

Riverfront Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 13, 2007

Members present: Green, St Clair, Klein, Martin, Seagler

Members absent: Stacey, Wall

Guests: Councilor Loomis, Councilor Stone

Minutes:

It was suggested that rather than using the word “revegetation” in the motion regarding Kellogg Lake from the last meeting, that the word “restoration” be used.

Klein asked if Johnson Creek should also be included in this motion. After some discussion, the minutes of the January meeting were approved as modified, 5-0.

Riverfront Design:

Herrigel updated the group on the progress of the Park design. She noted that the design was a bit behind schedule but all data had now been put into CAD by DEA. She said that although she had hoped to apply for construction funding in April 2007, she now realized that it would be premature to apply for construction funds before finishing the land use approvals and permitting for the project. She said she had placed funding in the 07-08 City budget to hire a contractor to begin the land use and permitting process. She noted that with the proximity of the two creeks and the Willamette, permitting was likely to be quite complicated and may take at least a year to complete.

Herrigel noted that she felt that the Oregon Solutions group should be reconvened in March or early April. Green said he had left a message for Brian Newman about doing so and hadn't heard back from him.

Herrigel reported on a recent meeting with the Oregon Marine Board (OMB) she had attended with DEA staff. She noted that the OMB had the following comments:

- The restroom needed to be closer to the boat ramp

- ADA parking needed to be closer to the ramp and restroom
- Parking spaces for trailers and vehicle should be the maximum length of the longest truck and trailer combination
- OMB staff did suggest that funds might be available for assistance with permitting
- The transient dock in its current location near the Sewer Plant might not be fundable.
- Facilities for non-motorized boaters and motorized boaters needed to be distinct and separated so that no conflicts arose between the two

Board comments:

- Green said that this was not intended to be a regional facility that accommodated every type of vehicle. He said that he felt that larger vehicles need not be accommodated
- Councilor Stone asked if the OMB would offer any in-kind services if the City decided to move forward with the ramp
- St Clair asked if the non-motorized boats might use a smaller dock off the south side of the boat ramp to avoid conflicts
- Councilor Stone also noted that Patty Wisner had had some comments for the DEA team at the open house regarding the style and design for the restroom being less linear and more integrated into the landscape.

Sternwheeler Rose:

Herrigel noted that she had forwarded to the group the proposal for relocating the Sternheeler Rose to Milwaukie from Portland. She said the owner, Paul Simonis, was undergoing surgery and was unable to come to the meeting. Simonis has asked if the City would let him use the Cash Spot building for an office and have the Sternwheeler moored off of the City's Riverfront. Simonis is looking for at least a five-year agreement in order to move from Swan Island where he currently moors. He has an agreement with OMSI to use their dock and parking for his cruise customers that has been negatively impacted by OMSI's recent loss of parking due to the Portland sewer project.

Herrigel noted that the Cash Spot does have a parking lot but that the City may be using this lot for municipal parking but that is as yet undetermined.

## Board comments:

- Martin: how long if the boat exactly?
- Seagler: Would this be a permanent arrangement?
- St Clair: Seems like parking is a non-issue since the cruises are after hours (starting at 5 pm typically)
- Herrigel noted that Stacey has said that no parking should be allowed on the west side of McLoughlin for this purpose.
- Seagler said that parking spots near Dogwood Park are usually open
- St Clair: if we already have a transient dock – why not have the Sternwheeler
- Klein: the timing is hard – it might conflict with the construction of the park. If we could get rid of the sewer plant – that might be a good location
- Seagler: I think it would be great – I always thought we needed a boat (could call it the Lot Whitcomb..)

General consensus was that if moorage and loading of the boat could be done south of Kellogg Creek and adequate parking was found on the east side of McLoughlin, then the group was supportive of the Sternwheeler being relocated to Milwaukie.

Green noted that people may use the parking lot on the west side anyway – all the City can do is make sure the Cash Spot is set up to accommodate customers. He further noted that the Cash Spot is a very important property to the southern downtown development. He said it should be the gateway to the City and this proposal should be mindful of this and not restrict use of the property by the City. Councilor Loomis echoed Green's comments regarding parking and use of the Cash Spot being important issues to deal with in any agreement signed with Simonis.

Herrigel said she would take the proposal to Council with the Board's recommendation.

Updates:

- The Town Center proposals are due February 21. The Advisory Committee will review them March 13 and an open house will be held March 14 for public review of the proposals.
- The Kellogg Lake made it to the final cut for MTIP funds. If funded, money would be available in 2010. In the meantime, staff has applied for appropriations for Kellogg Lake with Blumenauer, Smith and Wyden's office.
- An open house on the South Corridor Phase II light rail project will be held on March 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Clackamas ESD on Lake Rd.
- March 3, 2007 is the Johnson Creek Watershed Council's watershed wide event. The north side of Klein Point will be one of the work sites.