

# City of Tualatin

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#### TUALATIN PLANNING COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF January 19, 2017** 

#### **TPC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alan Aplin
Bill Beers
Angela Demeo
Travis Stout
Mona St. Clair
Janelle Thompson
Kenneth Ball

#### STAFF PRESENT

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich Karen Perl Fox Jeff Fuchs Lynette Sanford

#### TPC MEMBER ABSENT:

**GUESTS:** Don Hanson, Grace Lucini, Sherman Leitjab, Tom Childs, Lois Fox, Jim Odams, George DeDoux, and Marrin Mast.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Alan Aplin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and reviewed the agenda. Roll call was taken.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Aplin asked for review and approval of the October 20, 2016 TPC minutes. MOTION by Thompson SECONDED by St.Clair to approve the minutes as written. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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

None

#### 4. ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair to Represent the Tualatin Planning Commission

Mr. Aplin asked the Commission members if they would like to become the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. Bill Beers offered to be the Chairman and Kenneth Ball volunteered to be the Vice Chairman. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

These minutes are not verbatim. The meeting was recorded, and copies of the recording are retained for a period of one year from the date of the meeting and are available upon request.

#### 5. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF:</u>

#### A. Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2027

Jeff Fuchs, City Engineer, presented the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which included a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Fuchs stated that he is filling in for Kelsey Lewis who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Fuchs noted that the CIP is a ten year project roadmap and is more of a planning tool than a schedule. This plan is reviewed and revised annually.

The project categories of the CIP are Facilities and Equipment, Parks and Recreation, Technology, Transportation and Utilities. Mr. Fuchs noted that Ms. Lewis programmed the Transportation System Plan (TSP) into the CIP to balance revenue against planned expenditures.

Mr. Fuchs stated that the priorities are Council goals, health and safety, regulatory requirements, master plans, and service delivery needs. Funding sources include system development charges, water, sewer and storm rates, gas taxes, general fund, and grants and donations. The summary total is \$6,029,000.

Mr. Fuchs went through the slides that detailed the project categories and the costs for each. The CIP schedule includes presenting to the various Committees in January and it goes to Council for approval in February.

Mr. Aplin asked if the new City Hall is part of this plan. Mr. Fuchs replied that it does not fall within a 10 year window so it was not included.

Mr. Stout asked how the five year portion compares to last year. Mr. Fuchs replied that the projects shift around depending on the delivery. The general fund is the category that changes the most. Mr. Fuchs added that the majority of the transportation projects are on a sliding schedule.

Ms. Thompson asked if the developer was supporting the project on 65<sup>th</sup> & Sagert or if it is derived from City funds. Mr. Fuchs replied that the Sagert project is a System Development Charge (SDC) reimbursement expense - they will pay for the impact of their development and we will reimburse them for the portion above and beyond their development. Mr. Fuchs added that the traffic signal in that area should be installed by early summer.

Ms. Demeo asked if the Sagert and Martinazzi intersection project will surface next year. Mr. Fuchs responded that they will take a midterm look at the traffic study and reexamine the high traffic areas.

#### B. Update on Basalt Creek Land Use Concept Plan Map

Karen Perl Fox, Senior Planner, and Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Planning Manager, presented an update on the Basalt Creek Land Use Concept Map. This includes an overview of the work staff carried out on the exploration of the central subarea as directed by City Council at their October 10, 2016 work session. This update will also include Council's confirmation on the Concept Map at the November 28, 2016 work session.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich stated that Metro brought the Basalt Creek Planning area into the Urban Growth Boundary in 2004 as employment land and Metro was awarded the CET Grant to fund the concept planning. In 2011-2013 Tualatin worked with partners Washington County, Metro and Wilsonville, and ODOT to define the transportation spine. This resulted in a transportation refinement plan and two intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) at the beginning and towards the end of the project. In 2013, the concept planning kicked off with a joint meeting with Wilsonville.

