

**(NDRC) NEWBERG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Newberg Public Safety Building - Newberg, Oregon  
WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**Approved at the March 15, 2006, NDRC Meeting**

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**1. Call to order:**

John Bridges called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**2. Roll call:**

John Bridges  
John Lawson  
Lon Wall

John Estrem  
David Mehler

Kristen Horn  
Bart Rierson

**Absent:**

Diane Ferranti

Courtney Rogers (arrived late)

**Staff Present:**

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

**3. Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the January 18, 2006 meeting were brought to a vote for approval,

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| <p><b>MOTION: RIERSON/HORN</b> to approve the minutes from January 18, 2006.<br/>(7 Yes/0 No, 2 absent during vote).</p> |
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**4. Public Comments**

No one was present at the beginning of the meeting and therefore no comments were made.

**5. Future Projects**

**Hess Creek Fencing – Mr.Rierson** commented on how he has assessed the material needs and estimated the costs of replacing the Hess Creek fencing (see copy of proposal and material needs in the memo sent to David Beam, dated February 10, 2006). Mr. Rierson then demonstrated how the new posts would fit over the existing posts. His drawing on the whiteboard also demonstrated the design between posts. The design of the fence as well as the aspects of easy maintenance and planning for extra built sections were highly complimented.

**Chair Bridges** asked if there were any thoughts about the fence design and plan that need to be considered now. No one foresaw additional needs required of the fence plan at this time.

**Mr. Beam** clarified that the NDRC members would oversee the fund raising of the fence and volunteer the labor for its construction/final assembly (along with other community volunteers).

**Mr. Mehler** asked about the pitch to the slope behind the fence. Currently there are no bushes in place to aid erosion control. Some discussion pursued on GFU's participation and willingness to share in the project.

**Mr. Rierson** will contact Jay Ouilette, a Civic Engineer, to discuss the surveying as well as head of plant services at GFU about the university's plans for the Hess Creek corridor.

**Flower Baskets** – **Mrs. Horn** and **Miss Rogers** still need to meet to discuss the issue and get back to the topic at the next meeting.

**Farmers Market** – **Mrs. Ferranti** is absent and will hopefully report at the next meeting.

**Theme Events** – **Mr. Estrem** reported that any event needs to be family-friendly. Various local services could be solicited, food/drink needs to be present, and it is up to NDRC to pick the themes. Ideas that were proposed include: Pet-service Day, grape stomping, get OMSI involved, etc.

**Chair Bridges** wondered how often such events could occur. Mr. Estrem proposed maybe once a month during the good weather months.

**Mr. Wall** suggested that some local citizens with exotic car collections could be encouraged to put the cars on display on the green space property across from City Hall. Discussion followed on the possibility of closing a street or two to allow for more cars to be on display.

**Mr. Estrem** will fine tune the car show event, figuring out some of the finer details. Many of these details are outlined in his memo to David Beam (see copy of memo handed out at the meeting).

**First Friday Art Walk Partnership** – **Lon Wall** missed the First Friday Art Walk, in part, because he didn't see it advertised. Therefore, he would like to promote greater advertising. He probed to know the exact goal of Newberg's Art Walk.

**Mrs. Horn** declared that it is set up to invite people into the downtown area.

**Chair Bridges** cautioned that NDRC should first go and ask the Art Walk organization if they would like assistance and if so, what they would like help with.

**Mrs. Horn** commented that as of this morning, the First Friday Art Walk will be under the Newberg Downtown Association umbrella.

## **6. Status Report:**

### **WINTER BANNERS:**

**Mr. Beam** reported that the banners are up and Chair Bridges noted that they are pictured in today's *Newberg Graphic*. Mr. Beam has sent out appropriate thank you letters to the various people involved. Copies of the letters are included in the NDRC meeting packet. The NDA is still looking to raise matching funds for the summer banners.

GATEWAY PROPERTY:

**Chair Bridges** reported the City Council held a public hearing on February 6, but tabled the issue till the February 21 meeting. Chair Bridges believes that City Council will eventually agree to buy the property from ODOT, even though one of the developers who submitted a proposal has since withdrawn.

STREET FURNITURE:

**Mr. Beam** reported on the estimated costs on city staff installing street furniture (see copy of email from Russ Thomas of Public Works included in Agenda Packet). Chair Bridges asked Mr. Beam to double check why Public Works would charge labor and equipment fees to install the furniture. The committee members then discussed the pros and cons of getting the city to volunteer the labor and equipment costs, especially in light of the NDRC looking to getting local citizens/businesses to donate money for furniture.

**Mr. Beam** added that it would be helpful if the NDRC members could locate the initial spots for the benches, garbage cans, and bike racks. The committee members will try to identify key spots for the furniture prior to the next NDRC meeting.

7. **Other Business:**

**Mr. Beam** had nothing more to discuss.

8. **Chair Bridges** adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Passed by the NDRC Committee of the City of Newberg this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

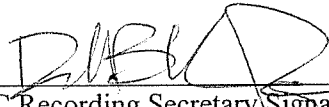
AYES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0  
(list names)

ABSENT: 4  
Horn, Wall, Lawson, Mehler

ATTEST:

  
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NDRC Recording Secretary Signature

DAVID B. KING, JR 3/15/06  
Print Name Date