

**(NDRC) NEWBERG DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Newberg Public Safety Building - Newberg, Oregon
WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

To be approved at the September 20, 2006, NDRC Meeting

1. Call to order:

John Bridges called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, and welcomed the new committee member, Jack Reardon. Mr. Reardon has recently moved to Newberg and has been very active in the business community as General Manager of Washington Square Mall and with various city groups. When others introduced themselves to Mr. Reardon, Chair Bridges explained the purpose of the committee.

2. Roll call:

John Bridges
Jack Reardon

Candy Collins
Lon Wall

Diane Ferranti

Absent:

John Estrem
Peter Hainley

Kristen Horn

John Lawson

Staff Present:

Barton Brierley, Planning and Building Director
David King, Recording Secretary

3. Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: WALL/FERRANTI to approve the minutes from April 19, 2006, May 17, 2006, and June 21, 2006. (5 Yes/0 No, 4 absent during vote).
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4. Public Comments

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

5. Proposed demonstration block

Brought to the meeting was an eight-panel long color picture of a sample block of downtown Newberg. It pictured the buildings on the south side of Hwy. 99 going through downtown between College to the east and Critter Cabana to the west. Chair Bridges offered committee members to place tree cut-outs and sample bushes on the picture. As committee members discussed placement of greenery, there was also discussion of the bulb-out sidewalk design. The placement of benches was briefly discussed, as well trash cans and bike racks. The discussion then moved to mid-block bulb-outs, and would the loss of parking spots be that detrimental to downtown businesses.

6. Future projects

***** Hess Creek fencing**

Chair Bridges explained the nature of the project to the committee. Engineering issues concerning the footings stalled the project briefly while the issues are addressed by GFU. **Barton Brierley** relayed how the city of Sheridan has a similar fence that is connected to the concrete sidewalk. This might end up being a solution for the Hess Creek fence.

***** Flower baskets**

This project was being overseen by Miss Rogers. **Chair Bridges** tried to update the committee. **Diane Ferranti** reported that someone involved with Friday Art Walk might be willing to provide more wine barrel flower pots.

***** Farmers market**

Diane Ferranti reported that this project is on hold until it is known what the details are of Providence Newberg Hospital market.

***** Theme events**

John Bridges stated that the pet fair idea has been shelved. John Estrem was not present to discuss other ideas.

***** First Friday Art Walk**

John Bridges has given Sally Dallas the idea of developing a pamphlet holder to be placed around town. She had not reported back to Mr. Bridges prior to the meeting, but Mrs. Collins knew that the birdhouse idea was voted down. The committee discussed different concepts for flyer boxes.

7. Francis Square regulations

Barton Brierley handed out the city regulations. **Chair Bridges** wants the committee to make recommendations to the city council so the regulations are more conducive for Friday Art Walks. The top issues involve the distribution of materials, and the playing of loud music. **Jack Reardon** suggested that none of the current regulations for Francis Square need changing, especially in light of very little enforcement of the rules. The Committee decided not to pursue changes to the Francis square rules at this time.

8. Status reports

Chair Bridges asked Barton Brierley for an update on the developer of the Gateway property. The developer is still willing to go forward even the property has not officially been sold, nor is there a submitted design yet.

9. Other business

There has been a donation from a Newberg business owner who would like to give a clock tower to Newberg. The donor agreed to let the idea be taken to NDRC for discussion. The committee is willing to suggest a clock in Francis Square. The donor should also be known that there is a demonstration block project underway, in case he would like to participate.

Barton Brierley did not have a report from David Beam concerning the Newberg Community Foundation.

Chair Bridges announced the Tuesday Tunes program. He also **Barton Brierley** to have David Beam bring some background explanations on EIDs, LIDs, URDs, etc. for the new members to the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting – September 20, 2006

11. Adjourn - 8:56 pm.

Passed by the NDRC Committee of the City of Newberg this 20th day of September 2006.

AYES: 6 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 (list names) ABSENT: 3

ATTEST:



NDRC Recording Secretary Signature

DAVID B. KING, JR 9-20-06

Print Name Date