

Riverfront Board Meeting
Minutes
June 13, 2006

Members present: Green, Martin, Wall, Darling, Stacey, Klein
Members absent: St. Clair
Visitors: Ed Zumwalt

Minutes: Klein and Wall recommended changes. Minutes were approved as amended 6-0.

Herrigel updated the group on the following projects:

Tri Met Park and Ride

- Planning Commission approved the Proposed Park and Ride at the former Southgate Theater
- The decision was appealed to City Council
- Council appealed the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA)
- It will be at least a year before the project gets going

North Main

- Project should be ready for occupancy by December 2006
- Street modification beginning now and completed later in summer

Texaco lot

- A committee will be formed of four Metro reps and four City reps to guide the RFP and development
- Anyone interested should contact Pat DuVal or a Council member

McLoughlin Project

- Project nearing completion
- Opening event to be on June 28th at 10 am at DeSmet Plaza

Klien Point

- Application for Klein Point design and in water work study was not funded by Nature in the Neighborhoods
- Herrigel met with metro staff about this and apparently no studies were funded

Kellogg Lake

- City applying for MTIP funds for preliminary engineering and design for removal of dam at Kellogg Lake and replacement of bridge at 99E
- Project would enhance fish passage and pedestrian and bike movement north and south AND potentially install underpass for east west pedestrian passage across McLoughlin

Comments:

Darling- Match will have to come from budget and City already low on funds for streets. Money should be used for streets.

Green – The creek restoration would allow for an underpass.

Darling – need more information on benefit of dam removal

Wall – simply draining the lake and creating a mud flat is unappealing – but if there is revegetation- supportive

After some discussion, Gary motioned that Herrigel draft a letter of support for the MTIP application for moving forward with the Kellogg Creek restoration and design. Motioned seconded by Wall and passed 6-0.

Treatment Plant Consolidation

- The CAC appointed by Council will receive a report on 4 options from their technical advisory group on June 19th
- A final proposal to the County Commissioners is expected by September

Concept Plan Next Steps

The group discussed comments they've received on the Concept Plan from the community. Klein said it has received very positive comments at the Community booth at the Farmers Market for the past few weeks. Stacey noted that the 17th Ave walk on Memorial Day weekend also generated several positive comments from the attendees.

Herrigel and Green said they had been discussing how the RFP should be crafted and the schedule for issuing it. Herrigel noted that the City had budgeted \$80,000 for the design but that Green was not sure that would be enough, based on the scope of work.

Stacey suggested that the Oregon Marine Board might be approached to provide engineering assistance. He said that the OMB might cover the marine aspects of the plan.

Green said he thought the City staff might cover the permitting aspects of the project to bring the cost down. He said that from his recent research on the riverfront projects it may not be hard to spend up to \$3,000,000 on the construction of the project (and design is typically 10% of the construction).

Darling said we should build on the momentum of the project and bring in folks that might help us financially.

Green said that although we were shooting for applying for state funds in April of 2007 we may not make that deadline. He noted that we might be able to apply for constructing a first phase of the project potentially. He also said he'd like to pull the Oregon Solutions folks back together to check in with them soon. He added that we might be able to craft the RFP so that we give the designers a fixed point to get to with the money we have. He didn't think we needed a great deal of public input and that will lower the cost of the consultant.

Darling said she had a huge problem with any big changes that the design might propose without public input. Green responded that the Riverfront Board would work closely with the consultant and would make sure that they followed the concept very closely.

Stacey requested that Herrigel ask the OMB if they would work with a designer that we hire.

Darling suggested we ask Scott Churchill from Historic Milwaukie to help since he is an architect and has good ideas on scale.

Darling asked if the Riverfront Board would be involved in the selection of the contractor. The group discussed various options, including, the whole Board participating and only a few reps participating. Green said he would not participate since he knew many of the potential consultants. Wall also declined to participate. Darling, Klein and Stacey all said they'd be interested. Green suggested that a business representative might be on the selection team or perhaps someone from an NDA.

Herrigel said she'd get back to the group with a clearer process and schedule by their next meeting.

Darling noted that the RFP should highlight the things that we're not willing to be creative on. Green concurred saying that the RFP should include the concept plan and maybe even the staff report that stated the elements of the plan that the Board and the Council had agreed upon.

Darling suggested that we have someone at the community booth at the Riverfest to field questions about the concept plan.

Ed Zumwalt said that Frank, from Oregon Rowing had said he'd like to discuss some options for storage of boats and use of the Riverfront with the group. The group asked Zumwalt to invite Frank to the August meeting.

Darling noted that she would be attending the June 20th Council meeting to discuss her concerns regarding the MTIP application (for the Kellogg Project?) and asked if anyone had a problem with that. The group said they would prefer that she speak on her own behalf and not on the Board's.

Wall motioned to adjourn and Stacey seconded. Motion passed 6-0.