In 2014 staff worked through the guiding principles list which included:

- Maintain and complement the cities unique identities
- Meet regional responsibility for jobs and housing
- Design cohesive and efficient transportation and utility systems
- Maximize assessed property value
- Capitalize on the area's unique assets and natural location
- Explore creative approaches to integrate jobs and housing
- Create a uniquely attractive business community unmatched in the metro region
- Ensure appropriate transitions between land uses
- Incorporate natural resource areas and provide recreational opportunities as community amenities and assets

Ms. Hurd-Ravich presented the maps which detailed the progression and the revisions from the feedback received. This proposed jurisdictional boundary was discussed at a joint council work session in December 2015 and both councils agreed on the proposed jurisdictional boundary following Basalt Creek Parkway. Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that this information was presented to Council on June 13, 2016. Council feedback posed the question of how this concept could support campus industrial and how the trip cap would be managed.

Ms. Perl Fox stated that feedback from the public, Council, and the intergovernmental partners led to minor refinements. These include 93 acres of Manufacturing Park, 3 acres of neighborhood commercial, and 88 acres of residential – which represents a balance between employment and residential land.

Ms. Perl Fox added that public input prompted questions on the Basalt Creek central subarea – the area immediately south of Victoria Gardens to the jurisdictional

boundary. This represents approximately 42 buildable acres. Council directed the land to match the same planning district as Victoria Gardens, which is RML (Medium low density). For the central subarea on the Tualatin side, Council directed exploration of the OTAK proposal to determine if the land is suitable for employment uses.

Ms. Perl Fox noted that staff met with OTAK to explore the property owner's proposal, consider opportunities for employment and constraints in the area, and consider infrastructure needed for different proposed uses. Ms. Perl Fox emphasized that we are in partnership with other agencies and they do not want to reduce employment land for more residential. We received a letter from Washington County in October emphasizing that the land is prime for industrial and employment uses.

Ms. Perl Fox continued presenting the slides that detailed the summary of acres and trips, and the most recent land use concept map. Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that based on all the information, staff's position is to recommend that Council accept the land use map as presented.

Ms. St. Clair asked about the area designated for high density and how many homes are expected. Ms. Perl Fox responded that it's approximately 2-3 acres of land, so it would be around 100 units. Ms. St. Clair asked if there will be enough housing for the people who will be working in the industrial/employment area. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that the group didn't plan on a housing unit for each employee. Ms. St. Clair stated that the people in the employment area will expect to live where they work. Mr. Aplin asked if we are limited on high density zoning areas. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that we are constrained by trip numbers.

Mr. Beers asked if the trip model took into account the different business sectors in the area. He was concerned about the high price of housing in the area and as a result, many employees may have to commute in from other areas. Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that the models accounted for bike and pedestrian transportation as well as public transportation, but doesn't narrow down trip times.

Don Hanson, OTAK, 808 SW 3<sup>rd</sup>, Portland, OR 97204

Mr. Hanson works for OTAK and was hired to assist the property owners in the ten acres in the southern portion of the study area, north of Basalt Parkway. He has been tracking this process and is concerned about this area being zoned employment land due to the vast amount of Basalt rock. Mr. Hanson distributed a map which detailed the topography concerns. This map has been added as an attachment to the minutes.

Mr. Hanson stated that they consulted an excavator and a broker to obtain their opinion on the area and both expressed concern about the conditions. Mr. Hanson noted that Washington County and the engineering firm Mackenzie viewed the

property. They submitted a map and evaluated the property strictly for employment uses; they did not take into account the residential transition area. Mr. Hanson stated that they were unaware that there is no access road and the access points are limited to Grahams Ferry Rd and Tonquin Rd. Mr. Hanson acknowledged that there should be additional residential land in this area which would be more adaptable to the difficult topography.

