

**(NDRC) NEWBERG DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Newberg Public Safety Building - Newberg, Oregon
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Subject to Approval at the November 16, 2005, NDRC Meeting

1. Call to order:

John Bridges called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

2. Roll call:

John Bridges
John Lawson
Lon Wall

Diane Ferranti
David Mehler

Kristen Horn
Bart Rierson

Absent:

John Estrem (came late) Courtney Rogers

Staff Present:

David Beam, Economic Development Coordinator/Planner
David King, Recording Secretary

3. Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for June and July were voted on; there were no minutes from the August meeting that did not have a quorum.

MOTION: WALL/RIERSON to approve the minutes from June 15, 2005. (7 Yes/ 0 No, 2 Absent during vote [Estrem, Rogers])

MOTION: WALL/RIERSON to approve the minutes from July 20, 2005 with one change noted under item #5. (6 Yes/ 0 No, 2 Absent during vote [Estrem, Rogers])

4. Public comments

No one was present at the beginning of the meeting.

5. & 6. Winter Banners Design Process and Community Night (The conversations blended together)

Mr. Bridges recapped that there should be six options of banner design that will be available on the Community Night, October 18th. Discussed among the committee members was whether six options were too many to display.

Mr. Lawson appreciates the quality of banners that Newberg has already displayed around town, especially compared to other banner in other cities. The NDRC committee agreed that Bridges, Ferranti, and Horn would be a sub-committee to evaluate the six options and present only the best ones on Community Night.

Mr. Rierson questioned how valuable the community input will be if the NDRC reserves the right to override the predominant vote of the people.

Mr. Bridges explained that such input still allows the public to have a say, and the committee members are part of the public as well. The reserved right keeps a bad choice from being voted in.

Mr. Beam mentioned that banner flyer and donation cans (see P14) have been posted in five locations around Newberg.

He also provided an update from the Summer Block Party. Tom Vondrachek has been sent a check by the City for the money made by the lunch sale.

Mr. Bridges wanted it explained by Mr. Beam how the Community Night will work, especially in reference to the banner option display.

Mr. Beam explained that the presentations on Community Night will be in different rooms. Project displays will be in the Newberg High School Commons (see flyer. The white one is to be hung up locally, and the golden one can be a handout as well). From 6:00 to 8:30 there were be five half hour sessions that rotate through the entire evening.

Mr. Bridges would like to see the banner option display set in a very general area with lots of visibility and exposure. Meanwhile, NDRC members have the opportunity during the downtown project session to make a 20 minute presentation with ten minutes left over for Q/A.

Some discussion followed on what NDRC needs to present for its session at the Community Night. The consensus was that brief snippets of information need to be made of specific projects, and then refer people to the display tables in the general gathering area of the NHS Commons area. In the display area NDRC will have visual presentations on the civic corridor (park option and three story one), streetscape, banners, green space, and welcome sign. **Mr. Beam** is going to make some bullet points about the five general topics above. **Mr. Wall** agreed to make the presentation on behalf of NDRC.

The committee then discussed whether to make an effort to sale food and drinks in the hope of raising more funds for the winter banners. The selling of cotton candy and snow cones was ruled out. The committee agreed to sell popcorn, serve drinks (juice, bottled water, soda), and Mr. Mehler will investigate the selling of coffee. Everything will be sold for a dollar to keep cash transactions simple. Mr. Beam solicited committee members to be present on Community Night to sell the drink items and man the displays. **Mrs. Horn and Ferranti** will man the food table. **Mr. Bridges and Lawson** will share manning the display table. All members are needed to set up and tear down. Others are welcome to come and spell anyone who has already volunteered.

7. Downtown Green Space – Proposed Recommendations Letter

Mr. Beam emailed the committee members a copy of the draft letter (he also brought copies to the meeting).

Mr. Bridges asked for a change in the wording on page one, paragraph five, sentences two and three. Fellow members concurred with the changes. Final revisions were noted by **Mr. Beam** for a final letter to be presented again to NDRC members for their review. Once approved, the letter will then be presented to the City Council. Mr. Beam would like to see the letter presented to City Council in person by a NDRC member. **Mr. Rierson** volunteered to make the presentation, but deferred to **Mr. Wall** making the presentation in light of being in favor of the majority view voted on in the July meeting.

8. Civic Corridor Streetscape – Final Recommendations

Mr. Beam reissued the categories and the narrowed down decisions (see interoffice memo handout). The following are the preference give by the committee members.

A) Bench and garbage can – everyone liked Group #1

B) Bike racks

JL 5	BR 3	KH 3/6	LW 6
DM 6/3	JE 3	DF 3	JB 5

C) Corner landscaping – low shrubbery is necessary

LW 2	DM 6	JE 6	DF 6
KH 6	BR 6	JL 6	JB 2

D) Trees – present both #4 and #7

KH 7	BR 7	JL 4	LW 4
DM 5	JE 4	DF 7	JB no vote given

9. Other Business

No items were mentioned by the committee members.

10. Next Meeting:

Mr. Bridges stated that the next Newberg Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting will be held October 19, 2005 at 7:00 pm, the night after the Community Night.

11. **Mr. Bridges** adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Passed by the NDRC Committee of the City of Newberg this 16 day of November, 2005.

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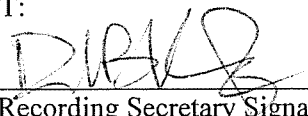
ABSTAIN:
(list names)

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ABSENT:

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ATTEST:


NDRC Recording Secretary Signature

DAVID B. KING, JR
Print Name

Date

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