



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Planning Commission

Monday, February 22, 2016

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Kidwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Charles Kidwell, Tom Geil, Zachary Henkin, Paul Espe, Denyse McGriff and Damon Mabee

Absent: 1 - Robert Mahoney

Staffers: 3 - Pete Walter, Tony Konkol and Laura Terway

2. Presentations

2a. [16-084](#)

Metro Associate Regional Planner Jeffrey Raker

Jeffrey Raker, Metro Associate Regional Planner, gave a presentation on the organization of the Metro Regional Government. He explained that Metro was the only elected government in the United States at the regional scale and is primarily known for its growth management and its transportation planning investment. Metro serves as the metropolitan planning instrument for the region, primarily distributing Federal transportation dollars to the 25 cities in three counties and supporting regional planning efforts. Metro is a seven member Council from six districts and one that is region-wide for the Council president. Mr. Raker stated part of his role was to be a liaison with jurisdictions. He stated that Metro

- 1. Manages the Urban Growth Boundary;*
- 2. Manages solid waste and recycling; and*
- 3. Operates the zoo, convention center, expo center, performing arts center, transfer stations for hazardous waste drop-off.*

Mr. Raker explained that the 20/40 growth concept adopted 20 years ago included 37 centers for concentration of growth and 300 miles of prioritized corridors for development, including the urban and rural reserves. Mixed housing and employment were Metro's focus served by the mixed modal transportation system, with an emphasis on providing civic activities and public services to the population. Metro protects industry by providing freight mobility efforts and designating certain industrial lands for protection. Metro supported green infrastructure and parks systems. He stated that there had been three bond elections over the past two decades. Mr. Raker commented that in addition to being a liaison to local jurisdictions, he supported development and land use review functions to see how a city complied with the framework and functional plans. He stated he was excited to become involved with supporting the City in its efforts with the Willamette Falls project.

2b. [16-096](#)

Presentation by Luke Norman - CCC Transportation System Coordinator

Luke Norman, Clackamas Community College Transportation System Coordinator, stated his campus role was to reduce transportation barriers for students and to increase connections to the campus. His presentation included a description of the campus transit center. He noted that 10% of the students use transit to access the campus. He stated the current transit facilities were inadequate and do not allow for enhanced transit service in the future. He introduced CCC's proposed transit center and the shared-use path connection to Oregon City High School. The new center would double the bus capacity, remove the potential of conflicts with personal autos, and provide short and long-term bike parking with bike lockers. Benefits are proposed to be:

- 1. 25-year additional capacity plan;*
 - 2. Increase student access to career technical education;*
 - 3. Last-mile connection to Oregon City High School and Beavercreek Road sites;*
- and*
- 4. Improve rural resident access to jobs and social services.*

Mr. Norman stated the proposed transit center was dependent on successful award of the ConnectOregon grant. If granted, construction would begin in 2017.

Bob Cochran, Dean of Campus Services, stated that the new access point that connects Meyers Road to the campus would be the third entrance onto the campus. As busses entered from Hwy. 213, they would cross Douglas Loop and proceed through to Meyers Road. Douglas Loop would not be used as an egress. Mr. Cochran added that the Industrial Technical Center and a master plan amendment would be moving forward simultaneously through the planning process.

2c. [16-097](#)

Presentation by Vanessa Vissar - TriMet.

Vanessa Vissar, with TriMet's Planning and Policy Department, distributed a draft 20-year vision document and planning map for future bus service in Oregon City and Clackamas County and explained how it would support the Beavercreek Road Concept Plan. She described the planning and data-collection process that TriMet used to develop the draft vision. A final vision was anticipated by Spring 2016. She stated the public process produced the following goals:

- 1. Better connections between communities and job/education centers;*
- 2. More local service and connections for neighborhoods; and*
- 3. More service on existing lines.*

She highlighted the proposed changes in Oregon City:

- 1. Line 152, re-routing the line for better connections to Milwaukie;*
- 2. Line 32, connections to the Orange Line to downtown Portland;*
- 3. Line 79, more frequent service and added connections in Oregon City to the Clackamas industrial area; and*
- 4. Provision of a new service called Community and Job Service Shuttles at two specific locations.*

She explained the process TriMet utilizes to make annual bus line changes, including budget and fleet requirements.

