March 16, 2024

TO: Lane County Planning Commission and Lane County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Oakridge City Council

RE: Hazeldell Quarry – Planning File 509-PA23-05454 – Ordinance No PA 1385

Lane County Planning Commission & Lane County Commissioners,

Recently an unprecedented number of Oakridge citizens have gathered before City Council to voice their concerns on the Hazeldell Quarry Mining Project. The Oakridge City Council heard from its neighbors, some of them lifelong residents of the Dunning Road/Fish Hatchery neighborhood, all within proximity of the proposed mining site. Through public comment, “Save TV Butte” presentations, and committee meetings, our citizens spoke of their concerns.

Residents spoke of the peace and tranquility of their remote area. Many of these people have invested a lifetime into their homes, some having built them personally. They spoke of the clean air, fresh spring waters, quiet forests, and abundant wildlife. One such topic was the locally known “Dunning Road Elk Herd” and their calving grounds, which are located on this proposed site. This notorious gathering of cows, calves and proud bulls is long awaited by residents. These cows, bulls and their offspring return year after year to birth and graze. The tranquility that comes from this remote area is something that residents, wildlife and visitors of the Oakridge area have come to enjoy and settle in.

Members of Council agreed that no amount of proposed land use changes or testing could justify the risk to our city’s well-being. This chosen commercial use would impact the community as a whole. Economically, socially, environmentally, our town would suffer, not to mention taking away the “covenant of quiet enjoyment.” Due to the profound negative impact, there is no risk assessment that is worth our support.

The proposed mine site was previously home to a landfill that could *potentially* contain hazardous and toxic materials. If hazardous materials are present, disturbing them could greatly impact our community due to possible stream and groundwater contamination. The exact size and location of the dump site has never been determined and sampling has not been completed to locate and map the extent of the dump site. For the City of Oakridge, the liability goes far beyond the potential environmental hazards. According to the original 2011 Sales Agreement, we, the City of Oakridge, are liable for “any loss, liability, claims, clean-up costs, fees or penalties that arise from this landfill and or its contents.” This leaves us extremely environmentally *and* financially vulnerable.

Goal 5 and 6 clearly show the direction Lane County leans towards with our environment. Unfortunately, in the past, it seems that the Lane County Board of Commissioners have chosen to take claims written, all without having set foot on this land and ahead of considering the impact a mine would have on their own community facing this crisis. Research shows that Quarry and Mining Operations create multiple Health Hazards, despite regulatory efforts. Oakridge residents are already struggling with barriers relating to Poverty, Access to Medical Care, and Chronic Disease. Our city simply cannot withstand the impact of this mine, period.

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded Oakridge a \$4.9M Targeted Air Shed Grant “to reduce air pollution in areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM 2.5 ambient air concentrations”. Given our city’s location and the yearly threat of wildfires, the City of Oakridge is more than qualified for this grant. Our city and community have gone to great lengths to improve our Air and Water Quality and will continue to do so. The silica dust pollution created by this site, despite mitigation efforts, will not prevent particulates in our air. Our citizens will be subjected to this dust on an ongoing basis. With an expected 85 dump trucks per day, coming and going up and down our roads and highway, there will be no escaping the toxins. With this grant contribution, we have already begun efforts to maintain that standard. A mining quarry adjacent to this community threatens our quality of life, as well as undoing the efforts already implemented by the EPA.

Some of our partners in the efforts to improve our air quality have been Lane Electric, Oregon Regional Solutions, South Willamette Solutions, Homes for Good, Oregon Housing and Community Services, St. Vincent DePaul, Lane County Public Health, Orchid Health, Lane County Economic Development, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, Senator Prozanski, Sustainable Northwest, and the Oakridge School District.

As you may know, this blasting quarry project cannot guarantee the type of explosives they will be using, or which mining company will be running the mine. Records show mining operations are notorious for ignoring compliance rules and implemented fines that impact their bottom line, regardless of the damage they are causing. Simply said, there is no amount of reporting or promises that can determine how this commercial operation will affect the surrounding areas or natural resources that work symbiotically with the land.

Suitable livability is incredibly important to our residents. We as a community value the lifestyle afforded to us by our location within the Willamette National Forest. Over the last decade we have worked tirelessly to promote tourism and become the Mountain Biking Capital of the Northwest, a brand created and promoted by Lane County tourism. This is all based on offering peace and tranquility, while enjoying our outdoors. Lane County as well as the State of Oregon have committed tens of thousands of dollars on behalf of Oakridge to market tourism and assist established and new businesses with beautification and marketing in a tourism-based economy.

The Federal Government as well as Lane County are focused on green solutions for the State of Oregon to solve our challenges. They, as well as many others, have invested in Oakridge, economically, and environmentally. With one vote you will be choosing to either REVERSE or

PROTECT all of these efforts. The City Council has an ethical and legal responsibility to ensure that our citizens receive an adequate supply of safe drinking water free from contaminants, clean air free from silica dust, safe traveling on our roads and highways as well as acceptable noise levels without the use of berms and DbA readings.

While we understand that you are being directed to decide on the remanded points, we are also urging you to courageously make a statement and stand with the citizens of our community and your County. We ask for your support in voting down this infringement of our basic human rights.

Being residents of this small community ourselves, and having heard our neighbors' concerns, by unanimous vote, the Oakridge City Council moved to formally oppose the Hazeldell Mining Quarry Project.

Respectfully,

The City of Oakridge City Council:

Mayor Bryan Cutchen
Council President Dawn Kinyon
Councilor Michelle Coker
Councilor Dirk "Poncho" Tarman
Councilor Christina Hollett
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Councilor Kelly Brewer

Attachment: A letter dated 1/17/24 from Oakridge area resident Michelle Emmons-McPharlin to Oakridge City Council

Attachment

January 17, 2024

TO: Oakridge City Council

RE: Request for Oakridge City Council to continue to oppose the Old Hazeldell Quarry

Dear Esteemed Oakridge Mayor and City Councilors,

It has been called to many community members' attention that the Oakridge City Council will hold an updated special session, to discuss the Council current position on the proposed gravel mine on TV Butte. This is an issue that will disproportionately affect local residents for the next 35-55 years (as outlined on The Old Hazeldell application). The Council's letter in 2015 does not reflect the current position of the community. While the fate of this decision rests in the hands of our County commissioners, a new position letter submitted in opposition of the quarry for public record by the current Oakridge City Council, will carry influence and demonstrate that we are a united community in opposition to this project. Below are a few points for your consideration:

--GROUNDWATER SUPPLY CONTAMINATION

The quality of our citywide water supply could be jeopardized. Just 25 feet from the proposed gravel mines Processing Site, is an old landfill. There is not enough evidence to support that continuous daily vibrations from a rock crusher, gravel trucks, etc., within the Processing Area, will keep contaminants from getting into the groundwater supply. The fact that the city of Oakridge is financially liable for any potential leakage from the Exhibit B section of lot 502 (landfill), should require additional city approval.

--AIR QUALITY

Oakridge air quality has regularly been at hazard levels during fire season for several years running. Adding silica dust that will linger in the air above our city and further pollute the air will affect our air quality. Pending millions of dollars by LRAPA to support clean air initiatives in our community, it doesn't make sense that the County would also recommend a project like this, effectively nullifying their investment in the future of our community's air quality standards!

--BIG GAME INVENTORY HABITAT

Based on my recent interview with ODFW wildlife biologist, Christopher Yee, there are several considerations to be pondered regarding the effects of rezoning TV Butte from F1/F2 to accommodate a quarry mine, most critically, the disturbance of prime habitat for our resident elk herd's survival rate. Based on my understanding,

- No big game inventory has been done in this area because elk are considered nonmigratory species, therefore, anything zoned F1/F2 is already considered big game habitat by Lane County and does not require an official inventory to be made. ODFW records elk in the area through aerial survey results.
- The area around Dunning Road and TV Butte is sited regularly for elk habitat. Deer habitat is synonymous with elk habitat and provides a food source for apex predators. ODFW aerial elk surveys are conducted in February to account for elk populations post-hunting season. Winter is also a critical time period for survival, with only a 47% survival rate to spring due to lack of food.
- The smaller the mass of the elk, the lower the probability of it surviving winter. Preserving home range habitat (as F1/F2 zoning provides) provides a greater chance of elk survival.

- Disturbance during the winter is extremely harmful, especially if they are vacating an area they frequent for feeding or they run away due to fear; this cuts into foraging time to attain the mass for survival.
- Impacts to calving grounds from the quarry proposal will be significant – calving areas are at a premium – due to the rate of logging, National Forests do not offer premium habitat conditions for big game, including apex predators. For this reason, home range habitats in F1/F2 areas must be protected and preserved to continue supporting viable populations of elk and deer, and other game dependent upon elk and deer populations as a food source.
- Impact from the quarry in terms of ground blasting and silica air pollution will create significant impacts to migratory birds, reptiles, and amphibians, as well as fish, due to aerosolized particles blown into the creek.

--CONGESTION & HIGHWAY SAFETY

Traffic on Highway 58 is near intolerable now with recent safety concerns cited during the City's opposition with ODOT in an attempt to put our community on a "road diet". Adding 8-9 gravel trucks driving through Oakridge hourly, only exacerbates this issue further.

