

REIA General Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2020

Held via Zoom

Board members present: Janet Knipe, Annette Guido, Patti Kroen, Jayne Robinson, Cindy Thompson, Ken Mergentime, Mary Krueger. Attendance: 32 members + 1 guest speaker = 33 total.

President Janet called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM and welcomed attendees. She introduced guest speaker LCPD Sgt. Randy Weaver and acknowledged member and City Councilor Ward One Diana Hinton.

Janet introduced and welcomed **new Board member Mary Krueger**. Welcome, Mary!

Cindy moved to **approve the minutes from the September 19, 2020 General meeting** which had been available in emails sent to members earlier this month. Alethia Ward 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 September**: year-to-date balance in all accounts: \$25,647.67; year-to-date expenses: \$319.60 (4.7% of total budget); total income to date: \$490.10, which includes \$439.76 in dues and \$9.00 in donations. Kim Blackerby moved to accept the report; Ken seconded, motion carried.

Janet introduced **Guest Speaker Lincoln City Police Department Sergeant Randy Weaver**. The Sgt. provided the following statistics for RE for the months of June through September, 2020: 367 calls received, including 13 disturbance events; 13 noise complaints; 32 fireworks complaints; 4 criminal mischief issues; and 12 traffic events (low due to Covid restrictions). He was happy to report ZERO burglary calls! Sgt. Weaver also shared with us **information for an eight-day period, March 9 – March 16 from the traffic camera** located on Logan Road near the State Park: 6,568 vehicles, most of which recorded speeds of between 20 and 29 mph. Unfortunately there was one recorded at 65 mph. He will contact Public Works Director Lila Bradley for data that covers a longer time period and report back to us. He mentioned that there were 4,244 9-1-1 calls September 7-11, compared to 552 calls during the same period last year. Sgt. Weaver requested that citizens report any parked cars which are not parked within the white lines on the sides of streets and those in front of fire hydrants, as well as illegal traffic on the beach. He will check into the reposting of No Parking signs on Logan Road near Sal La Sea which were removed when the mailboxes were taken down. Councilor Hinton expressed gratitude and **congratulations to Sgt. Weaver for 30 years of service** and for tireless work during the evacuation. Janet thanked him for spending time with us today. He left the meeting at 12:10 PM.

Member Survey Results - Patti gave an **overview of the Member Survey**. She thanked those who responded and provided input and called the survey a “living document,” a blueprint which has and will continue to provide correlation between REIA members’ goals, actions needed and taken, and those of the city. Patti stated that

today we would be focusing on two of several issues which had been identified in the survey as most pressing: parking and fireworks. **Parking** – Cindy stated that street parking is legal if there are no No Parking signs and acknowledged that parking in RE is limited due to narrow roads, especially near the State Park and at the top of Logan Road. She reported that City Manager Ron Chandler had informed the REIA Public Policy Committee that he is planning to present two new ordinances to the City Council in November: **(1) create residential parking areas** and design “parking passes” for residents who have no space on their lots to park vehicles (this would not be available to VRDs which are considered commercial and subject to timed parking); and **(2) establish No Parking Zones** – residents would be able to apply for signs for their areas and enforcement would be handled by Parking Attendants working with the PD. The ordinance could increase parking within RE State Park (possibly around the parking circle). **Public input meetings will be held electronically regarding this matter, check the Lincoln City home page to read details and sign up to participate (www.lincolncity.org - look for the Current News section and the Headline ‘City of Lincoln City Launches Official Facebook Page and Seeks Public input on Parking’).** **Fireworks** – Janet reminded us that REIA members’ comments about July 4th were contained in a letter she wrote for the organization to the City shortly thereafter. City Manager Ron Chandler is still taking input and will submit this input and his recommendations to City Council. He agrees that owners and managers of VRDs need to take more responsibility in informing their clients of local laws and ordinances, especially regarding fireworks. He also is considering having uniformed security guards at each of the beach access points in RE passing out information that illegal fireworks are not allowed on the beach.

Lincoln City Government Update – City Councilor Diana Hinton announced that she and the Council are **continuing to work on issues arising from the Echo Mt Complex Fire evacuation emergency** last month. Discussions may include possible road system improvement and developing a municipal community radio station. She said that the Red Cross and FEMA are providing shelter in local hotels through December 31st; after that date **FEMA trailers may be available**, if approved, but public space is needed (the Fernwood area in the Villages is being considered). Hinton stated that disaster recovery funds of up to one million dollars per affected and approved counties are now available. Lincoln County has not yet received approval for these funds. She is serving on **Governor Brown’s Echo Mt. Wildfire Economic Recovery Task Force**. She said that one of the Governor’s COVID priorities is getting children back in school. She requested that all of us **review the city’s new Facebook page** and also that we do our parts to **correct inaccurate information** being spread on FB and Next Door regarding the Urban Renewal District. She stated that **information about parking for hikes to The Thumb** had been modified and corrected and posted on various websites. Councilor Hinton was in favor of Patti’s suggestion to hold a **Town Hall meeting** where people could be heard. Janet expressed the **thanks of all of us to Councilor Diana Hinton for her continuing work on our behalf!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

Bylaw Change Vote – Bylaw change ballots have been sent out and many already returned. Janet requested those who haven't done so yet to send in their ballots as soon as possible, as the deadline is October 23rd. Results will be announced at the November General Meeting and in follow-up emails.

Beach Clean-Up – Member Alethia Ward acted as Beach Captain for a SOLVE Beach Clean-Up earlier this month. **Nine participants collected 40 pounds of trash ... well done, thank you!** Janet announced that there will be **an additional Zoom meeting directly following next month's General Zoom Meeting November 14th** for those interested in brain-storming ideas about how, or if, REIA should augment the July 5th Clean-Up with an educational campaign encouraging people to “pack it in, pack it out” year- round.

City Officials Diana Hinton, Patti Kroen, and Kim Blackerby left the meeting at this time.

Woods Development - Janet announced that there is to be more information on the City's website by Monday, October 19th, 5PM, and that REIA would send out an email blast to members on Wednesday, October 21st explaining this new information. She encouraged those who have previously written to write again. If a member has not previously written, their letters should be sent to Janet (janet.knipe@gmail.com) and she will incorporate them into one from the organization. In response to a member's question, Janet responded that she was aware of 25 letters written in opposition to the development and not aware of any written in support. Two previous proposals have been denied by the city; we must continue to be a presence in this process.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Next Meeting: November 14th, 11AM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
/Jayne Robinson, Secretary