

Riverfront Board Meeting

Minutes – April 12, 2005

Attendees: Wall, Stacey, Green, Martin, St. Clair, Klein, Darling
Guests: Gill Williams, Ed Zumwalt

Minutes

The group discussed the two versions of minutes from the March 8 meeting. They agreed that the short version, or summary, of the minutes was fine as long as important decisions and statements were represented “verbatim”. St. Clair motioned to approve the long version of the minutes from the March meeting, and Darling seconded.

Wall asked if page numbers could be added to the minutes for easy reference. Herrigel agreed to do this. Wall made one comment on the minutes. Green provided some “clarifications” for his own statements at the last meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes, as amended, passed, 7-0.

Treatment Plant Letter

Green noted that although Oak Lodge decided not to go with the consolidation proposal that Water Environment Services (WES) was going forward with the proposal anyway. WES staff planned to go to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on May 7 with an implementation plan for plant consolidation. Herrigel said that WES would be meeting with technical and policy representatives from the participating jurisdictions on April 25 to review the implementation plan and that they would then go to the BCC with it on May 7.

Green asked the group if they wanted to submit a letter to the BCC in favor of the implementation plan. The group agreed to a general letter stating their support for the removal (decommissioning) of the Kellogg treatment plant and urging the BCC to work with WES, the City of Milwaukie and the Riverfront Board to guide the redevelopment of the site (post plant removal). Stacey suggested that we be cautious with respect to supporting something before we know how much it will cost. Others also asked that Herrigel check with the City Manager to see if Council would be submitting a letter and what the nature of that letter would be. The group was concerned that the Riverfront Board not contradict the Council on this issue.

St Clair motioned that a letter be written by Herrigel and Green and forwarded to the group for review. Darling seconded. It was suggested that the following

statement be used before any declaration of support: “Recognizing we do not at this time have rate information...” The motion passed 7-0.

Declaration of Cooperation

Green described the declaration of cooperation that the Oregon Solutions participants would be asked to sign. He noted that the Riverfront Board would need to develop a statement of what they would contribute to the Riverfront effort. The group asked that the sample declaration be sent to them and that this issue be put on the agenda of the next Riverfront Board meeting for discussion.

Riverfront Concept Plan Presentation

Gill Williams presented two concept plans that he'd drawn up using the seven plans that the Riverfront members had developed for the March 8 meeting. Scheme 1 had 5 trailer parking spots and 7 car parking spots. All other parking was located either on the east side of McLoughlin Blvd. or at the log dump (near the Kellogg Plant). Scheme 2 had the same amount of parking for trailers and cars as exists now. Both Schemes contained a boat ramp and transient dock. Both Schemes also had walking paths, a play structure and natural areas near Kellogg and Johnson Creeks.

Comments:

Stacey: Would like a one lane boat ramp and to have the area be more organized (regarding traffic flow) than it is now. The OMB will still fund it if we have one lane. There needs to be a restroom in Scheme 1 though. OMB won't fund a project without a restroom.

Martin: Is there an adequate turning radius at the base? Won't there be a fairly long back-ups from entry to the ramp. (Herrigel noted that the Oregon Marine Board might be able to offer design suggestions to Gill that would make the boat ramp access feasible.)

Darling: Is there a bridge? (Williams pointed out that there was no bridge and that there might be an underpass at Kellogg if the Kellogg Dam project goes forward in the future. Williams described the technical and financial barriers to a bridge over McLoughlin Blvd – chief among them the need for large amounts of space on both sides of the Blvd for ADA ramps.

Green: When the Board last met with Gill Williams there was consensus that we develop two alternative Schemes. Now we find that the OMB doesn't require lots of parking at the Riverfront in order to fund a project. Rather, there needs to be at least one ADA and trailer spot near the ramp and other parking within walking distance. Could we potentially develop one Scheme that we all support and take that to the public? Having all members behind one project would be a reflection

of unity among Riverfront Bard members and a stronger way to bring the plan to City Council and the public..

Stacey: Need two because they are vastly different.

Darling : Need two since we don't have a bridge shown...

St.Clair – maybe we should have parking near the ramp be fee-based and other parking be free.

St Clair – what are we not meeting with these two plans?

Group discussed elements that would need to be added to Scheme 1 to have a single, acceptable plan to take forward to the public:

- Boat trailer and car parking at log dump site and on the east side of McLoughlin Blvd.
- McLoughlin Blvd. improvements as designed by DEA
- Riverside pathway – with multi-use path removed

With these additions, Stacey said he would support Scheme 1. Darling said that a summary of the history of the plan should be added describing the previous public input process and what's happened since then. [CH1] Darling said she could support scheme 1 with the changes suggested by the group.

The group requested that Gill create a single plan (Scheme 3) showing all these added features and bring that to the next meeting.

Darling suggested that the park development include removal of certain trees to open up the view of the river.



Next meeting: May 10, 2005 . Stacey said he couldn't make it. No alternative date was arranged.

St.Clair motioned to adjourn, Wall seconded and meeting adjourned (7-0)