



January 20, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Transportation Advisory Committee meeting of **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**, was called to order by Chair La Salle at 5:59 PM in the Commission Chambers at Oregon City Hall, 625 Center Street, Oregon City, Oregon.

Committee members present included Chair Bob La Salle, Vice-Chair Henry Mackenroth, Scott Failmezger, Thomas Batty, Gary Johnson, Steve Johnson and Robert Mahoney. John Anderson arrived at 6:06 PM. Cedomir Jesic was excused.

Staff members present included John Lewis, Public Works Director; Martin Montalvo, Operations Manager and Lisa Oreskovich, Administrative Assistant.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Bob La Salle requested edits to the minutes of November 18, 2014. Page 3 paragraphs 5 and 7 should read “rear end collisions” not “read end collisions”.

Mr. Mackenroth moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2014 as modified.

Mr. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Failmezger, Mr. La Salle, and Mr. Mahoney voted to pass the motion. Mr. Batty and Mr. Gary Johnson abstained from voting because they were not part of the Transportation Advisory Committee at that time of the November 2014 meeting.

Mr. Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2014. Mr. Mackenroth seconded the motion. Mr. Failmezger, Mr. La Salle and Mr. Mahoney voted to pass the motion. Mr. Batty and Mr. Gary Johnson abstained from voting because they were not part of the Transportation Advisory Committee at the time of the December 2014 meeting.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TAC MEMBERS

Mr. La Salle welcomed by Thomas Batty and Gary Johnson as the new TAC members to the Committee.

4. AGENDA ANALYSIS

It was noted that Scott Archer, Community Services Director, would, hopefully, present the Parks Master Plan at the February TAC meeting.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Carnegie Library Expansion Project Presentation

Joan Jasper, Architect for Scott Edwards Architecture, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Carnegie Library Expansion. The goal of the project was to move forward with site development after the meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Anderson asked what would be in the basement of the new library.

Ms. Jasper answered that all staff facilities, offices, storage and mechanical rooms, and staff break room would be located in the basement.

Mr. Lewis asked for confirmation that there would be no entrance off of the Jefferson Street side of the building.

Ms. Jasper responded that there would be no Jefferson Street entrance, only an egress. Instead, they will be making the spray park and playground more esthetic and bringing them up to code.

Mr. Mahoney voice his concern with the library drop box location. He wants to make sure the drop box is accessible to parents who want an easy place to drop off books.

Mr. Lewis suggested remote drop boxes much like other cities have done. He said that placement is key. He asked if there will be a retaining wall behind the playground.

Ms. Jasper noted that you can see the wall in the playground schematic, and might be able to be used as extra seating because it is a stepped retaining wall design currently. In addition, they will be putting in new surface for play area; soft turf.

Mr. Mahoney was interested in the traffic pattern around the site and how it will affect the neighborhood. He had concerns with the parking pattern and the fact it is all off-site parking.

Ms. Jasper responded that the library does not currently have on-site parking. It is a historic site and everyone has said how much they love the park and they wanted to keep it in the expansion. The Transportation Impact Analysis report showed that there was adequate on street parking. The library has purchased the parking lot at 7th and Jefferson Street for long-term and staff parking. There will be eight designated spaces at the Fire Station and Ermatinger House, as well. They hope to speak with City Commission to address public lot signage for parking, as well.

Mr. La Salle suggested that there could be a dramatic increase in parking need with the expansion and the plan is too far along at this point to do too much about it.

Mr. Lewis said there has been a lot of discussion about designating hours of operation for parking for the local businesses surrounding the library.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that page 16 of the Transportation Impact Analysis lists out parking and what is available. The capacity is 153 vehicles based on the provided diagram and answers a lot of questions regarding parking.

Mr. La Salle asked if there were any issues pertaining to transportation?

Ms. Jasper said there were not. The timeline is to break ground in July or August and complete work by September, 2016. They are doing everything they can about pedestrian and vehicular safety.

Mr. Lewis noted that the left turn from 7th to John Adams was looked at in regards to creating a turn pocket. He noted that it would create a loss of some parking spots in front of the fire station and that needs to be scrutinized since the library wants to keep as much parking as possible. There will be provisions for covered and uncovered bike parking, as well.

Ms. Jasper expanded on the bike parking by noting that code specifies the library needs 11 bicycle parking spots and it currently has 12. By code, 30% has to be covered bicycle parking.

Mr. Lewis said there would be three or four ADA parking spots designated for the library. In addition, the PMUF Plan coincides with the construction of the library expansion. This will involve utility locates, curb replacements, and sidewalks.

Mr. Montalvo noted that they will be doing value engineering so Library wouldn't have to bare entire cost of street improvement. The Public Works Department will be doing a 2" mill and inlay for all the roads surrounding the library. There will be all new streets outside of 7th surrounding the facility. Construction should be finished in spring and Public Works comes in August to do the road improvements. By fall there will be a brand new city block.

Mr. Anderson addressed page three of the Transportation Impact Analysis which addresses other transportation facilities. He asked if TriMet will be changing some of their bus routes in town after the light rail is in.

Mr. Montalvo replied that for TriMet bus # 33, service is increasing, but the routes and stops are not changing.

Mr. Anderson asked what LOS D and LOS F mean in Tables 2 and 3 of the Transportation Impact Analysis.

Mr. Lewis responded by saying they are Level of Service grades and described the flow of traffic. If cars stack up at that intersection and there is no flow then it gets an

F.

