



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes City Commission

Doug Neeley, Mayor
Kathy Roth, Commission President
Betty Mumm, Carol Pauli, Rocky Smith, Jr.

Monday, November 4, 2013

5:30 PM

Commission Chambers

Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission

1. Convene Joint Work Session and Roll Call

Mayor Neeley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: 11 - Mayor Doug Neeley, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Betty Mumm, Commissioner Carol Pauli, Commissioner Kathy Roth, Commissioner Charles Kidwell, Commissioner Robert Mahoney, Commissioner Tom Geil, Commissioner Damon Mabee, Commissioner Zachary Henkin and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Absent: 1 - Member Paul Espe

Staffers: 4 - Community Development Director Tony Konkol, City Recorder Nancy Ide, Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner and Public Works Director John Lewis

2. Discussion Items

Mayor Neeley led a moment of silence in honor of Police Officer Robert Libke who lost his life in the line of duty.

2a. 13-612

Willamette Falls Legacy Project - Presentation by Tom Meyer of MSR Architects

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, said the Willamette Falls Legacy Project began in February 2011. They had entered a new phase of engaging with the community to determine what people would like to see on the property in the future. Staff had taken that input and was working on a map and final recommendation.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planner, reviewed the work that had been done on the project to date. There would be a professionals community conversation on November 5. She introduced Tom Meyer with MSR Architects.

The City Commission and Planning Commission introduced themselves.

Mr. Meyer discussed three waterfront projects that he had been involved with. He explained the history of the projects, master planning and design elements of the redevelopment, financing for the projects, and how the sites were currently being used. Two projects were in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Mill City Museum and Central Riverfront redevelopment. The other two projects were the Urban Outfitters campus in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Centennial Mills in Portland, Oregon.

The Commissions asked questions about the projects including dealing with flooding, getting people on the site, preserving the site as much as possible, public and private

investments, and Tax Increment Financing.

Mr. Meyer said projects like these took a long time and he encouraged the Commissions to be patient and find the community champions that could help with the project. This was a national treasure that would draw the passion and financing of others over time.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner stated the opt-in survey was on the project website and encouraged everyone to participate before November 15. The next community interactive event would be December 12.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Neeley adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Ide, City Recorder