

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

September 28, 1995

MINUTES OF
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Providence Newberg Hospital

Newberg, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Weaver.

Mr. Weaver made some comments regarding having the community come together and work together on the town square. Projects like this and the pavilion project are worth doing because they bring people together and help create community.

Everyone introduced themselves.

In attendance were Committee Members:

Marge Stiefbold
Johann May
Bob Weaver

Jerry Fisher
Deborah Sumner
Bill Larson

Community Residents:

Babe Nicklous
Richard Meyer
Ruth Larson

Linda Tucker
Nadine Windsor

City Staff:

Duane R. Cole, City Manager

The group reviewed the mission statement for the project which was proposed as follows:

Get organized, design and develop projects that encourage and improve relationships in fun areas for activities in our City.

The City Manager led a brainstorming process with the whole group which was intended to list all of the items that could be included in the square. These items were subsequently prioritized as follows:

Top priority items to be included in the square:

Benches
Landscaping (Shrub, grass, flowers)
Tall Trees
Mural on wall
Sidewalks/paths (brick, cobblestone, buy-a-brick)
Bike Stands
Irrigation Water (all the plumbing and electrical designed and laid first)

Other items with less priority due to costs and available resources:

- Drinking Fountain
- Lighting (Old Fashioned)
- Activity/Game Area (Picnic-All Purpose)
- Noise/Traffic Barrier (Design Issue) (Trees, Shrubs)
- Bus Stop (In the alley)
- Waterfall/Fountain
- Electricity
- Restrooms
- Telephone
- Covered Area

The Committee discussed appointing a Design Task Committee. It was decided that the process would need to be deepened into the community by seeking support and participation from the schools and community in the design of the square. Johann May suggested that a banner be put up on the square that a design process was occurring and that a flyer be made up for distribution down at the square for people to participate in the town square design project. There was discussion of taking the project back to the Downtown Committee at the Chamber to get their involvement and to basically try to get more people involved in making this project go forward.

The Community Relations Committee did not set a next date for a meeting. They indicated that based on the design information developed during the coming weeks, the next committee meeting would be set sometime in November or December. There was also discussion regarding getting the unit costs for the various items to be acquired or constructed. The Committee felt that this would be important, but that this would come along after the design process is completed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.