



City of Tualatin

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TUALATIN PLANNING COMMISSION -

MINUTES OF April 17, 2014

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Aplin
Mike Riley
Jeff DeHaan
Bill Beers
Cameron Grile

STAFF PRESENT

Clare Fuchs
Ben Bryant
Lynette Sanford

TPC MEMBER ABSENT: Nic Herriges

GUESTS: Mayor Lou Ogden

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Alan Aplin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and reviewed the agenda. Roll call was taken.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Aplin asked for review and approval of the March 6, 2014 TPC minutes. MOTION by Riley SECONDED by Beers to approve the March 6, 2014 minutes. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (NOT ON THE AGENDA):

None

4. ACTION ITEMS:

None

5. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF:

A. SW Corridor Transit Alignment Options

Ben Bryant, Economic Development Manager, presented information regarding the SW Corridor Transit Alignment Option which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lou Ogden gave his perspective on the SW Corridor transit alignment options

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and the current status. Mayor Ogden stated that all the transportation planning goes through Metro Planning Organization (MPO). In the Portland area, MPO is housed at Metro. Mayor Ogden explained that light rail follows corridors and a list was developed to determine the next corridor of significance. In a regional study and decision, the SW Corridor had an advantage. The question is where we go from here and should Tualatin continue to be in the next level of study.

Mr. Bryant explained that he came to the Planning Commission this time last year as the options were being narrowed down. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to remove the plan section showing high capacity transit to Sherwood and to the "hub and spoke" option. The options to study further include a TriMet local bus service enhancement study, bus-rapid transit to Tualatin via Tigard, and light-rail to Tualatin via Tigard.

Mr. Bryant noted that this last year we've been in the refinement phase. To qualify for federal funds, we have to go through a Draft Environmental Impact Statement process (DEIS). In April, the Steering Committee went through the alignment options that were suggested and eliminated four of them. These four removed route options included: WES alignment, Bridgeport Road alignment, Martinazzi Avenue alignment, and I-5/Nyberg Rivers alignment.

Mr. Bryant added that the next steps include a Citizen Involvement Organization (CIO) Land Use Officer meeting and a Planning Commission meeting in May. Also in May will be the City Council and public review of options. In June, the Steering Committee will be asked to eliminate options based on quantitative data and share their findings. Mr. Bryant asked the Commission members if they had any feedback on outreach efforts, questions about the alignments that are left, and if we still want to be involved in the proposal.

Mr. Aplin inquired about the costs involved with bus-rapid transit. Mr. Bryant responded that the cost is tiered based on the city involved. Tualatin will have to pay approximately \$160,000 to \$200,000 over two years, with Portland and Tigard paying more. Mr. Grile asked if it will stop in Tualatin. Mayor Ogden stated it will be a regional decision. Mr. Bryant added that the funding picture has changed since the existing light rail lines, when 80 percent was funded by the federal government. The Portland to Milwaukie line was a 50/50 split. It is likely this proposed project will also be a 50/50 split. This project requires a significant local portion, with the assumption this could require a public vote. Mayor Ogden added that this project could take 20-25 years and doesn't see the region fronting the money in the near future.

Mr. DeHaan stated that we should advocate for Tualatin to be involved and is in favor of high capacity transit. Mr. Aplin added that it would be advantageous to evaluate what the options are for the future and be included financially. Discussion followed regarding future parking needs.

Mr. DeHaan put forth a motion for the Planning Commission to be in favor of continued

study of high-capacity transit in Tualatin and is in favor of spending City resources to accomplish this. MOTION by DeHaan, SECONDED by Riley. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Mr. Beers stated the Citizen Involvement Organization 3 uses the website "Next Door" for reminders. Mr. Bryant responded that he has been posting reminders on Facebook and Twitter, but Next Door would be a great addition since previously there has been limited attendance at the meetings. Mr. Riley asked why many are opposed to light rail. Mayor Ogden responded that there are many financial and emotional factors.

6. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Fuchs reported that next month, the Cabela's sign variance will be discussed as well as the Espedal variances for an apartment complex. There will also be communication from staff regarding the SW Corridor and Basalt Creek plan.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Mr. DeHaan asked Mayor Ogden about the plans for the area around the Juanita Pohl Center. Mayor Ogden replied that the City was approached a year ago by Robert Gray. His company was looking at taking on the project, but nothing is definite. It may be residential housing or senior housing in the future.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Beers SECONDED by DeHaan to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.
MOTION PASSED 5-0.



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