

Memorandum

To: Willamette Falls Legacy Project Partners Group

From: Willamette Falls Legacy Project staff

Date: August 18, 2016

Re: Willamette Falls Legacy Project and We Love Clean Rivers discussion summary

On August 11, 2016, staff with the Willamette Falls Legacy Project (WFLP) held a meeting with representatives from We Love Clean Rivers (WLCR). The meeting followed a previous meeting between WFLP and We Love Clean Rivers in June, along with ample correspondence over the past few months. The meeting followed several work sessions in which the WFLP Partners Group, Oregon City Commission, Metro Council, and Clackamas County Board of Commissioners discussed We Love Clean Rivers' whitewater park proposal in relation to the riverwalk. The detailed meeting notes are attached to this memo, with key takeaways listed below.

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

Sam Drevo, We Love Clean Rivers

Travis Kruger, We Love Clean Rivers

Danielle Cowan, Clackamas County Tourism

CJ Sylvester, Fortrose Group Ltd. (project management consultant for We Love Clean Rivers)

Noah Siegel, Metro

Gary Barth, Clackamas County

Kelly Reid, Oregon City

MG Devereux, State Parks

Alex Perove, Metro

Tony Konkol, Oregon City

The following are short descriptions of the riverwalk and whitewater park projects:

The Willamette Falls Legacy Project Partners are responsible for the design and construction of public access to Willamette Falls, on an easement donated by Falls Legacy LLC, that reflects the four core values and serves as a catalyst for economic development on the former Blue Heron site. The Partners are also engaged in a joint development strategy with the property owner, Falls Legacy LLC, for integrated infrastructure planning, and are very early in that process.

We Love Clean Rivers is advancing the concept proposal of a water channel on the former Blue Heron site that could serve as an Olympic level whitewater facility. They have support from Falls Legacy LLC for the development idea.

Key Takeaways from the discussion include:

1. The Legacy Project must deliver public access to the falls through the riverwalk project, and comply with a specific scope, schedule and budget.
2. The WLCR proposal for a whitewater park does not aim to cause delay or additional costs for the riverwalk.
3. The whitewater park concept and the riverwalk are not mutually exclusive; WLCR will be responsible for providing additional information related to the feasibility and design of the whitewater park, independent of the riverwalk efforts.

4. The Legacy Project will share available due diligence analysis to help WLCR evaluate feasibility of the Whitewater Park.
5. The Legacy Project will provide WLCR with a list of basic feasibility considerations needed for any Partners decision on project integration.
6. The Legacy Project will continue to include kayaking and river access as potential programming activities in the riverwalk design.