

Riverfront Board Meeting  
November 11, 2006  
Minutes

Members Present: Wall, Green, Martin, Stacey, St Clair, Klein

Staff: Herrigel

Guests: Gill Williams, Kelly Rodgers (DEA), Andy Jantsky (DEA subcontractor), Councilor Susan Stone, Councilor Joe Loomis, Michelle Bussard, Johnson Creek Watershed Council

Minutes: St. Clair motioned to approve the October 11 meeting minutes. Martin seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

#### Staff Updates

- Herrigel reported that she'd met with Paul Simonis, captain of the Sternwheeler Rose regarding relocating the sternwheeler to Milwaukie and potentially renting space at the Cash Spot location. She said she'd keep the group posted on further discussions.
- MTIP listening posts continued through Thursday. All were encouraged to either attend or write letters of support.
- Solstice will be December 15<sup>th</sup> - ships leave River Place at 7 pm
- The Citizen Advisory Group for the Milwaukie Town Center Project (old Texaco lot) will discuss the draft RFP for the project Wednesday Nov 15.

#### Riverfront Design Discussion

Williams reported that the DEA team had held an internal meeting to develop ideas for the Riverfront concept. He said he wanted to find out from the Riverfront board tonight whether the concept was missing anything. He shared two alternative concepts with the group that still contained the basic "program elements" but shifted them around the site a bit. He further noted:

- This is a small piece of property to fit in a lot of elements
- This needs to be designed with the idea in mind that this will 'be somebody's front window'
- McLoughlin currently separates the Downtown from the Riverfront (creates a seam)
- Tried to create something which would draw people across McLoughlin Blvd
- Tried to enlarge the plaza at Monroe to make McLoughlin secondary
- May consider bollards around parking lot to block parking during off-season
- May be able to move entrance to treatment plant and make sole access to ramp at Washington
- Upstream dock may be preferable
- Sharing boat ramp access with dock access may make ADA access easier

Williams showed the group a concept which shifted the boat ramp to the south so that the boat/car activity was concentrated on the south side of the site, the amphitheater was to the north and pedestrian/bike traffic would not have to mix too much with car traffic.

Stacey: This concept (southern ramp location) takes the focus off the boat ramp, which I like

Wall: If we move the amphitheatre north – are we intruding on the natural area?

Green: How many people accommodated by the amphitheatre shown here? (Gill: 200 with spillover)

Williams: this concept attempts to make use of the existing conditions – like on the topography of the site

Green: Separating auto/boat traffic from human activity is great.

Jantsky: when placing the ramp – one gets a different answer when thinking about users versus habitat or current. All these things must be factored into the site location ultimately.

Wall: I think it's neat getting the ramp out of the middle of the site (St Clair and Stacey concur)

St Clair: How do we find out if it's possible? (Gill It is possible!)

Green: I like removing the seam and pushing the use up toward McLoughlin. I don't like the structure out in the water though – it seems to cut the park in two again.

Bussard: What will the water's edge treatment be? (Gill: we will try to restore as much as possible – we will be regulated there.)

Bussard: How do you channel access to the water in a concerted way?

St Clair: more docks would mean less cars since folks would boat in and tie up instead of driving.

Green: We have an opportunity to improve the transition from urban to natural, at the edge of the proposed plaza. It's important to use the plaza and its edge to demarcate between the two areas and it's important to maintain the natural areas along the river and creeks.

Jantsky: It may be possible to have a summer dock that the City removes in the off season.

Stone: A water feature on the Riverfront would attract kids

Williams: may need to place fountain at higher level so that there is adequate space to bury equipment

Bussard: Klein Point wants a quality of experience to change from urban to natural. It should feel like you are “ a million miles away”

The group discussed the fact that the first open house was planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup> and that maybe that should be rescheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup>. All agreed.

It was noted that all questions, ideas or concerns on this project should be channeled to DEA through JoAnn. She will act as the conduit.

Stacey motioned to adjourn. St Clair seconded and motioned passed 6-0.