

# **The City of Columbia City**

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



## **Basketball Hoop Study Group Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2014 - 10:00 a.m. City Hall, 1840 Second Street Columbia City, Oregon 97018**

### **Members Present:**

Kathleen Devlin, Citizen Member/Chair  
Larry Preston, City Council Member  
Beth Sisemore, Citizen Member  
Kirsten Bailey, Citizen Member  
William Frey, Citizen Member  
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

Following introductions, Members elected Kathleen as Chair of the Group. Leahnette provided a brief overview of why this Committee was created. She explained that the City does not currently regulate the placement of basketball hoops with City right-of-ways unless they create a vehicular traffic concern. She said throughout the years, the City has received a number of citizen complaints about basketball hoops, with concerns ranging from issues about children safety, unsightliness, obstructing parking areas, visibility issues (especially at night or on unlit streets), trip hazards, noise, abandonment, and damage resulting to property (landscaping, parked vehicles, etc.) All members expressed support of children being active and concerns about childhood obesity.

Members reviewed basketball hoop regulations for the cities of Milwaukie, Tualatin, and Beaverton. Members discussed whether or not the City should provide any regulation, and if so, at what level. Leahnette suggested we contact the City's insurance carrier and City Attorney to see if they have concerns about city liability, noting that the Tualatin and Beaverton regulations hold the property owner responsible for liability associated with the basketball hoop, and declare immunity for the City.

Members discussed the number of hoops that currently sit within the City's right-of-ways.

Future consideration by members will include:

- A letter from Diana Taylor suggesting that the Group require the hoops be placed entirely upon private property. She said Diana tripped over the base of a hoop, which was located on a sidewalk, during a recent snow storm.
- Feedback from City County Insurance Services and City Attorney.
- In general, members somewhat agreed that abandoned hoops should not be permitted, hoops that create a nuisance should not be allowed, consideration should be given to prohibiting hoops within the right-of-way if an appropriate paved driveway is available upon the owner's property, and permits should be issued for hoops within the right-of-way that include some rules and regulations.
- Members discussed whether or not neighbors should have an opportunity to provide input about hoop placement within right-of-ways near their property.

Members set the next meeting for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.