

## **REIA General Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2020**

### **Held via Zoom**

Board members present: Janet Knipe, Annette Guido, Patti Kroen, Jayne Robinson, Cindy Thompson, Ken Mergentime, Mary Krueger. Attendance: 30 members + 1 guest speaker = 31 total.

**President Janet called the meeting to order** at 11:05 AM and welcomed attendees. She introduced guest speaker Lila Bradley, City of Lincoln City Director of Public Works, and acknowledged member and City Councilor Ward One Diana Hinton.

Janet read changes in the Lincoln City Government Update section of the **October 10, 2020 General meeting minutes** that had been requested by Councilor Hinton. Kim Blackerby moved to **approve the minutes as amended**. Cindy seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurer's World** – Patti gave a brief summary of current REIA finances and the following **updated numbers as of the end of October**: year-to-date balance in all accounts: \$25,568.98; year-to-date expenses: \$603.79 (8.9% of total budget); total income to date: \$644.28, which includes \$593.94 in dues and \$9.00 in donations. Kim Blackerby moved to accept the report; Laury Girt seconded, motion carried.

Patti introduced **Guest Speaker Lila Bradley** and expressed the appreciation of the group for her attendance. She mentioned the **pressing issues of Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Speed** as stated in our Membership Survey, and asked Lila to speak to how to coordinate the needs of the neighborhood with Public Works. Lila thanked the group for this opportunity. She stated that costs of projects are determined by first doing designs; that there are five-, ten-, and twenty-year plans and that each plan must be approved by the City Council and City Manager. **RE projects under design at this time are the RE State Park parking lot, trailhead parking, and the Logan Rd walking path.** Interpretive signs are ready but distribution is on hold pending budget considerations. Lila stated that she has \$30,000 in the budget for more **traffic speed cams** and at least one will hopefully be coming back to RE permanently. With regard to **speed tables/bumps**, Lila said location near the State Park would be appropriate, but definitely not in the smaller inner neighborhood streets. She reminded us that the County, when turning over Logan Road to the City, had given \$400,000 toward **culvert improvement** near the State Park. With regard to **street paving**, Lila stated that streets throughout the city are considered, not just streets in one area. Concern was expressed that some currently listed Public Works projects might be postponed by being transferred to the Urban Renewal District list. Lila assured us that **water and sewer pipes in RE** are in very good condition. Lila mentioned that there is **a clause in the Oregon statutes that says lower speed limits can be requested** and may be available for all streets in RE. She stated that speed will always be an issue on Logan Rd and she would propose a 20 mph limit for the entire area. She will keep this possibility on her high priority list, timeline about 4 months. Lila responded to the **apparent traffic cam speed data discrepancy** by saying that some cars drive into RE

and right back out, others stay varying lengths of time and each trip is recorded by the cam and added to the numbers, thus potentially skewing the outcome.

**Question/answer period:** Port Lane – fiber-optics/cable work was being done; permits are required, but Public Works does not always know when work scheduled with outside companies will be done; a needed speed limit sign can be posted on Logan Road near 70<sup>th</sup>; trailhead parking and path signs are in the preliminary stage; owner of large properties are required to put in sidewalks when developing the properties; Local Improvement Districts can be formed and are funded by individual property owners; Public Works Dept interested in grant money; beach access areas south of the State Park need attention; Logan Rd culvert clearing is moving forward but there are still places on the road where water collects. Janet thanked Lila for her time and expertise; Lila indicated she would like to return in February or March to further update membership.

**Lincoln City Government Update** – On behalf of all of us, Janet **congratulated City Councilor Diana Hinton on her re-election!** Hinton thanked us for our support and said she was proud to represent Ward One. She announced that **several volunteer opportunities are available** for various city committees, such as the Library Board, Parks and Recreation, Budget, and Sustainability. She recognized several REIA members for their volunteer work: Patti Kroen, Planning Commission Chair; Kim Blackerby, Planning Commission member; and David Jamieson, Parks and Rec Chair. In response to a question, Councilor Hinton stated that part-time residents might be eligible to volunteer on several of the committees and that the individual committee applications should be checked for this information. **Applications for all volunteer positions can be found on the city's website: [www.lincolncity.org](http://www.lincolncity.org).** B'nai B'rith has an immediate need for volunteers to deliver breakfasts and lunches two days a week; contact Hinton if interested. Councilor Hinton drew our attention to Governor Kate Brown's latest orders for a **Covid-related state-wide two-week freeze beginning Wednesday, November 18**, due to increasing case numbers: among other restrictions, inside and outside gatherings are to be limited to no more than six people from no more than two households; indoor recreation facilities to close; bars and restaurants to offer take-out only; grocery stores to be limited to 75% capacity. Governor Brown is also restricting out-of-state travel to essential need and then self-quarantining for 14 days following return. **See the complete press conference on the Governor's website: [www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov) or KGW's YouTube.** Echo Mountain Complex Fire update: FEMA approved its housing mission of supporting rentals for 18 months for those affected by the fire. **Mayor's position vacancy:** Current Mayor Dick Anderson has won his bid for election to the State Senate; Hinton reported that the vacancy can be filled by Special Election or by City Council appointment. She will advise us when a decision has been made. Janet expressed the **thanks of all of us to Councilor Diana Hinton for her continuing work on our behalf!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES FROM THE BOARD**

Due to pandemic restrictions, there will be **no Holiday Gathering next month.** Mary will collect holiday-themed photos and post on the website. Info to follow.

**We WILL have a General meeting in January** (Saturday, January 9, 2021, 11AM) via Zoom. Info to follow.

**VRD statistics** will be announced at each meeting, per member request. Planning Department employee Weston Fritz provides REIA a report each month. Numbers for October: 192 full-time VRDs, 3 accessory use (up to 30 days), 6 properties in transition. There are 584 VRDs city-wide. VRD complaints (including parking, garbage, noise): August - 33; September - 39; October -16.

Cindy has written a **blog for the REIA Website regarding the initiative petition being put forward by the 15 Neighborhoods organization**. The initiative seeks to establish new regulations that would alter Short Term Rental (STR) licensing policies in unincorporated Lincoln County. All registered voters in Lincoln County are eligible to vote for this initiative even though it will apply only to unincorporated areas of the county.

Patti posed the following question: If a home has a VRD license, is sold and rebuilt, does the license go with the lot or the home itself? Several members will look into this and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35PM. Janet announced that the **Beach Clean-Up Deeper Dive Brainstorming Discussion** would immediately follow with the same Zoom link and invited all interested members to stay online.

**\*NO HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR OR MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**\*Next Meeting: January 9, 2021- 11AM via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted,  
/Jayne Robinson, Secretary