#### Grace Lucini, 23677 SW Boones Ferry Rd

Ms. Lucini is a resident of the unincorporated area of Washington County directly adjacent to the east of the study area. Ms. Lucini has questions and concerns regarding the report evaluation of the central subarea that she bought to the Planning Commission. The handout has been added to the minutes as an attachment.

#### Sherman Leitgeb, 23200 SW Grahams Ferry Rd

Mr. Leitgeb noted that he is concerned about the subarea because he lives there. Mr. Leitgeb stated that 329 acres is already zoned industrial which has not been built on. He's concerned that the land will not be developed. Mr. Leitgeb noted that experts from Pactrust and excavation companies have stated that they are not interested in the land due to the amount of rock and slope.

#### Tom Childs, 23470 SW Grahams Ferry Rd

Mr. Childs stated that the people living in the Basalt area need to be acknowledged and if the land is designated industrial, it will not be built upon. Mr. Childs mentioned that there is not enough housing to support retail or small businesses. If this land is developed into industrial property, he will not be able to sell his home for a profit and find another place to live. Mr. Childs believes that the decisions considered should benefit the current homeowners, not Metro, Wilsonville, or Washington County.

#### Lois Fox, 23550 SW Grahams Ferry Rd

Ms. Fox stated that she toured the property with City staff and acknowledged that there is rock throughout her property which makes it unsuitable to build on. Ms. Fox mentioned that she was taken aback when the City Council mentioned that they will revisit the zoning if it doesn't work out or is not saleable. She has not heard from anyone other than a government official who thinks this is a good use for this property. She added that she would like to invite Washington County staff to tour her property.

Mr. Hanson added that moving forward, it makes sense to have a peer review or workshop for everyone to get together to express ideas clearly and have comments.

Jim Odams, 24005 SW Boones Ferry Rd

Mr. Odams lives in unincorporated Washington County and is not a resident of Wilsonville or Tualatin. He stated that he has not been approached by anyone for permission to tour his property even though the proposed bridge and alignment go through his property. Mr. Odams commented that it is frustrating to be a property owner in the proposed development area without representation.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that the alignment is though Washington County and the City can point out to them that the property owners have not been approached. The cities have not been involved in the geotechnical study, but will bring it up with the other agencies.

Ms. Demeo stated that Metro brought the Basalt area in as employment land and asked if the intent was to zone the entire area for employment. Ms. Hurd-Ravich replied that the Council fought back and the City didn't want the land at all. There was a concession to allow some residential to provide transition between employment and residential. Ms. Demeo asked if there was a dictated amount of acreage or percentage for residential and employment in the whole area, including Wilsonville. Ms. Hurd-Ravich replied that it is 70-30 percentage split. Ms. Lucini added that there is a Metro ordinance (04-1040B) which recommends the dividing line at Basalt Creek Parkway should be zoned residential to the north. Mr. Leitgeb added that Tualatin is the only City which stated they need additional housing.

Mr. Ball asked if the land has been surveyed by geotechnical engineers. Ms. Hurd-Ravich said at a concept plan level, they don't go into that detail – this happens in future steps.

Mr. Beers inquired about the jobs goal for the Basalt area and if there is a target to reach. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that Metro completes the analysis of population employment growth and projects the numbers. The jobs numbers are reflective of the scenario modeling and employment types, and jobs per acre. Tualatin met the Metro target in terms of employment. Ms. Thompson asked if the targets have to be met for jobs per residence. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that Metro has design types, but they don't have an employee per acre type.

Mr. Leitgeb mentioned that he met with a Wilsonville council member and the council member stated that Wilsonville only cares about the trip counts and not receiving Tualatin's sewage. The projected jobs is based on all of the land being developed into employment, if it doesn't get developed because of unsuitable conditions of slope and rock, you will need to take the jobs out of the equation for that section of the property. Ms. Perl Fox stated that she heard from the City of Wilsonville that they are concerned with the clustering of employment as well as the trip counts.

