

City of Newberg
Transportation Task Force
May 29, 2001
7:00 p.m. Newberg City Hall

City Manager Duane Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance:

Present

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Jerry Dale	P. O. Box 248	503 538 2134	jerry@sportsmanairpoark.com
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Dave Miller	P. O. Box 1076	503 537 9200	dcmiller@mcq-llc.net
Judy and Paul Schoming	1903 N. College	503 538 1591	

Absent

Doris Brandt	1609 Aldersgate Lane	503 538 2742	
Merle Brandt	1609 Aldersgate Lane	503 537 2742	
Barbara Brown	101 W. Foothills, Dr.	503 538 7433	sofashionable@yahoo.com
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The mission of the Task Force is as follows:

1. Review, revise, prioritize and recommend the specific projects to be built to improve the transportation system. Determine if the community supports the identified projects.
2. Review, revise and recommend funding solutions, if any, that will be used to pay for the transportation system improvements identified on the priority list, including a time-line for completing the projects. Determine if the community would support funding the projects.
3. Provide a report to the City Council within four (4) months from the date of the first meeting of the task force.

The Task Force discussed results of the Council meeting on May 21. Members commented that the Council supported the Task Force efforts and commitment. The Council noted the Northern Arterial where one of the comments identified it as a by-pass when the intent is to construct a collector or arterial. The Task Force also noted the comments regarding the extension of the Northern Arterial to highway 240

and while this was shown on the map, there was a note that the route was conceptual and a long term project. Generally, the Task Force felt the Council's reception was positive and supportive of their efforts.

The Task Force discussed the next step which has been identified as public involvement. Cole mentioned that the City has budgeted funds to undertake a public education and involvement effort. A survey, the city newsletter, and the newspaper could be used to get the word out about these transportation projects. Input was sought from Mike Ragsdale since his business is developing citizen based public involvement programs. Mike indicated that he may have a conflict of interest since he may be hired by the City to provide the public involvement services. With that stated, he provided the Task Force with input on how the process may be structured.

Mike indicated that his expertise is in large citizen based processes that develop a consensus on the direction for the community. He indicated that the effort includes canvassing the city to invite the citizens to a meeting. The citizens are then invited to discuss the issues. In this case, the list of projects may be a starting point for the discussion. The question of whether these are the right projects to pursue would be important and the discussion should be linked to financing. The effort should create sufficient excitement in order to determine what the community is willing to work for and support. The process would include the how to get things accomplished as well as what will be accomplished.

The Task Force held a discussion regarding timing and shared that the 'planets are in alignment' comment by Mark Meinert at the joint Chamber, Downtown Association and City Council appears to be true. The Task Force discussed the challenge of packaging all of the information for review by the citizens. Charlie Harris proposed that the members of the Task Force get a bus and visit all of the projects in the City and this was later discussed as including the Council, Downtown Association and Chamber board in the tour.

The Task Force discussed holding a series of meetings in different areas of the community and how to package the information. There were a number of suggestions for additional information including:

- Putting together a list of projects that will occur if nothing happens in terms of additional funding;
- Adding the details of how each project will change the community;
- Making the projects visual by showing today and possibly a rendering of what it will look like in the future;
- Detail both the funding and the project components by separating out the various parts of the revenues available (including the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF), Storm Sewer Utility, Urban Renewal District, and other revenues) and the construction including storm sewer, street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and amenities and lights);
- Clarify the relationship of funding from ODOT and Yamhill County, if any;
- Develop a list of citizen access points to the information including the web. Structure the web site so that feedback can be provided.

The Task Force discussed the city funding available for this project. Cole indicated that there is between \$50,000 and \$75,000 for all of the various components. Ragsdale commented that the Task Force should be concise regarding the items that are information, informing the public, versus those that require a decision from the public. There was additional discussion regarding packaging the information and staff indicated that at the next meeting a DRAFT addition to the July newsletter could be provided to the Task Force for review and comment.

Judy and Paul Schoming indicated that they were interested in crosswalks on College Street since the fast traffic made it difficult to cross the street. The staff directed them to the Traffic Safety Committee and indicated that they would work with them to address their concerns.

Charlie Harris indicated that the Task Force should take a position regarding the city's plan to cut the Town Flyer bus service from the city budget. He indicated that it would be up for a public hearing at the City Council on June 18 and that the Task Force should advise the Council not to cut this service. He indicated that with the 50 to 75 thousand dollars available for planning for projects, the City could find \$12,000 for the bus service. City staff explained that the City had already cut the Library hours and books, a police officer, fire capital reserves, and that the funds were just not available to continue to provide this service. The funds proposed to be used for this process are dedicated to street and highway use under the State Constitution. This does not include funding for public transit that must come from the General Fund.

There was a discussion by the Task Force regarding possibly proposing alternative revenues. Maybe part of the TUF could be used for public transit. There was a consensus that the Task Force should not go to the Council without providing some options, and there was a discussion that it was a little late in the process since the Budget Committee had spent time reviewing the budget. After additional discussion, the Task Force decided to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

The Task Force decided to meet on June 12 to talk about the bus system, Town Flyer Service, review information to distribute to the community, identify the date for the first public meeting in September. This would possibly occur during the third week of the month. Another meeting of the Task Force was scheduled for June 26 and this may be the date to visit the project sites by taking a bus ride and inviting the other entities mentioned above.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.