



City of Tualatin

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TUALATIN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF January 17, 2013

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Aplin
Bill Beers
Jeff DeHaan
Cameron Grile
Steve Klingerman
Mike Riley

STAFF PRESENT

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich
Cindy Hahn
Dayna Webb
Ginny Kirby

TPC MEMBER ABSENT: Nic Herriges

GUESTS: Mayor Lou Ogden, Council President Monique Beikman, Jan Giunta, Kathy Newcomb, Byron Kibbey, David Dull

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. He read through the opening statement and reviewed the agenda. Roll call was taken after item 2.A. discussion concluded.

Mr. Riley said Agenda Item 4.A. Council Discussion of Oregon Passenger Rail, would be moved to the next item on the Agenda this evening.

2. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Council Discussion of Oregon Passenger Rail

Councilor President Beikman stated that she and the Mayor were here to discuss this issue as there were some differing opinions between TPC and Council. Mayor Ogden said he didn't know to what degree the Commission has spoken about Oregon Rail, but wanted to give a brief overview of what Council has been doing.

Mr. Riley noted that TPC has had three presentations regarding this topic, each discussion included updates and the evolving plan. He said TPC didn't know if there might be a station/stop in Tualatin; their vote was premised on the information that there could be a station in Tualatin. In earlier discussion their understanding was the favored

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route would be through Oregon City. Mr. Klingerman said he still feels somewhat in the dark about the plan; he asked for a brief history/background.

Mayor Ogden stated that it is his understanding that Oregon, specifically the I5 Corridor, was designated as one of seven corridors for High Speed Rail (HSR). At first it was envisioned to be something similar to what exists in Asia and Europe. At first it was felt HSR through Oregon would involve a lot of elevated tracks, etc. Also, the nature of HSR would not lend itself to have a stop at every town along the route. One would assume if a town did get a station, it would then become a regional hub. Council considered what positives a regional station would bring; it seemed that would be a risk as it could bring negative impacts.

In time, HSR then began being referred to as "Higher Speed" rail. The discussion has turned to what would be viable for current track and current facilities. Now the plans seem to be more along the lines of passenger rail; not traditional HSR.

What it was and what it appears to be turning into doesn't seem, to Council, to be something that would bring positive impacts to the City. Council has wanted to keep it at arm's length because of concerns, but at the same time keep a watchful eye. When TPC made a positive recommendation; Council wanted to make sure they were considering the same thing TPC was.

Mr. Riley asked what Council would like TPC to do. Councilor Beikman said Council wants to make sure TPC realizes they are, indeed, listening to their recommendation. She noted that she has been attending the recent forums and it appears as though the consultants have said the past alignment through Tualatin has been suggested to possibly not be studied. She reiterated that the Mayor wanted to make sure that Council keeps a watchful eye and stay a step ahead if it is decided to study a potential alignment through Tualatin.

Mr. DeHaan commented that he watched a program on CSPAN awhile ago regarding HSR; during that program Oregon was mentioned and it appeared as though there was still interest in Oregon. He wants to make sure TPC is looking at the same environment as Council is. Mr. Klingerman questioned the wisdom going 80 mph on rail next to a freeway where speeds range from 65-75mph. The amount of money spent to construct HSR... would there be the ridership to warrant the expenditure.

Mayor Ogden noted that he was part of a group that discussed this issue before the Governor's group at the time when discussions involved actual high speed (over 100 mph) rail. Mr. DeHaan suggested that Tualatin could participate in discussions on a positive note and not immediately "look a gift horse in the mouth", especially since we are one of only seven states considered. If done correctly, why wouldn't Tualatin be in favor of a project of this type.

Mr. Riley said he doesn't want Tualatin to present a mixed message; TPC's message was for Council, not beyond. Mayor Ogden reiterated that everything is very preliminary

at this point. In a nutshell, where Council is, is impact vs. value. If there is value, the first question was what is the value for advancing HSR to the south. The question Council is wrestling with is what is the impact vs. value for Tualatin specifically. How does it benefit our community, what are the pros and cons of economic development. Councilor Beikman said they would be happy to come back to TPC to report after attending any meetings/forums regarding HSR. Mayor Ogden thanked TPC for all the work they do and reiterated that TPC is always welcome to come before Council to discuss any issue of concern.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Riley asked for review and approval of the November 15, 2012 and December 4, 2012 TPC minutes. MOTION by Mr. Klingerman, SECONDED by Mr. Grile to approve the November 15, 2012 and the December 4, 2012 TPC minutes. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

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

Kathy Newcomb, 17515 SW Cheyenne Way, Tualatin. Ms. Newcomb wanted to comment on same issues, those of Oregon Passenger Rail. Said the technical people sent her a map and the alignment through Tualatin and Lake Oswego would not be constructible due to all the negative impacts. Also, when it comes to the Community Park, the City charter says there has to be a vote if something affects the park that is a non-park use. She feels it is very important to consider the City Charter as an impact. Ms. Newcomb noted how this was first referred to as High Speed Rail, and now it is being called Oregon Passenger Rail. She said that after the January 31st meeting, they are going to make up their minds what to look at and not look at based on money and time involved.