--NOT ALL GRAVEL QUARRIES ARE EQUAL

This type of mine is different than other area gravel mines in that it relies on regular ground blasting which will cause rising silica dust and particulate matter to enter the air stream, while an additional water supply will be needed in order to water down trucks to keep the dust down while traveling through town. The additional water supply may be tapped from drilling a well into an aquifer affecting our local residents' flow rates and summer rations, and furthermore, decrease the amount of water used to provide wildfire protection for our community. It is worth noting that the Hazeldell Fire District has already provided a written public record in opposition to this project for this very reason.

--NON-COMPLIANT REGULATION, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS

The City of Oakridge and its taxpayers will end up picking up the tab for any issues (including water table mitigation or toxic contamination) caused by the quarry mine. The quarry proposal also cites self-regulation and monitoring reporting required for only a year into its operation, and there are no penalties in place for non-compliance! In other words, after approval, they can do anything they want without reprisal because no one – not the County, not the City, not the State, is going to pay for continued monitoring or compliance enforcement.

For all these reasons, and as a volunteer member of the Save TV Butte effort, I strongly oppose the Old Hazeldell Quarry, and hope that our community's elected officials will step up to the plate and support our residents with a resounding "NOT IN OUR BACKYARD" letter of opposition to this disastrous proposal.

Sincerely,



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Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Temporary Fee Waivers for Mobile Food Vending Temporary Use Permits

Agenda Item No: 10.9

Exhibit: Ordinance 874, Article 26

Proposed Council Motion: Approve Temporary fee waivers.

Agenda Bill Author: Rick Zylstra

ISSUE: The current Land Use Ordinance regarding Mobile Food Vending Units (Ordinance 874, Article 26 – Temporary Use Permit, section 26.04(2)) in its current state is prohibitive to long term success for Mobile Food Vending and outright prohibitive to mobile food trucks. The current Ordinance places two unreasonable restrictions on the permit holder, 1) days of allowed use, no more than 180 days per calendar year. And 2) size of allowed mobile devices cannot be larger than 16 sqft, no more than 3 ft wide and no more than 5 ft high. For these reasons, the city has been less than proactive in ensuring compliance with the ordinance.

To change any Land Use Ordinance there is a process that shall be followed.

1. Proposed changes must be prepared and before the first public hearing we are obligated to inform DLCD of the proposed changes no less than 35 days for their review and comment
2. There will need to be no less than 2 public hearings, first for Planning Commission recommendations and second for City Council adoption.
 - a. Each public hearing must be noticed no less that 20 days before the public hearing. While the first Public Hearing can be noticed within the 35 days mentioned above, the second cannot, leaving at *legal* best 55 days from proposed change followed by 30 days for new ordinance to go into effect. Totaling a *legal* best of 85 days.

In an effort to work with and to get Mobile Food Vending businesses in compliance with the City's Land Use Ordinance in a manner that is business friendly, staff is requesting fees to be temporarily waived for the permits/zoning applications required for the approval process. The permits/zoning applications include 1) Temporary Use Permit (\$300) and 2) a variance (\$750) on the measurable size limit of the Mobile Food Vending Device. If approved these fees would be waived until a new Mobile Food Vending Ordinance is in place (3 to 5 months).

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1050 per Mobile Food Vending Unit requiring a variance, \$300 for those only needing a Temporary Use Permit.

- OPTIONS:** 1) Approve staff's request to temporarily wave fees for Mobile Food Vendors
2) Do not approve staff's request to temporarily wave fees for Mobile Food Vendors

RECOMMENDATION: Option 1. Due to the unreasonable limitations the Temporary Use Permit places on the mobile food vending units, it is recommended the fee be waived until the Ordinance can be improved.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: *"I move to temporarily waive fees for Temporary Use Permits for Mobile Food Vending Units until a new ordinance can be established."*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 1 (Safe Community), Goal #1: Ensure a safe community by partnering to protect people, property and the environment.

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #1: In an open and transparent manner, effectively deliver services that citizens need, want, and support.

Theme 3 (Strong Economy), Goal #2: Sustainably develop and market the recreational tourism industry in a way that benefits local business and residents.

Theme 3 (Strong Economy), Goal #3: Improve the city's economy by creating an atmosphere open to business.

Theme 4 (Community Livability), Goal #3: Seek opportunities to revitalize the City's business corridors and neighborhoods to provide safe and beautiful places to live and work.

ARTICLE 26 - TEMPORARY USE PERMITS

SECTION 26.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of the temporary use permit procedures is to allow, on an interim basis, temporary uses in the City not otherwise allowable in a zoning district and not otherwise a nonconforming use. No temporary use permit can be granted which would have the effect of permanently redistricting or granting a privilege not shared by other property in the same district.

SECTION 26.02 APPLICATION

Applications shall be filed with the City Recorder on the form prescribed by the City Administrator at least 20 days before the Planning Commission's public hearing and shall include the following:

- (1) Name and address of applicant.
- (2) Statement of the applicant's legal interest in the property and a description of that interest.
- (3) Address and legal description of the property.
- (4) Statement explaining the intended request.
- (5) The fee required to defray the cost of processing the application.
- (6) Any other materials or information as may be deemed necessary by the applicant to help in evaluation of the request.

SECTION 26.03 CRITERIA

A temporary use permit may be granted only if:

- (1) The temporary use is not inconsistent with the nature of the zoning district in which it is placed; and
- (2) The temporary use is not inconsistent with the Oakridge Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 26.04 SPECIAL TEMPORARY USES

Some temporary land uses, by the nature of the activity associated with them, require separate and intense consideration by the Planning Commission before their establishment. Such uses and additional requirements are as follows.

- (1) Outdoor sales. Outdoor sales, as defined in Article 33 - Definitions of this ordinance, may be allowed in all commercial zones for a period not to exceed 180 days during any one calendar year.
 - (a) The following criteria shall be considered before any such permit may be issued:
 - (i) The proposed outdoor sale will not result in vehicular traffic congestion;
 - (ii) The applicant can make provision for adequate parking;
 - (iii) The outdoor sale will not result in the elimination of parking spaces required by the applicable city ordinance unless the business or businesses using such required spaces are closed for business on the day of the sale;
 - (iv) The outdoor sale will meet all state and county health regulations; and
 - (v) The site plan and display structures to be used in connection with the outdoor sales are to be approved by the Planning Commission.
 - (b) An application for a temporary permit for outdoor sales for 72 hours or less may be issued by the City Administrator without a public hearing before the Planning Commission if the City Administrator finds that the requirements of subsection (1)(a) of this section have been satisfied by the applicant.
 - (c) An application for a temporary permit for outdoor sales for a period more than 72 hours, whether cumulatively or consecutively, may be granted by the Planning Commission after a public hearing held according to Article 31 - Public Hearings of this ordinance.
 - (d) If the Planning Commission finds that the application satisfies the requirements of Sections 26.03 and 6.04(1)(a) of this Article, it shall approve the application.

- (e) The City Administrator or Planning Commission may attach appropriate and reasonable conditions to the permit that are necessary to secure the health, peace, safety, and welfare of the residents of Oakridge.
 - (f) If, after a public hearing, the Planning Commission finds that the requested outdoor sale is an annual event, it may stipulate that the permit for the annual event be renewed and reissued without further application. The City Administrator or the Planning Commission may require that an application be filed and a new permit issued to amend the permit provisions and conditions to meet changes of site, health, traffic, or other conditions affecting use.
- (2) Mobile food and flower vendors. Mobile food and flower vending may be allowed in all commercial zones for a period not to exceed 180 days during any one calendar year.
- (a) Applications for temporary mobile vending permits shall meet the following criteria and requirements:
 - (i) Persons conducting business with a permit issued under this section may transport and display food or flowers upon any pushcart or mobile device, if such device shall occupy no more than 16 square feet of ground area and shall not exceed three feet in width, excluding wheels; six feet in length, including any handle; and no more than five feet in height, excluding any canopies, umbrellas, or transparent enclosure;
 - (ii) Mobile vendors may conduct business on public sidewalks having a width of eight feet or more and on private sidewalks or parking lots, if the Planning Commission approves specific locations. No person shall conduct business as defined herein at a location other than that designated on the permit;
 - (iii) All mobile vendors shall pick-up and dispose of any litter created by their place of business and shall provide an appropriate trash container for customer use;
 - (iv) A food vendor may not locate within 200 feet of a restaurant or fruit or vegetable market without written consent from the proprietor of the restaurant or market, and no flower vendor may locate within 200 feet of a flower shop without the written consent of the proprietor of the flower shop;
 - (v) Design, colors, signs, and graphics for any pushcart or mobile device shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission;
 - (vi) Despite subpart (v), no freestanding signs shall be allowed with any mobile vending permit;
 - (vii) Food vendors shall comply with all state and county health regulations and shall furnish written evidence of compliance at the time of application for a mobile vending permit;
 - (viii) Before the issuance of any permit, the Fire Marshall shall inspect and approve any mobile device or pushcart with any cooking or heating apparatus to determine if it conforms to the requirements of the Oakridge Building and Fire Codes.
 - (b) An application for a temporary mobile vending permit shall be granted if the Planning Commission, after holding a public hearing according to the requirements of Article 31 - Public Hearings of this ordinance, finds that the application satisfies the requirements of Sections 26.03 and 26.04(2)(a) of this Article.
 - (c) The Planning Commission may attach appropriate and reasonable conditions to the permit that are necessary to secure health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Oakridge.
- (3) Hardship mobile or other manufactured home. The Planning Commission may issue a temporary use permit for a mobile home or other manufactured structure, as a temporary, accessory dwelling to a permanent residence in a residential district. It shall be for the sole use of designated members of the immediate family when a medical hardship exists in the family. The following conditions must be met for the Planning Commission to consider the temporary use permit:
- (a) The family member must be suffering either physical or mental impairment, infirmity, or is otherwise disabled and must be near another family member to receive adequate care.
 - (b) The mobile home or other structure shall be provided with an approved water supply and sewage disposal system.
 - (c) The temporary use shall be limited to a maximum of two years or until the hardship ceases, whichever comes first. The temporary use permit shall be renewed for as long as the hardship exists.

