



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.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission

1. Convene Joint Work Session and take Roll Call

Mayor Neeley called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Present: 10 - Mayor Doug Neeley, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Betty Mumm, Commissioner Carol Pauli, Commissioner Kathy Roth, Commissioner Charles Kidwell, Commissioner Damon Mabee, Commissioner Robert Mahoney, Member Paul Espe and Commissioner Denyse McGriff

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Zachary Henkin and Commissioner Tom Geil

Staffers: 10 - City Manager David Frasher, Community Development Director Tony Konkol, City Recorder Nancy Ide, Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Public Works Director John Lewis, Finance Director Wyatt Parno, Police Chief and Public Safety Director James Band, Attorney Carrie Richter, Library Director Maureen Cole and Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood

2. Discussion Items

2a. PC 13-082 Willamette Falls Legacy Project Update

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, discussed a letter of intent that had been submitted to the trustee by Langley Investment Properties to purchase the Blue Heron site.

Ellen Wyoming of Cogan Owens Cogan explained the process for the Willamette Falls Legacy project and reported on the community events, survey, and the public comments received.

Mike Zilis of Walker Macy and Kevin Johnson of GBD Architects described the qualities of the site. They then reviewed the core values, the public comments related to the core values, and showed pictures of the site and how it could be redeveloped.

There was discussion regarding public access, height of the structures, new construction appropriately reflecting the history of the site, anticipated visitors, memorial wall, integrating the old gas station nearby, traffic and parking concerns, focusing on the use of the river, planned unit development for the site, environmental concerns for salmon and migratory birds, engagement of the tribes, how to encourage developers to follow what the City wanted, and public access.

There was consensus that the product was heading in the right direction and was what was expected.

William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, spoke about transportation on the river. When the locks were opened, there would be the opportunity for moving commercial goods and a docking facility should be in the plans. He also thought rail traffic for transportation of goods should be considered.

Planning Commissioner Mabee suggested sending a thank you letter to the Minnesota graduates for their work on the project.

Mr. Konkol encouraged everyone to go the Willamette Falls Legacy project website to stay involved in the process. The third open house community interactive event would be held on December 12.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Neeley adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Ide, City Recorder