Mr. Childs stated that if the land is designated commercial and doesn't get developed, there will be no SDC fees or taxes collected. If it's developed residential, there will be sewer, water, taxes, and revenue generated. There will also be less land annexed into the City.

Mr. Aplin asked what the next steps were. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that this will return to Council on February 13. There are new Council members so there may be different views regarding this process. The concept plan cannot be completed until the land use map is agreed upon.

Ms. Lucini asked the Planning Commission what their thoughts are regarding moving forward. Mr. Aplin responded that the Council will hear feedback from the Commission members, but it is up to them to decide. Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that the minutes will be available to the Council members regarding the comments received.

Mr. Hanson asked if the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to Council. Ms. Hurd-Ravich said that they will eventually do so. Once the draft is complete it will return to the Planning Commission. When it's adopted into the Comprehensive Plan, the recommendation will be made.

#### C. Framing for Priority Project: Update the Tualatin Development Code

Ms. Perl Fox presented the Framing for Priority Project: Update the Tualatin Development Code, which included a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Perl Fox stated that at the 2014 Council Advance, the Council identified the Tualatin Development Code (TDC) update as a priority project. This is focused on the TDC - not the Municipal Code or other City requirements.

Ms. Perl Fox provided background information about the Tualatin Community Plan (Comprehensive Plan). This covers Chapters 1-30 of the TDC and provides land use goals and policies for the City. This was adopted in 1979; some chapters were updated in 2012.

Ms. Perl Fox stated that the Development Code (Land Use Regulations) covers Chapters 31-80 of the TDC. These chapters include planning districts (zoning), natural resource and floodplain requirements, community design standards, procedures and application requirements, subdivisions and partitions, and sign regulations.

Ms. Perl Fox noted that there are three phrases of approach These include:

- Phase 1: Code Clean up (Audit and Amendments)
- Phase 2: Outreach and Policy Review
- Phase 3: Writing a Work Program

Mr. Ball asked if the code is written and amended by a committee. Ms. Perl-Fox responded that consultants are involved as well as input from the Planning Commission.

Ms. Perl Fox noted that the amendment process can be a complicated process. The current code has many errors that need to be corrected, as well as it being confusing to read. This process may require several years to implement in total.

Ms. Perl Fox stated that the schedule includes:

- Quarter 1 Audit
- Quarters 2 and 3 Draft Code
- Quarter 4 Hearing
- Quarters 5 and 6 Outreach
- Quarter 7 Policy Review
- Quarter 8 Work program

Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that the Commissioners have an active role in this project and that their advice and comments will be taken to Council. We are almost ready to sign a contract with Angelo Planning Group. They will complete the bulk of the work, but the Planning staff will be working with them directly.

Ms. St. Clair asked if the consultant is an attorney firm. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that they are land use planners, but we will be working closely with our City Attorney. Ms. Demeo asked when Quarter 1 will kick off; Ms. Hurd-Ravich answered February 1, 2017.

Mr. Beers asked if the end product will be in printed form or on the web. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that it used to be in printed form, but is now exclusively web based. Ms. Demeo asked who our main customer is – business or residents. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that our customer is a good cross section of developers, businesses, and residents.

#### 6. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Hurd-Ravich stated that future action items include review of the Annual Report, which will be presented to Council. There will also be a Basalt Creek update.

Mr. Ball asked if there is a plan for the development off SW Nyberg Street - the former RV Park of Portland site. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that the application for the Plan Map Amendment is incomplete. Once deemed complete, it will come to the Planning Commission.