Ms. Jasper said that they will be submitting project to Land Use and Historic Society on Friday. They are hoping to break ground around July 1 or as early as April.

Mr. La Salle asked that TAC members with concerns or ideas to communicate them to John Lewis, Lisa Oreskovich, or him.

Mackenroth wanted to provide his support for off street lighting.

Ms. Jasper –noted they are working with PGE for onsite lighting.

Mr. Gary Johnson said he would be happy to meet with staff or John Lewis to go over his Transportation Impact Analysis concerns. He believes ADA parking should be addressed in the report rather than outside of it. He went to some presentations by Maureen Cole, Library Director, and citizens complained about parking. This report shows all these parking spaces here. These complaints won't stop just because it shows parking spaces on the street.

Mr. La Salle said he does not see parking to be as big of an issue as some people perceive it to be. Perhaps he hasn't hit library peak hours or is lucky.

Mr. Mahoney feels they have done a pretty good job with the design. He reminded everyone that there are always unintended consequences and it won't be perfect.

Mr. Lewis provided the timeline for project submittal to the City. There are 120 days in the pre-application phase and it was submitted two weeks ago. He would like to see Mr. Gary Johnson's thoughts on latest version of Transportation Impact Analysis. He hopes they can bring questions back next meeting.

b. Commissioner Brian Shaw

Commissioner Shaw stopped by to say hello and looks forward to working with everyone.

c. TAC 2015 Goals

La Salle provided the TAC with a list of TAC goals discussed with staff at a recent Chair/Vice-Chair meeting. This list consisted of the Citywide Safety Campaign, Hospital Master Plan, TriMet Service Changes, Neighborhood Speeding Concerns and Jurisdiction, Design Standards for Railroad Undercrossing on 12th-15th Streets, the Blue Heron Master Plan, Newell Creek Canyon Presentation, and sidewalk concerns.

Mr. Mahoney wanted to add that the City should retain the ownership of the property north of McDonalds on McLoughlin Blvd. He believes the City should not sell this piece of land. It would be useful for Blue Heron Mill project, and help with parking.

Mr. La Salle agrees that it would be a good piece of property for the City to keep. It is utilized for many events currently like the Teddy Bear Parade and the carnivals in Clackamette Park.

Mr. Anderson asked if Chair La Salle was looking for a motion to address this five topics to be incorporated into the TAC goals. He asked how to move forward with these.

Mr. La Salle responded by saying that they cannot do that because the TAC has to base their goals off of what City Commission comes up with as goals at the retreat this next weekend. He asked staff if any of these topics were going to be addressed in the next several months.

Mr. Lewis noted that TriMet will be addressed in the next couple of months. He feels the Citywide Safety Campaign is important. He said they can have a motion to make these priorities for 2015.

Mr. Anderson moved to make these priorities for 2015 and add Mr. Mahoney's idea for topics of discussion and analysis, and to not preclude anyone from adding something down the road, and to work these into meetings as time is available.

Mr. Mackenroth seconded the motion and asked to add to our list of concerns the retention of the old piece of property from the old sewer plant (north of McDonald's next to Hwy 99).

Mr. Lewis said he would ask Eric Underwood, Economic Development Manager, to talk about this property at a future meeting.

Mr. Failmezger, Mr. La Salle, Mr. Gary Johnson, Mr. Steve Johnson, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Mahoney voted to pass the motion.

d. Introduction of new TAC members revisited

Mr. Lewis expanded on Mr. La Salle's introductions of Mr. Thomas Batty and Mr. Gary Johnson. Mr. Thomas Batty is the representative for the Chamber of Commerce and will be serving a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Gary Johnson is filling the at-large position and will be serving a term of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

e. Public Works Director Report

(i) Chair and Vice-Chair ByLaw Revisions

Mr. Lewis discussed the recent Chair/Vice-Chair meeting discussion of longer terms for the Chair and Vice-Chair. The goal is to make the terms for two years, not one year. Revision of the TAC ByLaws were provided to all TAC members for review.

Mr. Anderson moved to accept the drafted changes.

Mr. Mahoney seconded the motion.

Mr. La Salle, Mr. Mackenroth, Mr. Gary Johnson, Mr. Steve Johnson, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Failmezger voted to pass the motion.

Mr. Gary Johnson asked if the ByLaw revision would begin now or wait until next election term.

Mr. La Salle said it was up to the pleasure of the Committee to decide if it would retroactively take effect his term beginning January 1, 2015.

Mr. Anderson moved to grandfather Mr. La Salle in and serve a two year term.

Mr. Steve Johnson to second the motion.

Mr. La Salle, Mr. Mackenroth, Mr. Gary Johnson, Mr. Mackenroth, Mr. Batty, and Mr. Failmezger voted to pass the motion.

(ii) **Linn Ave/Leland Rd/Meyers Rd Corridor Concept Plan**

Mr. Lewis just received an email that the engineering firm is submitting their draft, but he did not have time to review before the meeting. He asked to defer this topic of discussion to the next meeting.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Steve Johnson brought to Mr. Lewis's attention that the streetlights at Barclay Hills Drive and Molalla Avenue are not bright enough.

Mr. La Salle said that he was going to enforce the three minute rule for citizen comment to help keep the meeting on track. In addition, we would be asking speakers to keep presentations to ten minutes to help keep the meeting length shorter.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oreskovich
Administrative Assistant