- (d) The mobile home or other structure and all accessory elements shall be removed within 60 days of vacation by the family member(s).
- (e) The location of the hardship mobile home on the lot shall not be considered a separate building site and the minimum lot and yard requirements of the R-1 and R-2 districts shall not apply. However, the Planning Commission shall attempt to minimize the nonconformity of the hardship mobile home with the minimum lot and yard requirements through conditions of siting approval.
- (f) The medical hardship must be verified in writing by a licensed physician, therapist or other professional counselor.

The hardship mobile home may be used by the family member providing care and the person receiving care may reside in the principal residence.

SECTION 26.05 COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Compliance with conditions imposed in the temporary use permit and adherence to the plot plan submitted, as approved, are required. Any departure from these conditions of approval and approved plans is a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 26.06 VESTED INTEREST IN APPROVED TEMPORARY USE PERMITS

A valid temporary use permit supersedes conflicting provisions of subsequent rezoning or amendments to this ordinance unless specifically provided otherwise by the provisions of this section or the conditions of the approval of the temporary use permit.

SECTION 26.07 TIME LIMIT ON APPROVED TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

If unused, authorization of a temporary use permit shall be void one year after the date of approval of the permit application or such lesser time as the authorization may specify.

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Oakridge Trails Alliance letters of support for Flume Trail Bridge & Diamond View Park grants

Proposed Council Action: A motion from the floor to approve

Agenda Item No: 10.10

Exhibits: Draft Letters of Support for grants (2) and letter from OTA President Michelle Emmons

Author: CA & OTA President Michelle Emmons

ISSUE:

The Oakridge Trails Alliance (“OTA”) is requesting Letters of Support from the City in order to apply for 2 grants, one from the National Parks Service (NPS) for the Flume Trail Bridge, and one from the Kubota Hometown Proud Community Grants Program for the Diamond View Park Bike Skills Park.

The draft Letters of Support are attached as exhibits, as well as a letter with more details on both projects from OTA President Michelle Emmons and Parks & Community Services Committee member Tom Lyons. The deadline for the NPS grant letter is April 5 (tomorrow). The deadline for the Kubota grant letter is April 12, more details are here: www.kubotausa.com/hometown-proud/application

OPTIONS: Approve, deny, or modify

FISCAL IMPACTS: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve (both)

RECOMMENDED MOTION 1: *“I move to approve the letter of support for the National Parks Service grant for the Flume Trail Bridge project.”*

RECOMMENDED MOTION 2: *“I move to approve the letter of support for the Kubota Hometown Proud Community Grant Program for the Diamond View Park Bike Skills Park project.”*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #1: In an open and transparent manner, effectively deliver services that citizens need, want, and support.

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #2: Provide facilities & infrastructure that support current & future needs.

Theme 3 (Strong Economy), Goal #2: Sustainably develop and market the recreational tourism industry in a way that benefits local business and residents.

Theme 4 (Community Livability), Goal #1: Work with community partners to provide recreation, education, and enrichment opportunities for citizens and youth.

OTA Oakridge Recreation Updates & City Council Request for Support

East Oakridge Trails Planning:

Oakridge Westfir Community Trails Plan and Mill Park Master Plan both identify the east Oakridge area for trails connecting Uptown over the Trestle Bridge (currently under a feasibility study) to the Industrial Park, east across Fish Hatchery Rd. from Dunning to Roberts Ranch roads toward the Salt Creek drainage eventually connecting to the Eugene to Crest trail system; and from the Mill Park in the OIP to the Salmon Creek levy and Greenwaters Park (under the highway). This multi-modal transportation system, when completed will enhance quality of life and safe connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists to key outdoor recreation use areas as well as community services and gathering spaces. With the advent of new housing projects and new business recruitment in the OIP, OTA is also including accessibility elements in trail design in an effort to create more inclusive opportunities for everyone to enjoy access to the outdoors.

Currently, Oakridge Trails Alliance is working on the completion of the Flume trail between Dunning and Roberts ranch road, as well as brushing and clearing the Mill Park and Pond trails as part of our OIP lease agreement. Some of this work will be completed in the next few months, engaging both community volunteers and Oakridge High School students, and local Indigenous consultation and graphic artists for the accompanying interpretive signage elements of the project. The completion of the trail corridor (without the bridge installation) and interpretive signage is being funded through a USFS grant administered by the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative.

In the meantime, OTA has also submitted a technical assistance grant to the National Parks Service to fund a public design process and conceptual bridge design to accommodate accessible access across the seasonal creek that separates the trail at the physical flume remnant.

In order to be fully considered, for NPS technical assistance, OTA is requesting a Letter of Support from the City of Oakridge, that outlines both the City's role and permission for the project to move forward. Currently, the City of Oakridge serves as the land manager for the project, assisting in project oversight and navigation through different challenges, such as materials sourcing, access to master planning and wayfinding signage documentation, and grant review. OTA would greatly appreciate the opportunity and commitment to work with the City of Oakridge in a collaborative effort to execute a public engagement process to help collect more feedback that could be used to develop the conceptual design for the bridge and any additional interpretive signage.

Diamond View Bike Skills Park Updates:

The bicycle pump track at Diamond View park is due for an update. Oakridge resident, and Oakridge Parks & Community Services Committee member, Tom Lyons, has been working with various partners to develop a vision in an effort to update the pump track in the form of a dedicated bicycle skills park, designed to meet the following objectives:

- Create safe, approachable and progressive skills-based skills park
- Help riders build specific skills needed to ride the trails in our area with more confidence, control and enjoyment

- Utilize the entire park space more effectively, emphasizing an inclusive environment for families and adaptive park users
- Minimize maintenance through additional beautification and landscaping features and build on an inviting and welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy

These changes would serve Oakridge residents and tourists alike, reinforcing Oakridge's status as a Gold Level IMBA Destination and Oregon Signature Trails hub. Additional funding would be necessary to provide professional design oversight and construction labor to complete this project. Current estimates provided by local trail building contractor, Jack Hill, at Emerald Gravity, fall between \$9,000 - \$16,000 depending on cost of materials, project scope, and volunteer capacity. OSU Extension would also be consulted for landscape planning.

Community volunteers are working with OTA and other recreational groups to develop a broader vision and fundraising plan. OTA has already set aside \$1000 in seed money and access to equipment and volunteers to assist in site preparation and would like to submit a proposal for Diamond View Park Enhancements to the Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program, which specifically supports community-led initiatives that make a lasting impact on a local level. OTA's proposal would request \$50,000 (20 of these will be granted throughout the US). If the proposal is chosen as a runner up, OTA would be awarded \$10,000 and the project labor, landscaping and equipment requests would be modified with on-hand resources and volunteer capacity to complete the final design.

OIP Pump Track:

Members of the Oakridge Parks & Community Committee have been working on a larger concept to install an asphalt pump track in OIP, with the goal to break ground in 2025 upon completion of a geothermal study of the area. Travel Lane County has committed \$5,000 and is leading the effort to leverage more regional funding toward the completion of that study. Volunteers from the committee have been in contact with Kyle Jameson, a professional pump track designer and builder from Bend, who is strongly invested in the success of Oakridge as a world class cycling destination.

What is needed from the City of Oakridge to move forward:

As fundraising efforts continue for all of these projects, OTA and community volunteers will need assistance and commitment from the City of Oakridge in the following ways:

- Permission to move forward with the fundraising process
- Assistance in public engagement to solicit and incorporate feedback from citizens into the park design
- Project oversight and planning assistance
- Approval to move forward with grant application
- Support in the form of a written letter

Thank you for your consideration!

Oakridge Trails Alliance - Michelle Emmons
Parks & Community Services Committee - Tom Lyons



City of Oakridge

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Phone 541-782-2258 Fax 541-782-1081

April 4, 2024

TO: Grant Administration; Kubota Hometown Proud Community Grants Program

RE: Letter of Support for the Diamond View Bike Skills Park

I am writing to express the City of Oakridge's support for the transformation of the bicycle pump track at Diamond View Park into a dedicated bicycle skills park. Led by esteemed Oakridge resident and member of the Oakridge Parks & Community Services Committee, Tom Lyons in partnership with local nonprofit trails stewardship, Oakridge Trails Alliance, this visionary project aims to revitalize our recreational infrastructure and enhance the outdoor experience for residents and tourists alike.