#### 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Mr. Beers asked what is going in next to Cabela's. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that Cracker Barrel Restaurant is currently under construction, as well as a retail shell which

will house a bank and a mattress store. Mr. Aplin asked if Cabela's is changing to Bass Pro Shops. Ms. Hurd-Ravich replied that she has not heard anything regarding that.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Aplin to adjourn the meet	ing at 8:39 pm.
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#### Citizen Comments to Tualatin Planning Commission 1-19-2017 Agenda Item 5 B-Basalt Creek Concept Planning -Update

**Grace Lucini** 

23677 SW Boones Ferry Road, Tualatin Oregon

My home is within the Basalt Creek Concept Planning area. I do not have elected representation within the Basalt Creek Concept Planning process, as I am not a resident of either the cities of Tualatin or Wilsonville- which are the governmental entities determining the process.

I appreciate that additional reviews of the Central Sub-Area continues- but evaluations for use need to be done within the context of the plan --for the successful health of the entire concept plan area.

I understand members of the City staff did an on-site visit to the area- which is necessary to understand the topography and uniqueness of the area. Let me express my appreciation of this action.

I also appreciate the actions the staff, stated they will take action to remove unnecessary or out dated markings on Concept Planning Maps which are disseminated to the public.

In this case the removal of some markings which overlay and potentially indicate actions to private properties west of SW Boones Ferry Road and north of the proposed Parkway. A map with these markings was included within the informational packet provided to this Commission, and was available for public review.

## 1-11-17 Mackenzie Report Evaluation of Central Sub Area- Analysis for Industrial Use- commissioned by Washington County

However, I question the usefulness of an evaluation commissioned by Washington County which resulted in the 1-11-17 Report by Mackenzie.

- 1. The Mackenzie Report did very little to address the actual question this Commission is discussing-which is: **what** *is the most appropriate* land use for the land in question.
- 2. The Mackenzie Report specifically states the topic of the report is ---for "planning and design for development of industrial and employment lands in the Portland region".

These are two very distinctly different questions and issues- and any information gained from the Mackenzie Report should be utilized only within the context of the question it addresses... that question is simply if any of the land COULD be used for employment ---The answer to that question is yes, but very little land is appropriate for industrial use.

- A. The report did not address what should happen to the balance of the land not appropriate for industrial use.
  - Will this land become waste land?
  - An eye sore- who will be responsible for maintaining so many acers of land which is zoned for industrial use, but cannot be developed?

In addition, there are several factual problems which are presented within the Mackenzie Report as it is written...

- B. A major issue is the location of the limited access Parkway--- which is a major focal point of the entire Basalt Creek Concept Planning Process.
- C. The potential concept planning maps created and provided by Mackenzie indicate road access north from the Parkway which is again contrary to previous primary planning concepts.
- D. There is no indication of any effort to co-exist with existing neighborhoods or adjacent properties the Mackenzie Report:
  - does not indicate or state any attempt to have compatible of zoning with adjacent residential properties
  - does not indicate or state any attempt to provide buffering of existing neighborhoods- which was another primary guiding principle of the planning process
  - There is no indication of roads to the developable acreage east of the site being examined. As utilities are preferably laid along roads the proposed use maps within the Mackenzie Report effectively blocks any development west of the wetlands and east of the area due to the lack of any road to the area east of the study area.
  - There is little comment within the Mackenzie Report on the cost involved in resolving the topography and solid basalt rock benches which are found within this area--- to make it compatible for grading for industrial use. Cost is a significant factor when planning any development. If the cost is too high, the land will be the last to be developed -if ever
- E. Consequently, the information gained from this report should only be used within the context of the question it addresses.
- F. The ability to use this report for determining the **best** use of the land is extremely limited.

#### **EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN BASALT CREEK AREA**

- 1. Existing property owners directly affected by the planning process should be heard as to their goals, and should be respected for the knowledge they provide about the limitations of the land they own.
- 2. Existing neighbors within the Tualatin City limits, and those existing outside the current limits should be heard and their comments incorporated into the concept plans as a basic livability issue.

I request that the Planning Commission acknowledges the extensive limitations of the Mackenzie Report when considering what is the best land use for this area- within the context of the entire Tualatin area and forward these concerns to the Tualatin City Council.

Respectfully,

**Grace Lucini**