



Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2008

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Zukin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Planning Tech. Denise Ball conducted roll call.

Present members: Chris Zukin, Dick Elkins, Bill Dick, Nikki Lesich, Ken Farner (5:35 pm),
Dan Ericksen (5:40 pm)

Absent members: Gary Grossman,

Staff present: Dan Durow, Community Development Director, Gene Parker, City
Attorney, and Denise Ball, Planning Tech.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Zukin lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Dick moved to approve the agenda and Lesich seconded. The motion carried unanimously,
Farner, Ericksen, and Grossman absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Zukin asked if there were any corrections or additions needed for the minutes of
January 15, 2008. Lesich moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Dick seconded the
motion. The motion passed unanimously, Ericksen and Grossman absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION

Director Durow began the discussion by introducing Tom Beggs and Dan Skolrude from the firm of Hopper, Dennis, and Jellison PLLC.

Mr. Beggs said they had met with James Martin and will continue to work with him to make sure the Mill Property is provided convenient access that will not hinder development. They have also met with Sam Wilkins ,ODOT, and discussed permitting, time frames, approval process, finance and funding. Curtis Baker has also met with their firm regarding the historic Brewery Building.

The location of the round-about has been moved slightly to the southwest to better fit the geography and elevations. A single lane of traffic will exit eastbound to limit confrontation points. This will allow for the creation of seven additional on-street parking spaces for the east end businesses.

Mr. Beggs pointed out that this is a traffic project as well as an Economic Development project. The intersection must work. Beggs and Skolrude will be obtaining current traffic counts and turning movement counts. The large truck traffic through the intersection is somewhat seasonal. They will continue to work with James Martin and Staff on access issues.

Director Durow told the Committee about the possibility of a Transportation Enhancement Grant that would provide monies in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

The projected schedule for the project is:

- ❖ Come to agreement on the preliminary design in March.
- ❖ Open House for Public Input in April.
- ❖ Actual construction to start in late fall. Construction issues such as traffic detours were discussed. Options will be further considered.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Planning Tech.



Dan Ericksen, Chair