

**CITY OF OREGON CITY
JOINT RETREAT OF THE CITY COMMISSION
AND URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 22, 2010

1. **Joint Session with Urban Renewal Commission Introduction to Joint Retreat Agenda Focus on Goals, Accomplishments to date, and Issues for the Future**

Roll Call: Don Slack, Chair; Doug Neeley; James Nicita ; Daphne Wuest; Rocky Smith, Jr; Robb Crocker; Graham Peterson; Brian Shaw ; Alice Norris ; and Nancy Walters.

Staff Present: Larry Patterson, City Manager; Mike Conrad, Police Chief and Public Safety Director; Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer and Public Works Director; Tony Konkol, Community Development Director; Nancy Ide, City Recorder; Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Jim Loeffler, Human Resources Director; David Wimmer, Finance Director; Dan Drentlaw, Economic Development Manager; Teri Bankhead, Office Specialist III-City Manager's Office; and Kelly Burgoyne, Office Specialist II.

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Mayor Norris said the main City goal was sustainability. At the end of the meeting, the expectation was to have a list of Urban Renewal priorities to give staff direction.

Larry Patterson, City Manager, discussed the current list of Commission goals and objectives and listed the achievements of the last seven years. He also reviewed Urban Renewal financing focusing on the Cove development and the scenarios for what would happen if the Cove project did or did not go forward and on the Rivers project. He then discussed the City budget and how it would be difficult to take on new programs and gave ways to maintain what was being done currently.

2. **6:30 - 6:45 Break**

3. **Focus on Main Street - Lloyd Purdy Focus on Design Standards**

Lloyd Purdy, Downtown Manager, gave a presentation on the Main Street program including the stakeholders, areas of focus, goals, exploring potential, the environment downtown, funding, the Urban Renewal Commission's impact on downtown, and next steps.

The Commission wished to have a future discussion on creative financing for Main Street projects including loans, facade improvements, and EID.

Nancy Kraushaar, City Engineer and Public Works Director, gave an update on the Streetscape Enhancement Project and Circulation Study.

Dan Drentlaw, Economic Development Manager, discussed the Main Street design guidelines and Metro Development Opportunity Grant. The City also applied for a DLCD grant to look at market feasibility for developing the north end.

The Commission also wanted a future discussion on downtown housing, codes and requirements, feasibility, and what type and mix.

There was discussion regarding the Main Street design guidelines and a check list built off of the guidelines for the Storefront Grant Program. A subcommittee would review the guidelines by March 1 and changes would be presented at a March Urban Renewal Commission meeting. There was also discussion regarding reviewing applications for the Storefront Grants a few times a year to evaluate them against each other.

4. **Focusing on the Future: 2010 and Beyond - Vision and Mission**

Mr. Patterson reviewed the Fire Annexation pledge and the budget. The vision was to re-establish Oregon City's historic role as a regional hub. There was discussion about how to align the vision with the mission and moving projects forward.

There was specific discussion about the Rivers project and giving direction for its development and concerns about the Rivers project financing. Staff would research the Commission's questions.

The majority of the Commission wished to move forward with the Rivers project. It was requested to have more frequent updates as the project continued.

5. **Setting Priorities: Discussion of Issues, Individual Views, Concerns Setting Direction: Date for Retreat with New City Manager**

Issues to be discussed in the future were: energy production possibilities and alternatives for siting in the north end area, space for Farmers Market and small business incubator, space for performing arts, options for the paper mill, and presentation on the work product for the Cove.

6. **Other Discussion Items**

7. **Adjournment**

Mayor Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Ide, City Recorder