The proposed bicycle skills park represents a significant evolution from the existing pump track, with a focus on creating a safe, approachable, and progressive environment where riders of all ages and abilities can develop essential skills to navigate the trails in our area with confidence and enjoyment. By leveraging the entire park space more effectively, the project emphasizes inclusivity, catering to families & adaptive park users, and fostering a sense of community for all.

Furthermore, the enhancements to Diamond View Park align perfectly with Oakridge's reputation as a premier destination for outdoor recreation, reaffirming our status as a Gold Level International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Destination and a hub for Oregon Signature Trails. The proposed improvements not only enhance the recreational opportunities available to our residents but also attract visitors from far and wide, stimulating economic activity and bolstering our local tourism industry.

While additional funding may be required to bring this vision to fruition, we are confident in the collaborative efforts of community volunteers, and recreational groups such as the Oakridge Trail Alliance (OTA), and local businesses to secure the necessary resources. OTA's commitment to providing seed money, access to equipment, and volunteer assistance underscores the grassroots nature of this initiative and exemplifies the spirit of community activism that defines Oakridge.

Moreover, OTA's grant application to the Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program demonstrates their dedication to realizing this project's full potential. If successful, the grant would provide critical funding to support the professional design oversight and construction labor required to complete the bicycle skills park, ensuring its lasting impact on our community for years to come.

In conclusion, the City of Oakridge stands firmly behind the vision for the Diamond View Bike Skills Park and pledges its full support for bringing this transformative project to fruition.

Sincerely,

James Cleavenger, JD, LLM
Oakridge City Administrator



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April 4, 2024

TO: NPS Grant Administrator National Parks Service

RE: Letter of Support for Flume Trail Bridge Concept Design

Dear NPS Grant Administrator,

The City of Oakridge wishes to express our enthusiastic support for the Flume Trail Bridge Concept Design project proposed by the Oakridge Trails Alliance (OTA). This initiative holds immense significance for our community as it aligns seamlessly with our vision for enhancing multi-modal transportation systems, promoting outdoor recreation, and fostering inclusivity.

The Oakridge Westfir Community Trails Plan and Mill Park Master Plan underscore the importance of creating safe and accessible trails that connect key outdoor recreation areas, community services, and gathering spaces. The completion of the proposed trail network, including connections from Uptown to the Industrial Park and from Mill Park to Greenwaters Park, will undoubtedly enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike by providing safe and convenient pathways for pedestrians and cyclists.

Furthermore, OTA's commitment to inclusivity in trail design is commendable, as it reflects our community's values of equity and accessibility. By incorporating accessibility elements into the trail design, OTA is ensuring that individuals of all abilities have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and participate in recreational activities.

We are pleased to learn that OTA has submitted a technical assistance grant to the National Parks Service to fund a public design process and conceptual bridge design for the Flume Trail. As the land manager for the project, the City of Oakridge is fully committed to supporting OTA in navigating various challenges and facilitating project oversight. We recognize the importance of collaborating with OTA and other stakeholders to ensure the success of this project and are eager to contribute our expertise and resources to its realization.

OTA's request for a Letter of Support from the City of Oakridge demonstrates their commitment to transparency and community engagement. We wholeheartedly endorse OTA's efforts and pledge our support for the Flume Trail Bridge Concept Design project. We look forward to working closely with OTA and other partners in executing a public engagement process that will gather valuable feedback to inform the conceptual design of the bridge and additional interpretive signage.

In conclusion, the City of Oakridge is honored to play a role in advancing this important project, and we are confident that the Flume Trail Bridge Concept Design will have a lasting positive impact on our community. We thank you for considering our request and stand ready to assist OTA in any way possible to ensure the success of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

James Cleavenger, JD, LLM
Oakridge City Administrator

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: Request to have Admin Committee revise forms

Agenda Item No: 11.1

Proposed Council Action: A motion from the floor to approve

Exhibits: Forms that need to be revised, the proposed new Admin Committee Resolution 04-2024 (agenda item 13.1)

Author: CA

ISSUE:

I need help updating and revising forms, including the TRT Block Grant application form, the TRT funding application form, the RTMP funding application form, and the committee application form (attached as exhibits). I brought these forms to the attention of the Administration Advisory Committee and they are willing to help. However, as per the old Admin Committee Resolution 20-2020 and the new proposed Admin Committee Resolution 04-2024 (agenda item 13.1), it appears that the committee can only help the CA (or city staff) with tasks which are "assigned by City Council."

As per both Resolutions, the **purpose** of the Administration Advisory Committee is "to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing input in the preparation of resolutions, Ordinances, and rules, for consideration for ratification by the City Council." Then in Section 4.2 under "Responsibilities," it states that the committee can "assist with other activities within the scope of the committee, **as assigned by the City Council.**"

There are two options to address this issue:

OPTION 1: Leave the language of the Admin Committee Resolution unchanged and continue to require the CA to request permission from City Council every time they would like to use the committee to assist with projects.

OPTION 2: Add the words "or the City Administrator" to the end of the sentence in Section 4.2 under "Responsibilities" of Resolution 04-2024 (agenda item 13.1) so that it reads as follows: "Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council **or the City Administrator.**"

FISCAL IMPACTS: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Option 2

OPTION 1 RECOMMENDED MOTION: "I move to allow the Administration Advisory Committee to help the CA revise and update the TRT Block Grant application, the TRT funding application, the RTMP funding application, and the committee application forms."

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

Theme 2 (Responsive Government), Goal #1: In an open and transparent manner, effectively deliver services that citizens need, want, and support.

Old/current Admin Committee Resolution

11.1 and 13.1

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 20-2020 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 9-2018 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge Council desires to repeal and replace the previous Administration Advisory Committee resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Administration Committee is to be an advisory body to the Council and to aid City staff by providing input in the preparation of resolutions, Ordinances and rules for ratification by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Administration Advisory Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members: six (6) citizens at large and one (1) City Councilor who will only vote in the event of a tie. Non-voting member(s): City Administrator and City Recorder. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution. The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years, if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

Seats 1 & 2: 01/2018, 01/2021, 01/2024, 01/2027, 01/2030, 01/2033, 01/2036, 01/2039

Seats 3 & 4: 01/2019, 01/2022, 01/2025, 01/2028, 01/2031, 01/2034, 01/2037, 01/2040

Seats 5 & 6: 01/2020, 01/2023, 01/2026, 01/2029, 01/2032, 01/2035, 01/2038, 01/2041

Seat 7: Councilor Elected Term

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Four (4) voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from voting members shall be required to take any action. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Administration Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Formulating recommended resolutions, ordinances and rules for the governance of the

- City for council approval for council approval.
- 2 Other activities, within the scope of the committee, as assigned by City Council.
- 3. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS. 192.650
- 4. Annual reports will be completed in the fourth-quarter of the calendar year.
- 5. Reports or recommendations of the Administration Advisory Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature and shall not be binding on the Mayor or City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: A member of the Committee may be removed from the Committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the Committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the Chairperson as soon as possible.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS 21,
DAY OF Sept, 2020**

Signed: [Signature], Mayor

ATTEST:
Signed: [Signature], City Recorder

Ayes: 5
Nays: 1

New/Proposed Admin Committee Resolution

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 04-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 20-2020 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Administration Advisory Committee Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Administration Advisory Committee is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing input in the preparation of resolutions, Ordinances, and rules, for consideration for ratification by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Administration Advisory Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and two (2) Non-voting members: One (1) City Councilor and one (1) City Administrator. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

Seats 1 & 2: 01/2024, 01/2027, 01/2030, 01/2033, 01/2036, 01/2039, 01/2042

Seats 3 & 4: 01/2025, 01/2028, 01/2031, 01/2034, 01/2037, 01/2040, 01/2043

Seat 5: 01/2026, 01/2029, 01/2032, 01/2035, 01/2038, 01/2041, 01/2044

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Three (3) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur monthly. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Administration Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Formulating recommended resolutions, ordinances, and rules for the governance of the City for City Council consideration for approval.
2. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.
3. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
4. An annual report should be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.

5. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

This resolution becomes effective 30 days after it is passed by the Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS [REDACTED], DAY OF [REDACTED], 20 [REDACTED].

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS [REDACTED], DAY OF [REDACTED], 20 [REDACTED].

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

TRT PROJECT BUDGET

Project: _____

Property Owner: _____

Project Address & _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email address _____

Fax Number: _____

Budget Category	Expenses	Dollar Amount	Reimbursement Requested
Personnel	\$		\$
Equipment/Supplies	\$		\$
Other	\$		\$
Total	\$		\$
Funds Requested	\$		\$

Prepared by: _____

Title: _____

**Signature of Point
of Contact:** _____

Title: _____

Note:

This Project Budget must be submitted in the original grant application.