The Commissioners asked questions related to local service and challenged TriMet with the City's need for intermediate bridging. Ms. Vissar agreed to respond to their question on the positive benefits of the opening of the Orange Line.

3. General Business

3a. [PC 16-033](#) L 15-01: Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan approval.

Pete Walter, Planner, stated the Planning Commission approved the readoption of the Beaver Creek Road Concept Plan on January 25, 2016 and asked that staff bring back a memorandum for the Commission to review that summarized their concerns. The memo would be presented to the City Commission. The memo was drafted to include the following issues:

- 1. Transportation issues, emphasizing haste in adopting the alternative mobility targets;*
- 2. Increase in TriMet service to the City and the concept plan area; and*
- 3. Holly Lane extension and connections, acknowledging the challenges.*

Commissioner McGriff felt the City should not be adding traffic to Holly Lane, and her concern should be acknowledged in the memo.

Chair Kidwell stated the Holly Lane concerns would not be resolved easily, and he felt the memo looked good to him. Aside from the Holly Lane concerns, there was consensus that the memo was ready for the City Commission's review. Commissioners Kidwell and McGriff agreed to present the memo to the City Commission at its meeting on March 2, 2016.

Mr. Walter commented that staff agreed with the edits to the Goal 5 section of the memo that would move forward to the City Commission, as edited by the Planning Commission and with additional input by Commissioner McGriff. The section would be organized into the subcategories for Goal 5 natural resources, historic resources, and open space.

Motion by Damon Mabee, second by Zachary Henkin, to approve the memorandum as presented.

Aye: 6 - Charles Kidwell, Tom Geil, Zachary Henkin, Paul Espe, Denyse McGriff and Damon Mabee

4. Adoption of the Minutes**4a. [16-099](#)** Adoption of Planning Commission Minutes for June 22 and August 10, 2015

Commissioner McGriff provided the correct name of the speaker for item 3 on the August 10, 2015 draft minutes.

Motion by Tom Geil, second by Paul Espe, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 and August 10, 2015 meetings, as corrected.

Aye: 6 - Charles Kidwell, Tom Geil, Zachary Henkin, Paul Espe, Denyse McGriff and Damon Mabee

5. Communications**[16-082](#)**

Laura Terway, Planning Manager, announced the hiring of a part-time planner, John Stutesman, who began working today, and a new full-time planner, Diliana Vassileva. She announced the upcoming Planning Commission schedule, including a joint work session with the Transportation Advisory Committee on April 11, 2016 with a Transportation 101 educational opportunity. She announced that communications

would begin soon on the upcoming marijuana discussions.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, reported that the kick-off for the Riverwalk would be held soon, and that the design team was in town last week. The partners group approved a draft IGA for governance of the project, setting up the decision-making authority for budgeting and specific resources to be provided by each agency involved. He assigned two Planning staff members, Christina Robertson-Gardiner and Kelly Reid, as .9 FTE dedicated planners for the Riverwalk project. The Metro development grant would provide funding for an additional planner to back-fill the loss of the planning staff for normal planning responsibilities, and other funds were identified to provide for the .5 FTE planner. He announced the Riverwalk event to be held on March 30, 2016, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Commissioner McGriff felt there should be more state agency coordination with the school district so discussions could happen to encourage reinvestment into the schools within the City rather than building new schools on the outskirts of the city.

Ms. Terway referred to the statistics in the Commission's packet of the planning applications the past year. She anticipated staying busy the next year, and there were potentially some larger projects anticipated.

6. Adjournment

Chair Kidwell adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
