



City of Tualatin

Tualatin Transportation Task Force

Meeting #11 Summary

July 12, 2012, 5:-00-7:00pm

Tualatin Police Department

8650 SW Tualatin Road

Tualatin, OR 97062

Committee Members Present

Alan Aplin – *TPAC Representative*

Bruce Andrus-Hughes – *Parks Advisory*

Cheryl Dorman – *Tualatin Chamber of Commerce*

Joelle Davis - *City Councilor*

Kelly Betteridge – *TriMet*

Travis Evans - *Citizen Representative*

John Howorth – *Alternate Citizen Representative*

Ryan Boyle - *Citizen Representative*

Candice Kelly – *Alternate Tualatin Tomorrow Representative*

Cathy Holland – *Alternate CIO Representative*

Mike Riley – *CIO Representative*

Committee Members Absent

Allen Goodall – *Business Representative*

Amanda Hoffman – *City of Wilsonville*

Bethany Wurtz – *Tualatin Tomorrow Rep.*

Bill Beers – *TPAC Representative*

Brian Barker – *TVF&R*

Charlie Benson – *Citizen Representative*

Deena Platman - *Metro*

Gail Hardinger - *Alt. Business Representative*

Jan Guinta – *CIO Representative*

Judith Gray – *City of Tigard*

Julia Hajduk – *City of Sherwood*

Karen Buehrig – *Clackamas County*

Lidwien Rahman – *ODOT*

Monique Beikman - *City Councilor*

Nic Herriges – *Alt. Citizen Representative*

Nancy Kraushaar - *Citizen Representative*

Randall Thom - *Small Business Representative*

Steve L. Kelley - *Washington County*

Wade Brooksby - *City Councilor*

Public in Attendance

Connie Ledbetter

Cathy Holland

Joe Lipscomb

June Bennett[U1]

Staff, Project Team and Special Guests

Cindy Hahn – *City of Tualatin*

Matt Hastie – *Angelo Planning*

Eryn Kehe – *JLA Public Involvement*

Kelly Skelton – *JLA Public Involvement*

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Eryn Kehe from JLA Public Involvement welcomed the group and thanked them for their attendance. She explained that the focus of this meeting was the Linking Tualatin project. The group will review the materials from the community workshop (charrette) held in early June, and get feedback from this committee on the concepts so that a draft plan can be started. Eryn said that no decisions will be made tonight; the purpose of this meeting is to get everyone on this committee up to speed, and to allow them to express opinions about the direction the project is going.

GENERAL ITEMS

Accept Meeting #10 Summary

There were no questions or comments about the meeting summary, members approved the meeting summary by consensus.

Announcements

Eryn announced that a few staff members will be at the TSP booth at the farmer's market on Friday the 13th, they will be handing out TSP bookmarks and gathering comments via the online forum on an iPad.

Eryn asked if any committee members had visited the online forum and if they found it easy to use or had some feedback for the project team. Comments received included:

- The sign-in process was difficult due to password requirements and issues. Eryn reminded people that they can bypass the login and use the "guest" option instead.
- The voting function is unclear. It isn't obvious that you're voting when you put your cursor on a star. Perhaps a dialog box explaining that you cannot undo a vote once you have made it would be helpful.
- The fact that you can deselect the layers to look at fewer projects is not obvious.

Eryn reminded the committee that the next Task Force meeting is July 19th from 5:00-8:00 pm (note the new end time); this will be a TSP-focused meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss four of the six refinement areas. Eryn encouraged people to attend because it will be an important meeting.

The next Transit Working Group meeting is Tuesday, July 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm and will have an agenda similar to tonight with less emphasis on maps, and more focus on implementation strategies. Because it will be the last meeting for this working group there will be a small celebration and cake.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Draft Linking Tualatin Conceptual Plan

Matt Hastie gave a brief overview PowerPoint about the Draft Linking Tualatin Conceptual Plan. The PowerPoint included:

- Project Status: Right now the project is in between steps three and four, which includes a drafted preliminary list of implementation strategies.
- Workshop Overview: 4 day workshop
 - Day 1: Setting up, orientation and evening open house
 - Day 2: Developing options and reviewing with our Transit Working Group and other community members

- Day 3: Refining alternatives and reviewing with participants
 - Day 4: Identifying implementation strategies and presenting workshop results
- Transit-Ready Place Boundaries
- INDEX results: A computerized model which looked at employment and residential impacts
- Workshop recommendations
 - Bridgeport Village
 - Downtown
 - Meridian Park/Nyberg Woods
 - Leveton/Herman Rd.
 - Teton
 - SW Industrial
 - Pacific Financial/124th
- Transit recommendations
- Index IINDEX results

Questions/Comments

- Regarding Pacific Financial/124th and Meridian Park/Nyberg Woods: A few of the large property owners and a hospital representative came to the workshop and they were supportive of the potential outcomes.
- Someone asked exactly how many acres are proposed for land use changes? Matt said he doesn't know but can easily tally the number.