Ms. Newcomb concluded by asking that TPC please remember that TPARK is, by law, supposed to hear anything that may impact the Parks.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Both Mr. Aplin and Mr. Riley volunteered to serve again in their current positions of Vice Chair and Chair.

MOTION by Mr. Klingerman, SECONDED by Mr. DeHaan to accept the slate of nominations as it stands. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

B. Plan Text Amendment (PTA-12-02) relating to Amending the Tualatin Development Code (TDC) to include the 2012 Tualatin Transportation Systems Plan (TSP), and Amending portions of TDC Chapters 1, 3, 11, 31, 38, 71, 73, 74, and 75.

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Planning Manager, and Cindy Hahn, Associate Planner, presented

a staff report and PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Riley asked if they could reiterate where we are in the process.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich said that TPC's role is to make a recommendation on PTA 12-02. The PTA incorporates the TSP by reference, into the Code. Ms. Hahn noted that in the current Chapter 11, all the projects are listed. With the proposed code language, not all the projects listed would be included, it just includes the policy aspects of the TSP. Also included are all Goals and Objectives and the policies from each of the plans and the figures for all the functional plans (bike and pedestrian, transit, etc). All the projects are listed in the TSP, which would be incorporated by reference. Mr. Klingerman asked if there was a priority list. Ms. Hahn noted that in the TSP, all projects are prioritized into three categories: short-term, mid-term, or long-term.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich gave a PowerPoint presentation that addressed how the TSP and PTA came about. She said they spent the summer on the Commons at many public events to get the word out and make contacts in the public. She noted that something that was used that was innovative was the interactive aspect – online interactive map, and an 'app' was developed for use. The Transportation Task Force was formed; it held 16 meetings between November 2011 and December 2012. Working Groups were formed to target specific topics and each group met three or more times. At the end of June, they moved from deliberations to recommendations. An on-line forum was established (interactive map). A Town Hall was held. The Task Force work concluded with acceptance of 80 new projects: 50 roadway, 18 bike and pedestrian, and 12 transit.

TPC's role now is to make a recommendation; that recommendation will go before Council on February 11. Also, this has been presented to TPARK and they unanimously approved the proposed PTA.

Mr. Riley asked if there were projects that were in the previous TSP that didn't make it into this proposed TSP. He was concerned that all projects did, in fact, receive adequate review and didn't just drop off the updated list. Ms. Hurd-Ravich stated that some projects that came forward were part of the old TSP. He was curious if anyone looked at what projects in the previous TSP were no longer included in the new TSP. Ms. Hahn noted all projects were brought forward and then if they didn't meet the final criteria for final consideration, they weren't included in the new TSP.

Mr. Klingerman thanked Ms. Hurd-Ravich and Ms. Hahn and all staff involved for all the hard work in bringing this to the public. He also gave kudos to the consultants for good management, as some meetings were a bit contentious and the consultants and staff handled it well.

It was agreed that the online forum was an excellent way to reach many, especially families with children that have difficulty getting to meetings. Mr. Beers said he was generally very pleased with the finished product.

MOTION by Mr. Beers; SECONDED by Mr. Aplin to recommend approval of Plan Text Amendment (PTA-12-02) relating to Amending the Tualatin Development Code (TDC). MOTION PASSED 6-0.

6. **COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF**

None

7. **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Hurd-Ravich stated that the Annual Report will come to TPC in February for acceptance. Priority is TPC recommendations, but also discussions that have been held. The Annual Report then goes to Council.

A Special Report from Tualatin Tomorrow will come to TPC at the February meeting.

Some other items for future action are: Water Master Plan, PTA regarding substantial construction definition in the code, and a Linking Tualatin update.

Mr. Riley asked about Work Plans. It was clarified that those are not connected to the Annual Report – they are geared towards the smaller groups the Commissioners are involved with.

Mr. DeHaan commented that he had a great meeting with Ms. Hurd-Ravich to review the TSP. Mr. Grile stated that he may be gone for the February TPC meeting.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION**

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. DeHaan, SECONDED by Mr. Beers to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

_____ Ginny Kirby, Office Coordinator