TRT REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Project: _____

Property Owner: _____

Project Address & Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ **Email address** _____

Fax Number: _____

Budget Category	Expenses	Documentation Attached?	Reimbursement Requested*
Personnel			\$
Equipment/Supplies	\$		\$
Other	\$		\$
Total	\$		\$
Funds Requested	\$		\$

Prepared by: _____

Title: _____

Signature of Point of Contact: _____

Title: _____

*** Amounts Requested for Reimbursement must have adequate supporting documentation.**

TRT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Goal is to Beautify our City using Transient Room Tax

TRT program targets all properties in the Up Town & Highway 58 Business Districts.

- Maximum reimbursement is \$500 or 50% of project costs.
- All TRT request for Reimbursements should be submitted upon completion of the project.
- Copy of all receipts along with before and after photos are required for grant consideration.
- Grants are offered on a first come, first serve bases and must be submitted within the same fiscal year (July-July)
- For further details and requirements please contact the City of Oakridge to obtain the project criteria.

Steps for Participating

1. Submit completed TRT application to the City Administrator
2. Take 3 photo of project BEFORE work begins
3. Purchase supplies and complete project
4. Take 1 photo of project AFTER work is complete
5. Submit completed request for reimbursement form to the City Administrator, also email before and after phots along with receipts.
6. Receive reimbursement within 30 days



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Transient Room Tax Block Grant Program
Project Criteria

GOAL:

To use Transient Room Tax funds to beautify the City, by specifically targeting the properties in the Up Town District (C-2) and the Highway 58 Business District (C-3) requiring assistance for minor renovations, building maintenance, lot maintenance to include striping and landscaping.

OBJECTIVE:

1. Attraction of visitors to rural communities through presentation of well maintained business district properties.
2. Use of the TRT Block Grant program to promote visits and stays.
3. Promote return visits to Oakridge and Lane County communities.

CRITERIA:

1. Increase the number of visits to Oakridge and rural Lane County by improving the attractiveness of the Properties in the Up Town Business District and the Highway 58 Commercial District within the City of Oakridge through beautification.
2. Maximum reimbursement amount is 50% of project cost up to \$500 per project. For example, if the cost of the project is \$100, the business owner can request up to \$50 for reimbursement from the City. If the cost of a project is \$1000, the property owner can request up to \$500 for reimbursement from the City. A TRT Request for Reimbursement form and a copy of receipts should be submitted upon completion of the project in order to receive the funds. All request for reimbursements must be submitted within the same Fiscal Year that the funds were allocated.
3. A property owner can present a project to the City Administrator using the TRT Project Application request form. All requests must be turned into the City on an approved application. Property owners will be advised within ten (10) business days if their requests were approved.
4. The funds for this program will be allocated annually during the City of Oakridge Budget process. The requests will be taken as a first come first serve basis until all funds have been allocated.
5. One (1) picture before and one (1) picture after work is completed. The pictures will be emailed to cityadministrator@ci.oakridge.or.us with TRT Block Grant in the e mail subject line or submitted with the request for reimbursement form.

6. Projects eligible for the program include, but are not limited to, minor exterior renovations, building maintenance, lot maintenance (including striping), and landscaping.
7. Please follow the below listed steps to participate in the City of Oakridge TRT Block Grant Program.

Step 1: Complete TRT Project Application for and submit to the City Administrator or his/her designee.

Step 2: After approval take one (1) photo of the project area before work begins.

Step 3: Purchase supplies and complete project. Save all receipts for reimbursement.

Step 4: Take one (1) photo of the project area after work is complete.

Step 5: Complete TRT request for reimbursement form. Submit to City Administrator or designee with all receipts of funds spent. Also, email before and after photos to the email address above or include them with your reimbursement request.

Step 6: Receive reimbursement check after processing reimbursement documents within 30 days.

I understand that I must abide by these guide lines and the conditions outlined in the TRT Block Grant Application.

TRT PROJECT BUDGET

Project: _____

Property Owner: _____
Project Address & Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ **Email address** _____

Fax Number: _____

Budget Category	Expenses	Dollar Amount Reimbursement Requested
Personnel	\$	\$
Equipment/Supplies	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$
Funds Requested	\$	\$

Prepared by: _____

Title: _____

Signature of Point of Contact: _____

Title: _____

Note:
This Project Budget must be submitted in the original grant application.

TRT REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Project: _____

Property Owner: _____

Project Address & Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ **Email address** _____

Fax Number: _____

Budget Category	Expenses	Documentation Attached?	Reimbursement Requested*
Personnel			\$
Equipment/Supplies	\$		\$
Other	\$		\$
Total	\$		\$
Funds Requested	\$		\$

Prepared by: _____

Title: _____

Signature of Point of Contact: _____

Title: _____

*** Amounts Requested for Reimbursement must have adequate supporting documentation.**

Oakridge Rural Tourism Marketing Program

Tourism is a vital component of Oakridge's economic stability. We are actively soliciting events that promote tourism in Oakridge measured in part by the length of stay of visitors; county wide visitation; and return visits. These activities/events may, for example, center around recreation, sustainability, eco-tourism, cultural awareness, foraging and historical education opportunities to name a few. Oakridge is committed to the success of events that will promote Oakridge and increase our tourism economy.

The objective is to help provide "seed" funding and invest in activities, projects and events that have the potential for growth and self-sufficiency. The funds are generated from overnight stays and are used for programs that will generate more overnight stays.

If you have any questions prior to submitting your application, please reach out to cityadministrator@ci.oakridge.or.us or mayor@ci.oakridge.or.us

Eligibility Criteria

- Tourism promotion and tourism related facilities
- Only groups in good standing with the City of Oakridge may apply.
- Special Events

Priority is given to projects that:

- Attract visitors from outside the community
- Create overnight stays at Hotels, Motels, AirBnB's, etc
- Include or involves multiple community and tourism partners
- Leverage additional dollars or resources
- Self-Sustaining, have-growth potential, or builds capacity
- Measurable or attainable Return on Investment (ROI)

Maximum Grant Request

The Oakridge RTMP is allocated approximately \$18,000 annually.

- NonProfit organizations may request up to \$2,500 per eligible project or event for up to 5 years.
- For profit Organizations may request up to \$2,500 per eligible project or event for up to 3 years.

After which point, they become a Heritage Event, and are eligible for \$1,000 annually.

*Special Event exceptions can be considered if an organization cannot hold the event without more funding. Check the *Special Event Exception* box below if your event requires this.

Application Process Steps

Grants are made on a rolling basis throughout the year unless funding has been exhausted.

1. Applicants are required to submit their request to the City Administrator.
2. The City Administrator will then schedule an RTMP Committee meeting for application review. Applicants are encouraged to attend this meeting to answer any questions the committee may have. A scoring sheet that is consistent with the County's guidelines will be attached to each application for scoring. *Please note, these scoring sheets may be viewed by the public upon request.*
3. City Council makes the final determination of approval or denial at a regularly scheduled Council meeting. The City Administrator will advise you of when the application will come before the Council. You must be present at that time. *See City website for calendar of meetings.*

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications may not be submitted more than 12 months prior to the event and no closer than 3 months prior to the event. Completed applications will provide the RTMP Committee information as to how the event or activity will promote tourism and bring overnight stays to Oakridge. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Submissions must include the following documents:

- Request for Funding
- A completed RTMP questionnaire
- Advertising plan.

Decisions will be made on applications within 30 days of receipt and applicants will be notified of the decision.

How to submit your application:

Email: cityadministrator@ci.oaridge.or.us

Mail: PO Box 1410, Oakridge, OR 97463

Deliver at City Hall: 48318 E First St. Oakridge, Oregon

REIMBURSEMENT

1. **Keep all receipts and documentation of funds spent.** It is your responsibility to provide proper documentation, receipts and proof. Canceled checks attached to a corresponding itemized invoice are acceptable. Links to websites as well copies of brochures attached to paid invoices will also be accepted as advertising documentation. Pictures from the events or projects are required. These are just examples of documentation that will be accepted for reimbursement. You must present receipts to prove funds have already been spent as well as proof of advertising and the actual occurrence of the event.
2. **Submit documentation promptly after the event is held.**

3. **Funds will be dispersed on a reimbursement basis only.** All completed reimbursement requests will be filled within 30-days of submission to City Hall.
4. **An "After Event Summary" is required.** This will need to demonstrate costs, attendance, overnight stays, out of area attendees, fundraising efforts and advertising is also required. This information is critical to the impact assessment of tourism in our community and will be used by the RTMP committee to assess future requests.

RTMP QUESTIONNAIRE

Event Name: _____
 Contact Person(s): _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Date of Event: _____ Event Location: _____

Please answer the following questions regarding your event/project by circling Y or N.

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|---|------|-----|
| 1. Does your event/project create overnight stays? (hotel/motel/STR) | Y=10 | N=0 |
| 2. Does your event/project increase room stays during the Fall or early Spring? | F=5 | S=5 |
| 3. Does your event/project create visits or increase the amount of time spent in the area by improving the attractiveness of the community? | Y=10 | N=0 |
| 4. Does your event/project focus its marketing to bring in visitors from other states? | Y=5 | N=0 |
| 5. Does your event/project focus on attracting Oregonians to Oakridge during "peak season/" (June -August) | Y=5 | N=0 |
| 6. Does your event/project work with other organizations to market the Oakridge area within local, state and private agencies? | Y=10 | N=0 |
| 7. Is this a group travel tour or package? | Y=5 | N=0 |
| 8. Are you working with Travel Lane County? | Y=10 | N=0 |
| 9. Do you offer incentives to promote return visits? | Y=10 | N=0 |

TOTAL: _____

*On a separate piece of paper please provide an explanation for each question you marked "yes." Please number your responses corresponding to the number as above. You **do not** need to meet all to be funded. Scores of 30 pts or more will qualify for funding.