Discussion

Eryn asked the committee to get up and review the seven maps displayed at the side of the room and asked that people post comments on the maps for group discussion. After about 20 minutes the committee Task Force reconvened and started their discussion. For the sake of saving time they prioritized the maps and began with those maps that had comments from committee the group.

Meridian Park discussion included:

- Many agreed that Sagert/65th is a very busy area with a lot of traffic and maneuvering problems due to congestion.
- The map showed potential mixed-use development off 65th, some questioned if an additional road connection will be required if that development happens. The concern was about traffic impacts to nearby neighborhoods. There was one comment on the map that suggested a different road could directly connect Sagert/Borland instead of 65th.
- Other comments had to do with constraints of doing mixed-use in this area (to support the hospital, additional housing, small-scale commercial services) with the challenging topography of the area (backing up to I-205, substation, and neighborhood traffic issues).
- Neighbors in this area will be concerned about Sagert cut-through traffic and there is an overall concern with traffic that will likely result from commercial development.
- There was discussion at the charette about synchronizing the signals at 65th and Borland, and then the road wouldn't be necessary.
- Mayor Ogden commented that this area is currently under examination by the TSP teams. There is a whole host of issues all along 65th regardless of zoning changes.
- A concern was raised about potential increase in traffic as a result of a zoning change; Matt Hastie said they would not know specific impacts unless they look at it more closely.

- The committee Task Force agreed to leave this area on the table for further analysis and consideration.

Downtown discussion included:

- The charrette community workshop (charrette) had a couple of options for this area and the preferred idea was not changing the mixed-use designation very much, and keeping it more commercial.
- There was a discussion about the popularity of this area for residents, they want to live downtown. Currently there is an abundance of vacant commercial space; perhaps too much mixed-use was converted to commercial. The project team clarified that there is a mixed-use overlay that is not obvious when looking at these maps, the group agreed that there needs to be clarification on what exactly what is allowed under the current zoning in this area is.
- Matt Hastie clarified that these are just recommendations, and the next step is to reach out to property owners to get their feedback within the next few weeks. They will focus on those properties where a zoning change is being recommended.

Leveton/Herman Rd. discussion included:

- Parking and transit was a big part of the discussion of this area at the community workshop (charette), some people on the committee were concerned about lack of parking at the potential Community College site due to limited parking at the residential care facility to the north of the site.

Implementation Strategies

Matt returned to his PowerPoint presentation to finish sharing the implementation strategies. What are the types of things that would need to be done to get these things done the plan implemented?

1. Development code changes
2. Other land use and development strategies
3. Transit strategies
4. Other transportation facility strategies

A member commented that they were surprised to see urban renewal money included again; he understood that there was no longer an interest. Angelo said it's just seen as a tool. Another committee member suggested adding bond funding as an option. The working group will look at this list in more detail at their meeting next week, this group will discuss again in August.

Relationship to SW Corridor Planning Process

A committee Task Force member commented that is unclear how residential land is tallied and reported. They asked the project team to look at how the housing ratio is calculated on Barbur Blvd. for comparison.

Linking Tualatin Next Steps

- Review draft Plan with Transportation Task Force, Transit Working Group, Planning Commission, TPARK, City Council and citizens (July-August)
- Prepare draft Linking Tualatin Conceptual Plan (July)
- Define implementation measures in more detail (July-August)
- Revise Draft Plan and review further with Task Force and community (August-September)
- Refine Draft Plan further, as needed (October)

- Conduct Planning Commission and City Council review and adoption process (October-December)

Eryn thanked Candice Kelley for the article she wrote for Tualatin TimesLife. Candice said the deadline for the next publication is August 3rd if another Task Forcecommittee member would like to write a story.

Communications from the Public

June Bennett[U2] commented that they city has finally trimmed the shrubs and foliage by the Oil Can Henry's, greatly improving visibility. She feels like this is a positive sign for future improvements.

Next Meeting

July 19, 2012 – Transportation System Plan from 5:00-8:00 PM (note extended meeting time).

Meeting adjourned.