

**CANBY CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 12, 2012**

Mayor and Council Present: Randy Carson, Rich Ares, Traci Hensley, Brian Hodson, Walt Daniels, Greg Parker, and Tim Dale.

Planning Commission Present: Dan Ewert, Misty Slagle, Sean Joyce, Charles Kocher, Tyler Smith. Commissioners Randy Tessman and John Proctor were absent.

Staff Present: Greg Ellis, City Administrator; Matilda Deas, Senior Planner, Bryan Brown, Planning Director; and Laney Fouse, Office Specialist.

Others Present: Tom Litster, Sonja Kazen, Chris Maciejewski, Curt Howland, Judd Palmer, Bev Doolittle, Dave Wichman, Jerry Rothi, and Ron Berg.

Planning Commission Chair Ewert called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The City Council and Planning Commission met to discuss the Canby 99E Corridor and the Gateway Plan.

Matilda Deas, Senior Planner, stated the Work Session was called to explain the purpose, goals, public involvement process, and next steps of the project.

Chris Maciejewski, DKS Associates, was the Consultant Project Manager. He gave a background on the project and the draft design plan that had been developed. He discussed the vision of Canby as the Garden Spot and the goals of the project including creating multi-modal access, encouraging downtown activity, and maintaining safety along the corridor. The project looked at 99E from the Molalla River to Territorial Road. He then discussed the cross section elements and standards.

There was discussion regarding the requirements for sidewalks and bike lanes.

Sonja Kazen, ODOT Region 1, stated federal policy had changed in regard to bike lanes and cities were being encouraged to make provisions for alternative modes of transportation even on highways like 99E.

Mr. Maciejewski explained the three options for the sidewalks and bike lanes on 99E. Option 2 was the preferred option with the wider sidewalks. He gave an outreach summary and explained the input that had been received.

Tom Litster, OTAK, talked about the gateways along 99E and how to make them feel like they belonged to the community. There were three major gateway locations identified: the Molalla River Logging Road Bridge, Elm to Ivy, and Berg Parkway. He explained the potential enhancements to each.

Ms. Deas said the advisory committee and project team would review the draft recommendations and create a final plan. There would then be hearings in front of the Planning Commission and Council and if approved, it would be implemented and staff would look for funding sources. The plan needed to be completed by the end of June.

Mayor Carson wanted to make sure in the design plans they looked at a quiet zone for the railroad crossings.

Chair Ewert talked about Berg Parkway and how the improvements might be affected if a new bridge ever went in. He was also concerned about the businesses losing width due to the sidewalks. He asked if there was a way to make a bike/pedestrian thoroughfare near the railroad instead of on 99E.

Mr. Maciejewski explained there was not enough space for a thoroughfare.

An audience member discussed the option of putting bike lanes on neighborhood streets instead of 99E.

Bev Doolittle, Canby Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said this was a highway and there was truck traffic and very little pedestrian traffic. She asked that the City reach out to the businesses along 99E to discuss their concerns. They needed to stay in business and the reduced speed and beautification would not really matter to their businesses. She asked when bikes and pedestrians became more important than commerce in the community.

Chair Ewert adjourned the Work Session at 7:19 p.m.



Kimberly Scheafer, MMC
City Recorder



Randy Carson
Mayor

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Laney Fouse and Susan Wood