Applicant or Group agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and its officers, agents and employees against all liability, loss and costs arising from actions, suits, claims or demands attributed in whole or in part to the acts or omissions of Applicant or Group, and Applicant's and or Group's officers, agents and employees, in performance of the Event or project.

_____ Check here if your event requests Special Funding (see details above)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**REQUEST
FOR
FUNDING**

Budget Category	Expenses	Funding Requested
<i>Personnel</i>		
<i>Equipment</i>		
<i>Travel/Conferences/ Training</i>		
<i>Supplies</i>		
<i>Advertising</i>		
<i>Rent/Utilities</i>		
<i>Administrative Costs</i>		
<i>Other</i>		
<i>Other</i>		
<i>Total</i>		

Prepared by: Title:

Signature of Program
Contact:

Note:
**This form must be submitted in the original grant
application.**

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Event Name: _____

Budget Category	Short Description of Expense	Total Spent
<i>Personnel</i>		
<i>Equipment</i>		
<i>Travel/Conferences/Training</i>		
<i>Supplies</i>		
<i>Advertising</i>		
<i>Rent/Utilities</i>		
<i>Administrative Costs</i>		
<i>Other</i>		
<i>Other</i>		
<i>Total</i>		
<i>Funds Requested</i>		

*** Amounts Requested for Reimbursement must have supporting documentation attached. (Proof of purchase)**

For office use only: Total \$ Award by Council _____ on this date _____



City of Oakridge form for Individual Volunteer Activity
Those applying to be appointed to Council Boards or Committees are required to be present at Council Meeting for Appointment. Contact City Hall to confirm date.

Committee or type of volunteer work you are interested in:

Name:

Address:

Is your residence in the City of Oakridge: YES NO

Telephone where you can be reached:

Employer/Occupation:

E-mail Address:

Do you have any special training, experience, knowledge or abilities that are related to this position or that would help the work of this position:

In order to do a brief background check, please provide the following information:

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

I understand that I will be responsible and liable for damage or injury to any persons or property resulting from my actions during this activity. I shall indemnify, hold harmless and release the City of Oakridge, its employees, agents and representatives against any and all damages, claims, demands actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of whatsoever nature as a result of my actions during this activity and will notify the City in the event a third party is injured as a result of this activity.

I, the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have read and understand the above release.

Participant Name (Printed):

Participant Signature:

Date:



If participant is under age 18, a parent or guardian must sign this form.

As the parent or legal guardian of the above-listed minor, I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the volunteer service program described above. My signature below represents that I have read, understand the consent to the terms and conditions of this document.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed):

Relationship to participant:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

If applying for a Board or Committee, please tell us why you are interested in serving.

Please check mark any other City Committees, Boards, or Commissions Seat you are currently holding and/or any other City Committees, Boards, or Commissions Seat you are applying for below:

Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wac Subcommittee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Community Services Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Tourism & Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>

2024 City Rental Waivers

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>RENTAL:</u>	<u>VALUE:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>
1/27/24	GWP CB	\$80	Free clothing exchange by Carolyn Dodge
1/26/24	GWP CB	\$80	Dogs of Valor program (before Council authorized more)
3/29-30/24	GWP CB/grass	\$120	Moose Lodge Easter Egg Hunt

Total # of Waived Rentals to Date: **4**

Total **Value** of Waived Rentals to Date: **\$280**

All of the above rental waivers were approved by the City Administrator, as per City Council's 2023 Rental Waiver Policy.

Legend/Definitions:

GWP CB = Greenwaters Park Community Building

GWP Amp = Greenwaters Park Amphitheater

GWP = Greenwaters Park (entire park)

Business of the City Council

City of Oakridge, Oregon

April 4, 2024

Agenda Title: New Committee Resolutions

Agenda Item No: 13.1 – 13.7

Proposed Council Action: Motions from the floor to approve after 2 readings

Exhibits: 7 Draft Committee Resolutions

Author: CA

ISSUE:

The following 7 Resolutions were drafted by the Administration Advisory Committee at the request of City Council:

13.1 Resolution 04-2024 Administration Advisory Committee

13.2 Resolution 05-2024 Audit Advisory Committee

13.3 Resolution 06-2024 Library Board

13.4 Resolution 07-2024 Parks & Community Development Committee

13.5 Resolution 08-2024 Public Safety Advisory Committee

13.6 Resolution 09-2024 RTMP & TRT Advisory Committee

13.7 Resolution 10-2024 OEDAC

These new committee resolutions make the following changes, as previously approved by Council:

1. Remove the voting power from the Council Representative (except for the Audit Committee), even in the case of a tie vote by the citizen members.
2. Reduce the number of voting citizen members on each committee (except the Audit committee) from 6 to 5, but allow any citizen members who are currently serving on committees that are full to remain voting members on the committee until a committee member quits or their term expires, at which point the seat will not be filled.
3. Reduce quorum to 3 voting members.
4. Change the voting requirement to take action to: "A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting."
5. Allow up to 2 of the 5 citizen members to reside outside city limits (but still in the 97463 or 97492 zip codes).
6. Add "Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time" to the "Quorum and Rules" section.
7. Update the "Conduct" Section of the Audit & TRT/RTMP Committees to match the other committees.
8. Renumber and reword the "Responsibilities" Sections for uniformity.
9. Add "Members of the committee cannot vote on RTMP or TRT funding applications from organizations or groups they are members of" to the "Quorum & Rules" section of the RTMP/TRT Committee.
10. Remove the "Public Works Director" as a required Public Safety Committee member.
11. Correct minor scrivener's errors/typos (such as changing Community Services Director to Community Development Director).

As per point 2 above, all citizen members who are currently serving on committees that are full (have more than 5 citizen voting members) will be allowed to remain voting members of the committee until a committee member quits or their term expires, at which point the seat will not be filled. To make this clear, I have added this language to the recommended motion for each Resolution. Any committees which are not full will be immediately reduced by the number of seats necessary to be reduced to 5 voting citizen members.

City Staff (the CA) recommends passing all of the new Resolutions without any additional edits, with the exception of Resolution 04-2024 (the Administration Advisory Committee). For that Resolution, it is recommended that the words "or the City Administrator" be added to the end of the sentence in Section 4.2 under "Responsibilities," so that it would read as follows: *"Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council or the City Administrator."*

This recommended edit is based on the fact that the current and the proposed new Admin Committee Resolution both require the CA to request permission from City Council every time the CA would like to use the committee to assist with projects. The **purpose** of the Administration Advisory Committee is *"to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing input in the preparation of resolutions, Ordinances, and rules, for consideration for ratification by the City Council."* This issue is further explained in Agenda Item **11.1**.

FISCAL IMPACTS: None

OPTIONS: Approve, deny, or send back to the committee for further revisions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve all Resolutions, after adding the additional language to Resolution 04-2024 as discussed above.

RECOMMENDED MOTION 1 for Admin Committee Resolution 04-2024 with added language:
"I move to approve Resolution 04-2024, with the language "or the City Administrator" added to the end of Section 4.2, after a first reading."

RECOMMENDED MOTION 1: *"I move to approve Resolution _____ after a first reading. All citizen members who are currently serving on committees that are full will be allowed to remain voting members on the committee until a committee member quits or their term expires, at which point the seat will not be filled."*

RECOMMENDED MOTION 2 (only if vote on 1st motion is unanimous): *"I move to approve and adopt Resolution _____, after a 2nd reading by title only. All citizen members who are currently serving on committees that are full will be allowed to remain voting members on the committee until a committee member quits or their term expires, at which point the seat will not be filled."*

STRATEGIC THEMES/GOALS INVOLVED:

All

Old/current Admin Committee Resolution

11.1 and 13.1

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 20-2020 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 9-2018 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge Council desires to repeal and replace the previous Administration Advisory Committee resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Administration Committee is to be an advisory body to the Council and to aid City staff by providing input in the preparation of resolutions, Ordinances and rules for ratification by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Administration Advisory Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members: six (6) citizens at large and one (1) City Councilor who will only vote in the event of a tie. Non-voting member(s): City Administrator and City Recorder. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution. The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years, if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

Seats 1 & 2: 01/2018, 01/2021, 01/2024, 01/2027, 01/2030, 01/2033, 01/2036, 01/2039

Seats 3 & 4: 01/2019, 01/2022, 01/2025, 01/2028, 01/2031, 01/2034, 01/2037, 01/2040

Seats 5 & 6: 01/2020, 01/2023, 01/2026, 01/2029, 01/2032, 01/2035, 01/2038, 01/2041

