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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Commission

Dan Holladay, Mayor
Brian Shaw, Commission President
Nancy Ide, Frank O'Donnell, Renate Mengelberg

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

5:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission

1. Convene the Joint Work Session of the Planning and City Commissions

Commission President Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Commissioner Brian Shaw, Commissioner Nancy Ide, Commissioner Renate Mengelberg, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Zachary Henkin, Commissioner Paul Espe, Commissioner Damon Mabee, Commissioner Robert Mahoney and Member Vern Johnson

Absent: 3 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Denyse McGriff and Commissioner Tom Geil

Staffers: 11 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Community Development Director Laura Terway, Human Resources Director Jim Loeffler, Community Services Director Phil Lewis, Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band, Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood, City Recorder Kattie Riggs, Public Works Director John Lewis, Library Director Maureen Cole, Finance Director Wyatt Parno and Christina Robertson-Gardiner

3. Discussion Items

3a. Willamette Falls Legacy Project Riverwalk and Phase 1 Implementation

Alex Gilbertson, Senior Planner with Metro and project manager for the Riverwalk, discussed the four core values, community engagement, design reveal event at OMSI, and key uses that shaped the design of the Riverwalk. She then explained the existing conditions of the site and the proposed design. The design included public access, re-use of structures, a working waterfront, river fluctuation, habitat restoration, and redevelopment. There were two options for the southeast corner of the site. She displayed pictures of the riverfront and presented both the existing conditions and the proposed design. She showed the Phase 1 project area as well as the structures that would be demolished, the Overlook, habitat connections, proposed PGE dam, and pathways.

There was discussion regarding making sure there was access for all to the site, access to the river, water quality concerns, demolition work, and future play tower.

Ms. Gilbertson said they were planning to submit the land use application in the fall.

Planning Commissioner Mahoney suggested a tribute to John McLoughlin and/or the pioneers at the site. Ms. Gilbertson said there was an Interpretive Framework Plan as part of the project to decide how the stories would be told.

Planning Commissioner Espe suggested creating a heritage trail.

Brian Moore, project manager for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, thought these ideas could be phased in over time as a lot of redevelopment of the site needed to be done first.

3b.**Riverwalk Parking, Access and Transportation Plan**

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planner, and Rick Williams, consultant, discussed the Riverwalk transportation access and parking strategy.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner reviewed the history from 2014 where the site was rezoned and offsite transportation improvements were identified. These included an intelligent transportation system advanced warning light at the tunnel, prohibiting left turn lanes northbound from 99E to Main Street, realignment of Railroad Avenue, and a raised median or pork-chop at the Water Avenue/99E intersection. She showed a picture of the future redevelopment on Main Street. She then explained the goals for the transportation, access, and parking plan and the timeline and calendar for the project.

Mr. Williams discussed the parking and transportation demand management plan. He explained the need for multi-modal ways to access the site which would expand the opportunities for people to come to the site as well as improve the economic environment and livability. He then reviewed the public input that had been received and the preferred strategies. He discussed the inside outside approach which maximized the existing infrastructure and opportunities first and then worked on the major capital systems needed. All of the strategies would be finalized into near, mid, and long term strategies and would be linked to opportunities, growth, and responsiveness.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a tram and connectivity to West Linn, interim parking on the site, partnerships with Transportation Management Association and car shares, accommodating Transportation Network Company (TNC) drivers, working with the Tourism Plan, forming an advisory committee, possibility of a river taxi and light rail to the site, and evolving parking needs.

4. Communications

There were no communications.

5. Adjournment

Commission President Shaw adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder