

March 31, 2022

HDOG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: CAROL LATOURETTE, ANN SAUNDERS-WEBB, DAVE RICHARDS OSHIRO, GILLIAN EUBANKS, JENNIFER SILVIA, GARY RIFKIN, JOSEPH EDGE, SARA MCCLURG AND SUZANNE WOLF

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. The January 27, 2022 General minutes were sent out to members for their review one week prior to the March 31, 2022 meeting.
- B. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 27, 2022 minutes made by Ann Saunders-Webb and seconded by Gary Rifkin. All in favor to approve minutes as written. Motion passes.

2. TREASURER REPORT

- A. HDOG Account Balance 3/31/22: \$2,342.79
- B. Treasurer informs members that the current account balance reflects money made from Trolley Trail Festival donations/booth fees for this year.
- C. Treasurer advises members that HDOG has been sustaining itself from money raised from 2019 Trolley Trail Festival and because of that HDOG needs a sustainable source of income.
- D. Ann, co-owner of Awakening Coffee, offers to sell HotDOGS and give some of the proceeds back to HDOG on an ongoing, everyday basis. Suzanne thanks Ann for offer and will put that up for a vote with the new Board at the April meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Artisan Manufacturing Amendment: Joseph Edge, chair of the Oak Grove Community Council, spoke about HDOG's interest, this year as one of our goals, in partnership with the OGCC and the Economic Development Commission, to propose a zoning amendment that would permit *artisan manufacturing* uses in the historic downtown Oak Grove district. Last year, this proposed amendment was left out of

the package of amendments put before the Planning Commission and the BCC. It is the belief of the Planning Division Staff that the current table of allowed land use categories covers many types of uses that may be thought of as *artisan manufacturing* and that many of these are already permitted in the C-2 zoning district. At the January meeting, members questioned why HDOG should pursue this further with the EDC given the position of the Planning Division Staff.

Joseph explained that this amendment would allow the BCC to make decisions in a timely manner. An example of a small business that wanted to open a dog care service in downtown Oak Grove was given. The owner was required to go through a review process since “dog care service” was not already permitted. Even though the planning director eventually ruled in favor of the dog care service, the landowner had moved on to the next business which was storage for ATMs.

To ensure clarity in the code, Joseph is recommending that HDOG takes the proposed amendment to the Economic Development Commission who can help move economic development forward in Clackamas County by drafting the language for a definition of artisan manufacturing and where it would be allowed.

After some discussion regarding how restrictive parking requirements are on our economic success, Joseph recommends that HDOG pairs *artisan manufacturing* amendments with *parking requirement* amendments. Suggestion: To have documentation that shows usage pattern of parking in historic downtown Oak Grove.

Suzanne will send out to the new Board via email the following motion:

HDOG Board supports President Suzanne Wolf in partnership with Joseph Edge and the Oak Grove Community Council to:

- 1) advocate for the Economic Development Commission to provide a definition of *Artisan Manufacturing* to the Planning and Zoning Division, along with instructions for which zoning districts that category of uses would allow, and
- 2) pair that effort with amendments to the restrictive parking requirements that impede our economic success.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Trolley Trail Festival Update: The festival date is Saturday, July 16, 2022 between 11:00 AM-4:00 PM on Oak Grove Blvd. between Rupert and Cedar. Local musicians will perform, food carts, beer and wine will be behind Awakening Coffee from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM. There will be free kids’ entertainment and for-profit and non-profit vendors. At this point in time, we have 10 for-profit and 8 non-profit vendors who have submitted applications. Since the organizing committee has concern about the number of vendors who have signed up at this time, a few of us called past vendors to inquire about their interest for this year. Hopefully, this will get more vendors to

sign up before the May 16th deadline date. We have been fortunate to have a few sponsorships come in. The OGCC and OLWSD each donated \$500, the Milwaukee Pizza Co. donated \$100, Awakening Coffee donated \$50 worth of gift cards, ACE Hardware will be donating \$100 worth of items that can be raffled off along with the Awakening Coffee gift cards. Finally, Five Guys is donating 15% of their revenue from sales between 4:00-9:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month starting this month and continuing in April, May and June. An email and posts on social-media will be sent out one week prior to each Thursday to remind people to support the festival.

Officer Sara McClurg informs members that she will put a vote out to the Friends of the Trolley Trail to participate in the Oak Grove Trolley Trail Festival.

Suggestion: A social-media committee is formed. Ann, Dave, Gillian, Jennifer and Suzanne will meet to start Instagram and Tic Toc accounts to post ads about the festival and recruitment of new vendors. The committee will also sign up for Business Suite.

- B. Thank You to Past Officers: As of March 31, 2022, Pastor Heather and Gary Rifkin have resigned from the Board. Suzanne recognized their service and dedication to HDOG and the community. Both of them started their service at the inception of HDOG in 2017. HDOG and the community have benefited from their knowledge and wisdom.

Pastor Heather brought to the table a wealth of knowledge about the Oak Grove community and how it works which had guided us with our decision making. She also has a wealth of wisdom about people and when things would get gray or muddled, it was her wisdom that would make things clear. Thank you, Pastor Heather, for your six years of service and dedication!

Gary Rifkin's wealth of knowledge was apparent when it came to keeping HDOG's finances in order and providing monthly financial reports and recommendations. Gary also brought his wisdom to the table. He is very savvy about how to sustain a business. The ideas he has shared about running a successful business will always be remembered as HDOG moves forward. Thank you, Gary, for your six years of service and dedication!

- C. Election Results for New Board Members: Out of 14 eligible voters, 12 ballots were returned.

President: Suzanne Wolf

Director-At-Large: Kathy Witkowski

Vice President: Ann Saunders-Webb

Director-At-Large: Carol LaTourette

Treasurer: Gillian Eubanks

Director-At-Large: Dave Richards Oshiro

Secretary: Suzanne Wolf

Director-At-Large: Jennifer Silvia

President

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Treasurer

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