Seat 7: Councilor Elected Term

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Four (4) voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from voting members shall be required to take any action. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Administration Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Formulating recommended resolutions, ordinances and rules for the governance of the

- City for council approval for council approval.
- 2 Other activities, within the scope of the committee, as assigned by City Council.
- 3. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS. 192.650
- 4. Annual reports will be completed in the fourth-quarter of the calendar year.
- 5. Reports or recommendations of the Administration Advisory Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature and shall not be binding on the Mayor or City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: A member of the Committee may be removed from the Committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the Committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the Chairperson as soon as possible.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS 21,
DAY OF Sept, '20

Signed: [Signature], Mayor

ATTEST:
Signed: [Signature], City Recorder

Ayes: 5
Nays: 1

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 04-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 20-2020 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Administration Advisory Committee Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Administration Advisory Committee is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing input in the preparation of resolutions, Ordinances, and rules, for consideration for ratification by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Administration Advisory Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and two (2) Non-voting members: One (1) City Councilor and one (1) City Administrator. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

Seats 1 & 2: 01/2024, 01/2027, 01/2030, 01/2033, 01/2036, 01/2039, 01/2042

Seats 3 & 4: 01/2025, 01/2028, 01/2031, 01/2034, 01/2037, 01/2040, 01/2043

Seat 5: 01/2026, 01/2029, 01/2032, 01/2035, 01/2038, 01/2041, 01/2044

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Three (3) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur monthly. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Administration Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Formulating recommended resolutions, ordinances, and rules for the governance of the City for City Council consideration for approval.
2. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.
3. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
4. An annual report should be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.

5. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

This resolution becomes effective 30 days after it is passed by the Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20____.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20____.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 05-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 06-2022 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Audit Advisory Committee Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Audit Advisory Committee is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff in the selection of highly qualified City Auditors and to assure clear and complete transmittal of audit results to the City Council and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Audit Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of three (3) voting members: Two (2) City Councilors and one (1) Citizen Member of the Budget Committee, and one (1) Non-voting member: City Finance Director.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen Budget Committee member shall be appointed for two (2) year terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

- Seat 1: Councilor Elected Term
- Seat 2: Councilor Elected Term
- Seat 3: 01/2025, 01/2027, 01/2029, 01/2031, 01/2033, 01/2035, 01/2037, 01/2039

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Two (2) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur as needed. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly-authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Audit Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Review with City Administrator and Finance Director those firms or individuals proposed for appointment as City Auditor in succeeding years.
2. Recommend to the City Council the appointment of the auditing firm that the Committee deems best suited to perform the annual City audit.
3. Discuss as necessary with the city auditors, any additional or particular areas of inquiry or audit focus which the auditors or the committee deem desirable or appropriate.
4. Review the communication to the Governing Body presented by the auditors. Discuss the material weakness(es) and/or significant deficiency(ies) (if any) and Best Practices

Recommendation(s) (if any) with the Finance Department and/or City Administrator. Verify that the auditors' recommendations are implemented as appropriate, and report to the City Council

- 5. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.
- 6. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
- 7. An annual report should be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.
- 8. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

This resolution becomes effective 30 days after it is passed by the Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20_____.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20_____.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 06-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 15-2020 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE LIBRARY BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Library Board Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Library Board is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing oversight and assisting in the preparation of policies and rules for the Library for ratification by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Library Board is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and one (1) Non-voting member: One (1) City Councilor. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

- Seats 1 & 2: 01/2024, 01/2027, 01/2030, 01/2033, 01/2036, 01/2039, 01/2042
- Seats 3 & 4: 01/2025, 01/2028, 01/2031, 01/2034, 01/2037, 01/2040, 01/2043
- Seat 5: 01/2026, 01/2029, 01/2032, 01/2035, 01/2038, 01/2041, 01/2044

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Three (3) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur monthly. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Library Board shall be as follows:

1. Formulating recommended rules and policies for the governance of the Library for City Council consideration for approval.
2. Oversight of recruitment, training and retention of Library volunteers.
3. All requests for expenditures of Library Funds requested by the board will be presented to the Library Coordinator for transmission to the proper authority. Expenditures will be made in

accordance with the procedures that are in place at the time of the request. All requests that are not budgeted regardless of the amount will be reviewed by the City Administrator prior to the expenditure. Any request for expenditures beyond the City Administrators authority will be forwarded to the City Council for approval of fund expenditures.

4. Oversight of programs, fundraisers and other activities that will utilize the Library.
5. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.
6. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
7. Provide recommendations to the City Council of long term goals and objectives for the Library. Pursuant to ORS 357.520, each public library shall make an annual report to the State Library and to the governing board a form supplied by the State Library. Annual Reports will be completed in the fourth-quarter of the calendar year.
8. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

This resolution becomes effective 30 days after it is passed by the Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20_____.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20_____.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 07-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 17-2020 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE PARKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Parks & Community Development Committee Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Parks & Community Development Committee is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing input on City Streets, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Systems, Parks, Trails, and Outdoor Spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Parks & Community Development Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and three (3) Non-voting members: One (1) City Councilor, one (1) City Administrator, and one (1) Community Development Director. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

- Seats 1 & 2: 01/2024, 01/2027, 01/2030, 01/2033, 01/2036, 01/2039, 01/2042
- Seats 3 & 4: 01/2025, 01/2028, 01/2031, 01/2034, 01/2037, 01/2040, 01/2043
- Seat 5: 01/2026, 01/2029, 01/2032, 01/2035, 01/2038, 01/2041, 01/2044

SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Three (3) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur monthly. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Parks & Community Development Committee shall be as follows:

1. Provide oversight of the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation System Plan, Stormwater Plan, Community Trails Plan, and the Parks Master Plan
2. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.

3. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
4. An annual report should be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.
5. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

This resolution becomes effective 30 days after it is passed by the Council.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20____.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20____.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 08-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 18-2020 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Public Safety Committee Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Public Safety Committee is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by providing input to aid in the development of public safety policies and procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Public Safety Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and up to seven (7) Non-voting members: One (1) City Councilor and one (1) City Administrator, The Chiefs of Police and Fire, and designee(s) from Hazeldell Rural Fire, City of Westfir, and Oakridge School District as designated by their respective boards. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

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SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Three (3) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur monthly. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Public Safety Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. To advise the City Council of the committee's recommendations regarding public safety policy, service levels, fiscal budgetary impacts, and sustain safe, healthy and livable neighborhoods.
2. To advise Council on educating the community about public safety and health issues, concerns and programs.

3. To facilitate Oakridge community involvement in public safety and health and increase citizen awareness of both.
4. In line with the above stated objectives, the following are examples of issues for the Public Safety Committee:
 - a. Advise the City Council on:
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Emergency Management
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Fire and Rescue Services
 - Police Services
 - Public Safety at City Facilities
 - Public Safety Legislation
 - Post-Incident Management
 - Traffic Management
 - b. Identify public safety and health needs in Oakridge
 - c. Develop educational programs and materials to increase community awareness.
 - d. Organize and conduct public forums on public safety and health agencies.
 - e. Promote opportunities for citizens to assist public safety agencies through volunteer activities like: Neighborhood Watch Program, volunteer firefighters, police reserve program, community emergency response teams, Red Cross volunteers and Search and Rescue.
5. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.
6. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
7. An annual report should be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.
8. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

~~This resolution becomes effective 30 days after it is passed by the Council.~~

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS [REDACTED], DAY OF [REDACTED], 20 [REDACTED].

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS [REDACTED], DAY OF [REDACTED], 20 [REDACTED].

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 09-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 07-2022 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE RURAL TOURISM MARKETING PROGRAM (RTMP) & TRANSIENT ROOM TAX (TRT) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge City Council desires to repeal and replace all previous RTMP & TRT Advisory Committee Resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the RTMP & TRT Committee is to be an advisory body to the Oakridge City Council and to aid City staff by reviewing applications and providing recommendations to the City Council for the distribution of Lane County TRANSIENT LODGING TAX (TLT) dollars received in the City of Oakridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge RTMP & TRT Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and two (2) Non-voting members: One (1) City Councilor and one (1) City Administrator. No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

SECTION 2: TERM: The Citizen at large members of the Committee shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. Members may be appointed to a seat for less than three (3) years if an appointee is filling a vacant seat in which a previous member resigned. The City Councilor representative shall serve for their elected term. Seat appointments will follow the outlined years:

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SECTION 3: QUORUM & RULES: A quorum must be present in order to convene. Three (3) voting members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority vote from the voting members in attendance at a meeting of the Committee shall be required to take any action. Regular meetings of the committee should occur monthly. The Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, may establish the date and time of the next committee meeting. No decisions will take place outside of the committee meetings. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda at any time.

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the RTMP & TRT Committee shall be as follows:

1. Reviewing, prioritizing and submitting all requests for RTMP & TRT funds to the City Council for approval.
2. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.

3. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
4. An annual report should be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.
5. Reports or recommendations of the Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20____.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20____.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:

CITY OF OAKRIDGE

RES. 10-2024 A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RES. 03-2023 THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Oakridge Council desires to repeal and replace all previous Economic Development Advisory Committee Resolutions & Operating Guidelines, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose and scope of the Oakridge Economic Development Advisory Committee (OEDAC) is an advisory body to the City Council and to aid City Staff by providing recommendations concerning economic development within the City of Oakridge to improve the economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oakridge City Council as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT & MEMBERSHIP: The Oakridge Economic and Development Committee is hereby established. The committee shall consist of five (5) voting members: Five (5) citizens at large (*at least 3 must reside within Oakridge city limits, up to 2 may reside outside city limits but must live within the 97463 or 97492 zip codes*), and four (4) Non-voting members: One (1) City Councilor, the City Administrator, the Community Development Director and a member of the Oakridge/Westfir Chamber Board of Directors (appointed by their board). No staff member may apply as a voting citizen member if they are assigned to the committee as a non-voting member by the City Administrator or per resolution.

The Committee will, at its first meeting in January of each year, or at any point in the year by simple majority vote, elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and a Secretary from the voting and non-voting members.

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SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Committee members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses after prior approval from the City Administrator. The Committee shall have no authority to obligate the city for payment of any sums of money.

2. No member of the Committee shall participate in any Committee proceedings, action or vote in which any of the following has a direct or substantial financial interest: member or the spouse, brother, sister, child, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, of the member, any business in which the member is then serving or has served within the previous two (2) years, or any business with which the member is negotiating for or has an arrangement or understanding concerning prospective partnership or employment. Any actual or potential conflicts of interests shall be disclosed at the commencement of the meeting of the Committee where the proceedings, action or vote is being taken.
3. When requested by the City Council or the City Administrator, the committee will assist in the vetting process of specific projects and leads. The City Administrator will delegate tasks to the committee members individually and confidentially. All members vetting notes shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" with the members name and date. All notes shall be turned into the City Administrator for confidential record keeping, and will not be made available or released to the public. When ready, the OEDAC committee shall hold an Executive Session (ES) under ORS 192.660 (2)(e) to deliberate over their findings and come to a consensus for their recommendation to the City Council. The City Administrator will then draft a written recommendation to take to City Council in executive session or regular session as appropriate at his or her discretion.
4. Other activities within the scope of the committee, as assigned by the City Council.
5. Keep records of minutes for each meeting per ORS 192.650
6. An annual report will be completed in the fourth quarter of the calendar year.
7. Reports or recommendations of the Oakridge Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be in writing, considered advisory in nature, and shall not be binding on the City Council.

SECTION 5: CONDUCT: All members are expected to attend meetings regularly, and abide by the Oakridge City Charter, the Oakridge Code of Conduct (resolution 18-2015), and this resolution. A member of the Committee may be removed from the committee by the City Council for misconduct or non-performance of duties at the request of the committee members via a simple majority vote. A voting member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall be considered non-performing. Absences known in advance should be communicated to the chairperson as soon as possible.

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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS [REDACTED], DAY OF [REDACTED], 2024.

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE THIS [REDACTED], DAY OF [REDACTED], 2024.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____, City Recorder

Ayes:

Nays:



**Special Fire District
Joint Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday April 15, 2024 at 6pm
Oakridge Fire Department - 47592 Highway 58**

AGENDA

1. Welcome

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Public Comment

2. New Business

- 2.1 Discussion of Special Fire District Feasibility Study

3. Adjourn

Meeting Information:

This will be a hybrid remote/in-person meeting. Citizens have 3 ways of attending and commenting:

- 1. You may attend in-person at the **Oakridge Fire Department at: 47592 Highway 58**
- 2. On your computer, tablet or smartphone go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3664311610>
- 3. On your telephone, dial: 669-900-9128, then enter **Meeting ID: 366 431 1610**
- 4. Detailed instructions are available at City Hall, on the city website, and the city Facebook page

***Accommodation for Physical Impairments:** In order to accommodate persons with physical impairments, please notify the City of any special physical or language accommodations you may require as far in advance as possible. To make arrangements, call City Hall at 541-782-2258. For the hearing impaired, the TTD number is 541-782-4232.*

OAKRIDGE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

It's easy.
It's free.



Saturday, April 27 • 9am - 2pm
Oakridge Fire Station 47592 HWY 58

Many common household products contain hazardous ingredients. Anything with a caution label such as **Danger**, **Warning** or **Caustic** can become a pollutant to groundwater and streams. Avoiding these products saves money and protects people, wildlife and our environment.

BRING:

Limit to 35 gallons from each household

- Arts and crafts products
- Car care products
- Cleaners
- Fluorescent tubes
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Paints and solvents
- Other household hazardous waste

Keep products in original labeled container or label known items.

Year Round Disposal Options:

- **Batteries & Sharps**—accepted at all transfer stations.
- **Electronics**—accepted at 9 transfer stations or, visit oregoncycles.org 1-888-5-ECYCLE (532-9253).
- **Fluorescent Lamps**—visit, lanecounty.org/lamps.
- **Paint**—visit, paintcare.org.

For more information on any of the above, visit lanecounty.org/hazwaste or call (541) 682-4120.

DON'T BRING:

- Asbestos
- Drums
- Electronics
- Empty containers
- Explosives
- Infectious waste
- Pressurized cylinders
- Radioactive waste

For information about how to dispose of these materials, call (541) 682-4120.

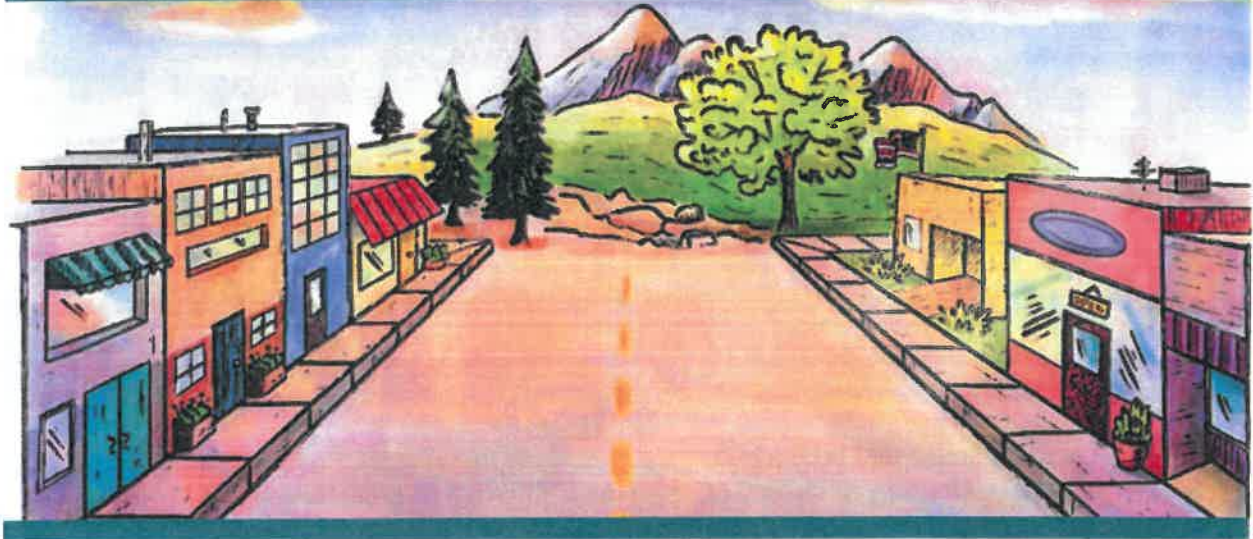
Lane County reserves the right to decline acceptance of any hazardous waste that Lane County staff deems to be non-household in nature or that is generated by a business, school, farm, church, non-profit organization or government agency.



Provided by Lane County Waste Management Division in partnership with Oakridge Fire & EMS. For more information, call (541) 682-4120.



What's your vision for Uptown Oakridge?



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, April 25, 4:00–7:00 pm

Location ~~TBA~~

Oakridge Museum

The Uptown Business and Revitalization Association is inviting you to this interactive community workshop to share your thoughts and ideas about revitalizing Uptown. Let's creatively brainstorm the future for our community through a hands-on activity.

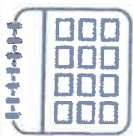
All ages welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact:

Lynda Kamerrer: 541.915.1212 | info@oakridge-lodge.com



SAVE THE DATE!



Monday, April 15th, 2024



Drop by between 5:00-7:00 pm

Oakridge Air Semi-Annual Meeting

This will be a casual open house where you can drop by and visit information stations to learn about any program areas you have questions about!

Oakridge Air Program Areas



Home Heating Upgrades



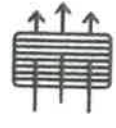
Community Firewood Program



Community and School Education



Chimney Sweeps and Woodsheds



Cleaner Indoor Air



Refreshments



Information Stations



Door Prizes

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

www.OakridgeAir.org



Oakridge Air

541-782-3422





RABIES

VACCINATION CLINIC

GET YOUR DOGS AND CATS PROTECTED!

SATURDAY

APRIL 6, 2024

10 AM to 12 PM

Dogs MUST be on a leash.

Cats MUST be in a carrier in your vehicle.

PORTAL PARK – WESTFIR – OVER THE COVERED BRIDGE

Cost: **\$15.00** per vaccine. **CASH ONLY**

Everyone is welcome!